



Daniel Island Academy Earns National NAEYC Re-Accreditation *Academy Celebrates Achieving Highest Standard for Early Childhood Education*



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Charleston, S.C. – Daniel Island Academy is proud to receive re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the voluntary accreditation system designed to set the highest professional standards for early childhood education programs across the country. NAEYC currently accredits nearly 7,000 early childcare programs throughout the United States. However, there are only 92 in South Carolina and Daniel Island Academy is one of only two non-governmental preschools in the lowcountry to earn this designation.

“Since inception, Daniel Island Academy has offered the finest early-education curriculum to its students and their families,” said School Director Kerry Nowosielski. “NAEYC continues to set the bar for early-education standards across the country, and I commend our entire team for giving our children the best learning experience possible.”

To prepare for re-accreditation, Daniel Island Academy administration and teachers conducted extensive annual self-assessments across both full-day and half-day programs to ensure they met the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards that seek to benefit five groups of stakeholders in early childhood education including children, teachers, families, the program administration and the community.

“I am pleased by Daniel Island Academy's news regarding re-accreditation. There are so few preschools who make the decision to go through the accreditation process. It gives Cowles and I such comfort knowing that our daughter is being cared for, taught and inspired by such qualified, caring teachers using the most respected educational and engaging curriculums,” shared DIA parent, Josh Whitley.

NAEYC awarded Daniel Island Academy's re-accreditation following a nine month assessment program which culminated with an on-site visit to confirm that all programs meet or exceed each of the required standards. NAEYC accreditation lasts for five years. Daniel Island Academy has been NAEYC accredited since 2006.

About NAEYC

Since 1985, NAEYC has offered an accreditation system to set the highest professional standards for early childhood education organizations, and to help families identify quality programs across the country. NAEYC

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currently accredits nearly 7,000 early childcare programs serving more than 600,000 children, and holds a 95% assessor reliability rating. These programs provide best-in-class care and education to children throughout the United States, its territories, and programs affiliated with the United States Department of Defense.

About Daniel Island Academy

Daniel Island Academy is a private, licensed, early childhood development school serving over 250 children ages 1-5 from across the tri-county area. It opened its doors as the new model for area childcare in 2004. In addition to being NAEYC accredited, the school is also an A+ Partner of ABC Quality South Carolina, a program administered by the Division of Early Care and Education of the SC Department of Social Services and a preferred provider of the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood Program. DIA is also a South Carolina Farm to Preschool Program grant recipient. For more information visit www.danielislandacademy.com.

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