

# **Toms River High School East**

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER**

**Each year, Character.org and its state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development programs and a positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, school climate and their communities.**

**Through an in-depth and rigorous evaluation process, High School East was found to be exemplary model of character development. Of the schools named today, 17 schools are former National Schools of Character reapplying for the national designation. Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's *11 Principles of Effective Character Education*, a framework to assist schools in providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.**

**The four Character Club officers pictured were invited to speak and accept the award at the State Ceremony at Rider University.**

