

Taylor Hicks Heads 2006 Ten Best-Mannered List – Britney Spears Named Most Ill-Mannered

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Dec. 20 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Taylor Hicks, American Idol winner who was commended for being a role model to young people, heads the list of the “Ten Best-Mannered People of 2006,” as named by the National League of Junior Cotillions, an etiquette and social training program that involves thousands of young people in the United States.

The 2006 list includes:

1. Taylor Hicks – for his example of humility and politeness.
2. Merideth Viera – for the warmth and kindness she extends to “Today Show” guests.
3. Ed Bradley – for the dignity he brought to broadcast journalism.
4. Emmitt Smith – for his positive influence in football and dance.
5. Elizabeth Hasselbeck – for her commitment to family values on “The View.”
6. Glenn Beck – for demonstrating the art of disagreeing without being disagreeable.
7. Warren Buffett – for his generosity in helping those less fortunate.
8. Barack Obama – for keeping his poise under pressure.
9. Carrie Underwood – for the graciousness she shows to her fans.
10. LaDanian Tomlinson – for being a positive role model to young athletes.

In addition, Britney Spears received the dubious distinction of being named The Most Ill-Mannered Person of 2006, “for lowering the standards of morality and her negative influence on the behavior of young people.”

Says Anne Colvin Winters, NLJC Executive Director, “The annual selections are based on the demonstration of honor, dignity and respect. Taylor Hicks, of American Idol fame, was chosen because of the courteous manner in which he treats his fellow performers and fans.”

Nominations are from cotillion students and directors nationwide.

The National League of Junior Cotillions (1-800-633-7947) is headquartered in

Charlotte, NC, and has licensed chapters throughout the United States. It hosts the popular website, "Etiquette for Today" (www.nljc.com).

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