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**LEADING WITH CHARACTER IN CALIFORNIA
2008 California Schools of Character Recognition**

Sacramento, CA – The Center for Youth Citizenship is pleased to announce **Marengo Ranch Elementary** and **Mulberry School** as the 2008 California Schools of Character. Marengo Ranch Elementary is located in Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, in Sacramento County. Mulberry School is a private PreK-5th grade school, located in Los Gatos, in Santa Clara County. Enclosed are highlights of each school in which you can learn more information about their character initiatives.

Sponsored by the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC) and the Character Education Partnership, the California Schools of Character (CSOC) awards program recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate an outstanding character education initiative that yields positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. The CSOC winners were chosen by a diverse panel of independent reviewers. CSOC winners advance to the national level competition as California's nominees. You can learn more about the national competition at www.character.org.

Formal announcements and presentations will be made during assemblies at each school on the following dates:

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| Marengo Ranch Elementary | Mulberry School |
| 1000 Elk Hills Drive | 220 Belgatos Road |
| Galt 95632 | Los Gatos 95032 |
| March 7, 2008 – 8:30am | March 28, 2008 – 9:00am |

All interested parties are invited to attend. Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the school sites and see character activities in action. Please call CYC at (916) 228-2322 for more information.

The 2008 California Schools of Character will also be honored on May 15, 2008 at CYC's 5th Annual Highest Office: Citizen Community Forum, focusing this year on courage, responsibility and change. Please visit our website at www.youthcitizenship.org for more information or to obtain tickets.

Congratulations to Marengo Ranch Elementary and Mulberry School!

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