

# Michael Phelps Heads 2008 Ten Best-Mannered List

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Dec. 17 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps, who has been commended for being a role model to young people, heads the list of the “Ten Best-Mannered People of 2008,” as named by the National League of Junior Cotillions ([www.nljc.com](http://www.nljc.com)), an etiquette and social training program that involves thousands of young people in the United States.



**The 2008 list includes:**

1. Michael Phelps – for being a positive example for young athletes.
2. The Jonas Brothers – for their strong commitment to personal values.
3. Carrie Underwood – for the courtesy she shows to her fans.
4. Eli Manning – for displaying good sportsmanship on and off the field.
5. Will Smith – for setting high standards of excellence as an actor.
6. Paula Dean – because of her charming and friendly manner.
7. David Archuleta – for his example of humility and politeness.
8. Meredith Vieira – for the warmth and kindness she extends to “Today Show” guests.
9. Phil Mickelson – for exhibiting grace in defeat and graciousness in victory.
10. Josh Groban – for inspiring young people with his music and his manners.

Says Anne Colvin Winters, NLJC Executive Director, “The annual selections are based on the demonstration of honor, dignity and respect. Michael Phelps was chosen because of the exemplary manner in which he conducted himself at the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing, China.”

Cotillion students and directors nationwide nominate individuals for the “Ten Best Mannered People” award.

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](http://www.nljc.com)).

EDITOR NOTE: This is the 17th annual "Best Mannered" list which has been featured in major media outlets.

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