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Sports Stars, Heritage High School and Ethos Education Group Come Together

## **Heritage High School, Tim Brown and Everson Walls Partner with Ethos Education Group to Build Character in Students-Athletes**

*The Ethos Education Group teaches students how to develop the positive character traits that will enable them to become future leaders of America.*

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Head Football Coach Che' Hendrix of Heritage High School, Heisman Trophy winner and Future Hall of Famer Tim Brown and Super Bowl Champion and perennial Pro Bowler Everson Walls are partnering with Ethos Education Group (Ethos) in Frisco to offer a first-of-its kind 14-week character development program for student-athletes. The program will take place on July 25, 2014 at Heritage High School in Frisco, TX. The program will be supported by Albertson Supermarkets and the NFL Players Association Former Players Chapter of Dallas.

Ethos Education Group was created to help youths struggling with serious issues such as eating disorders, drug and alcohol addictions, bullying, gambling, peer pressure and violent behavior. The program helps students address and overcome these challenges by teaching them self-value and foundational character traits.

"We are thrilled with our partnership with Coach Hendrix and NFL greats, Tim Brown and Everson Walls. Students need role models with integrity and character who will encourage them to reach their goals," explains Michael Davis, president of Ethos. "Through this program the student-athletes of Heritage High School will understand the meaning of leveraging education and sports to become successful on and off the field."

The Ethos Character Development Program – "YOU'VE GOT THE POWER!" is a curriculum-based, customizable character development program designed to improve student's educational experience by redefining success through a firm understanding of identity and self value. Through a cognitive process, the program leverages the social worth of celebrity athletes and entertainers as a means to connect with impressionable youth through a wide range of interactive curriculum platforms that support the mutual goals of both parents and educators.

The "YOU'VE GOT THE POWER!" approach to character development and life skills doesn't exclude anyone. We value the diversity of political, religious, and cultural views that surround us every day and are sensitive to reflect values that are universally embraced such as commitment, generosity, respect,

perseverance, courage, honesty, patience, temperance and fortitude. “These are the values that we feel all successful people possess in their lives today!” explains Michael Davis, President of Ethos Education Group.

Students of all ages will have the opportunity to learn about these positive character traits through the lens of character development workbooks, online activities, professional athlete’s testimonies, and their own experiences. Each student will use critical thinking skills to engage in creative writing about his or her own life as it relates to featured character traits in a personalized “student diary.”

“We are focused on building the character traits which will help our students be successful leaders,” explains Coach Hendrix. “We want our kids to understand that they are more than what society says they can be. They define their own success. We must teach them how to embrace their own value so they can truly shine.”

Data and anecdotal evidence support the urgent need for the Ethos Character Development Program – “YOU’VE GOT THE POWER!” According to the Ad Council, approximately 7,000 high school students drop out every school day, which translates to one in three students. This fact correlates to the increase number of inmates incarcerated in juvenile detention or prisons each year. According to a new study published by wsws.org, a staggering one in ten American male high school dropouts, age 16 to 24, is either in prison or juvenile detention.

“There is a great need for this character program in all public schools around this great country,” said Tim Brown, Ethos Partner. “There is a huge disparity with the number of African-Americans and Hispanics that are currently in prison compared to the general population of African-Americans and Hispanics that live in this country. We must reverse this disturbing trend by teaching young people the importance of character and leadership.”

“No matter what you do for a living, positive character traits exist in successful people” said Everson Walls, Ethos Partner.

“Our goal is to infuse positive character traits and leadership skills in all children across the country, no matter race, religion or financial status,” explains Michael Davis, president of Ethos. “Many other like athletes and celebrities will come on board in the near future to help encourage our children.”

The Ethos Character Development Program – “YOU’VE GOT THE POWER!” is open to all public high schools, traditional and charter schools. Depending on the particular need of a school, the program can be very specifically customized.

Visit the company’s website to learn more: [www.ethoseducationgroup.com](http://www.ethoseducationgroup.com)

**About Ethos Education Group (Ethos):**

Ethos Education Group (Ethos) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote and deliver a character development program called “YOU’VE GOT THE POWER!” This program is a collection of written, online, and seminar tools that engage, motivate and inspire youth as they move along the path of evolution from childhood to adulthood.