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## Daniel Island Academy Earns National Re-Accreditation

DANIEL ISLAND, South Carolina (October 27, 2011) – Daniel Island Academy is proud to announce that the school has earned re-accreditation under the new NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) system of accreditation.

To earn NAEYC re-accreditation, Daniel Island Academy's programs went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The program received NAEYC re-accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure that the programs meet each of the standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years. Daniel Island Academy has been NAEYC accredited since 2006.

"I have been affiliated with NAEYC Accredited programs since 1989," stated Kerry Nowosielski, School Director. "As an early childhood professional it has always been my priority to work at programs that value the importance of achieving such a high level of quality. The new standards implemented in 2006 further increased the requirements to achieve this recognition. NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible. I am very proud of our school and its teachers!"

In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs nationwide are currently accredited by NAEYC, about 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

"The NAEYC accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Jerlean E. Daniel, executive director of NAEYC. "Having earned NAEYC accreditation is a sign that Daniel Island Academy is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education."

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September 2006, the Association revised program standards and criteria to introduce a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards today reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

Daniel Island Academy serves some 280 students offering Full Day, Half Day, Mother's Morning Out, Summer Camps, and Enrichment Programs. The school now offers *Reference Point*<sup>®</sup>, a system for

tracking a child's educational and developmental progress. For more information, please visit the school's website at [www.danielislandacademy.com](http://www.danielislandacademy.com) or call 971.5961.

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