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CJ Students Contribute \$176,000 to Economy Through Volunteer Service

Dayton, Ohio, May 8, 2009—During its spring ministry and service awards assembly, Chaminade Julienne recognized its student body for its combined contribution of 8,712 hours of service to the broader community this year. The total represents hours volunteered over and above what the school requires of students at each grade level.

“The latest statistics tell us that the value of an hour of volunteering is \$20.25. In other words, your service has contributed \$176,418 to our local, national and international communities,” said Kelli Kinnear, ministry and service director. This statistic was issued by The Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs.

“This assembly is a reminder to each of us that as Christians, we are all called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in living a life of selfless giving--the call that St. Julie and Blessed William Chaminade so faithfully lived out,” she said, referring to the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Society of Mary, the sponsoring religious orders of CJ.

Service hours were accumulated through students working independently in the community or as a group through mission trips and programs such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Stories Come Alive. “It’s rewarding knowing that we are making a difference and that we have an effect on these young lives,” said Tim Koob ’10, glancing at “little brother,” Trent. The third grader from Ruskin Elementary promptly replied, “He’s cool!”

Students accumulating anywhere from 25 to 100 hours above required service were honored while 15 students were recognized for volunteering more than 100 hours this year. Alex Candler, CJ senior, was spotlighted for the 445 hours that he contributed throughout his four years at CJ.

In addition, CJ junior Caroline Meadors received the Sister Ruth Ann Bange, SNDdeN Service Award for her outstanding contributions to the broader Dayton

Community through the Community Service program, while Kayla Hayes was awarded the George Early Scholarship for her distinguishing herself as a servant leader and as an example of Christian service for the Chaminade Julienne community.

As a component of the Catholic educational experience, CJ builds student service into its curriculum. Freshmen participate in one service opportunity each semester; sophomores perform 100 minutes of service to CJ; juniors volunteer 25 hours to an outside agency; and seniors participate in a class-wide global service and justice project.

“We are excited to have this opportunity to honor individuals in our CJ community who have given their time and talents to a community and a world that is in desperate need of it,” Kinnear.

About Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School

Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School is jointly owned and sponsored by the Society of Mary and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. The school serves over 740 students and draws families from more than 40 zip codes, who seek an excellent academic curriculum rooted in Catholic Tradition. Chaminade Julienne is located at 505 S. Ludlow St., Dayton, Ohio, three minutes north of the University of Dayton.

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Caroline Meadors, recipient of the Sister Ruth Ann Bange SNDdeN Service Award, shares a smile with last year’s recipient, Zoe Lang.

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Kayla Hayes, CJ sophomore, is congratulated on receiving the George Early Scholarship awarded for leadership in Christian service by last year’s winner, Channing Walker.