



CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR

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LT. GOVERNOR

May 1, 2009

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on receiving the "Iowa School of Character Award." To receive this recognition is a tremendous honor. We are so pleased you have chose to work towards furthering Iowa's traditions of strong values, spirit of community, and high quality of life.

The six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship – teach us all how to live together in community. For over 15 years *Character Counts!* has taught millions of students nation-wide how to live their lives whole-heartedly and ethically. As the program continues to grow, it continues to exemplify that if you have high expectations for yourself, you're not only improving your own life, but you're laying a foundation for others to follow.

To those students being recognized for their good character today, we say congratulations. You should be proud of your achievements and we hope you continue to share your strong personal values with your fellow students.

Again, thank you for your dedication to this wonderful program and we look forward to continuing our work together to make Iowa a better place.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chester J. Culver in black ink.

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Patty Judge in black ink.

Patty Judge  
Lt. Governor