

## **Chaminade College Preparatory Named First Catholic Model School**

*To present best practices at 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Schools Conference, June 28 – July 1 in Atlanta*

Chatsworth, CA: Chaminade College Preparatory has been selected as one of 20 model schools for 2009 by the International Center for Leadership in Education. Chaminade is the first Catholic school selected in the seventeen year history of the Conference. The chosen schools will share their best practices at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Schools Conference, June 28-July 1 in Atlanta. The Model Schools Conference is the nation's premier event for K-12 education reform.

Each year, the Conference attracts thousands of educators, who come to learn about exemplary elementary, middle, high schools and career and technical education programs. Model schools are selected annually based on high student achievement in all subgroups, providing all students with a rigorous and relevant curriculum, personalized instruction, increased student learning time, parent and community involvement, use of data to make instructional decisions, and other best practices. Case studies prepared by the International Center on Chaminade College Preparatory and the other model schools serve as a resource for educators and policymakers.

"We are delighted that this exceptional school will be sharing its best practices, which mirror the International Center's mission of providing a rigorous and relevant education to all students," said Willard R. Daggett, President of the International Center.

The process of identifying and analyzing schools is part of a major joint initiative of the Successful Practices Network, International Center and the Council of Chief State School Officers, with financial support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"It is an honor to be included in this prestigious group of Model Schools and even more humbling to be chosen as the first Catholic School to receive this honor. Chaminade is truly grateful for this distinction and we look forward to sharing our best practices at the Annual Model Schools Conference this summer," says James V. Adams, President of Chaminade College Preparatory.

The International Center for Leadership in Education, established in 1991 and located in Rexford, N.Y., is one of the most influential education consulting companies in America. It is best known for identifying and disseminating successful practices and techniques to assist all students in achieving higher standards. Dr. Daggett and his team of consultants have assisted numerous state education agencies and hundreds of schools and districts in their improvement initiatives. For more information please visit [www.LeaderEd.com](http://www.LeaderEd.com).

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### **About Chaminade College Preparatory:**

Founded in 1952, Chaminade College Preparatory is a co-educational Catholic school in the Marianist tradition offering seven years of “seamless curriculum” from grades six through twelve. Our faculty is committed to educating the whole person while emphasizing family spirit in a nurturing environment that is attentive to the moral, spiritual and religious development of students.

Nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Chaminade prepares college-bound students from diverse cultural, economic, and religious backgrounds through a rigorous program of academic excellence, enhanced by a championship athletic program, an active campus ministry, and a cutting-edge science, technology and fine arts curriculum. Now in the third year of our ambitious strategic plan, “Setting the Standard for Catholic Education”, Chaminade is committed to continuing to improve our school’s facilities and keep our curriculum on the cutting-edge. As the Chaminade community looks with pride over the last fifty-seven years, we also look ahead with eager anticipation to continuing the work of fulfilling our mission.