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Mt. Pleasant, SC (April 19, 2006) – Lisa DiFabio of Trident Academy was named Lower School Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Independent School Association. The award was announced by SCISA Executive Secretary Larry Watt at the Teacher of the Year Banquet held Tuesday, April 18 at the Orangeburg Country Club in Orangeburg, SC.

SCISA is a non-profit association of 96 independent schools founded to establish accreditation standards, coordinate athletic and academic competitions, and raise funds for member organizations. DiFabio, a primary grades teacher, was chosen from a pool of three finalists selected from all the nominations representing the approximately 2000 teachers within the membership of SCISA. Each finalist traveled to Orangeburg and was interviewed by a panel of SCISA officials as part of the selection process.

“The Teacher of the Year Committee is looking for teachers who are going above the standard,” explained Watt. “What impressed them most about Lisa are the great lengths she goes to in order to make a connection with each of her students.”

DiFabio, a graduate of the College of Charleston, has taught kindergarten through second grade at Trident Academy for seven years. “Lisa was nominated for this honor based on the professionalism, the expertise, and the compassion that she brings to her students every day” said Myron Harrington, Jr., Headmaster at Trident Academy. “I wish that I could explain the magic of what Lisa does to make good things happen, but after observing for many years, I’ve come to realize there is no magic; it’s just plain ole hard work and extraordinary talent and no one does it better than Lisa.”

Trident Academy is an independent, coeducational day school with grades K5 through 12 for bright and capable children who have diagnosed learning disabilities. Founded in 1972, Trident Academy offers an intensive, effective, multi-sensory program to remediate learning differences.

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