

# Character at TCA

## Brief Historical Overview



- 1997 TCA founded and **Mission Statement** developed
- 2004 TCA awarded **National School of Character** award (1 of 10 schools nationally); Dr. Sojourner travels to DC to accept award
- 2006 **Director of Character** position officially begins with Ruth Miller (2006-10), transitioning to Betsy Brown (2010-16)
- 2010 Original **Character Education** policy created
- 2010 TCA **Core Values** document adopted (two-year process)
- 2013 TCA adopted **24 Character Traits** outlined in ***Character Strengths and Virtues*** by Peterson & Seligman and [viacharacter.org](http://viacharacter.org)
- 2014 Four meetings (two each) with TCA Senate and TCA Board regarding **Character/Relationship development** at TCA
- 2014 TCA adopted **The Titan's Creed** (year long development process)
- 2014-18 Four-year **PALMARIUM focus on 24 Character Traits** (all still available on TCA website)
- 2015 Director of Academic Services Guidance (**DASG 2015-13**) created detailing Character efforts at TCA - forerunner to future Character policy
- 2015-17 **24 Character Traits mapping** across all of our grade levels (incorporated into new policy IHAK-TCA)
- 2016 ALT/Cabinet book study ***The Road to Character*** by David Brooks
- 2016 **TCA Board Working session** (2-hours) discussing Character at TCA
- 2016 **Transition of Director of Character** duties into Principal and Dean responsibilities
- 2016 **All-staff October Conference discussion on Character** in conjunction with ***Washington's Circle*** book study
- 2017 Current **IHAK-TCA Character Education** policy created (12 measurement areas for annual board report - strategic plan)
- 2017-19 Beginning of two-year **Core Values focus** with staff and TCA board; included monthly articles in PALMARIUM
- 2019-21 ***Why I Teach: Stories from the Classroom*** articles featured for two years in the PALMARIUM
- 2021-22 Returning to **Character topics** in the PALMARIUM and Board Development sessions at each board meeting