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KATHRYN JOOSTEN, STAR OF *DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES*AND *THE WEST WING*, TO SPEAK TO WALDEN SCHOOL STUDENTS AT FIRST LFAI EDUCATION WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Students at Walden School will learn about breaking into the entertainment industry first hand from two-time Emmy Award-winning television actress Kathryn Joosten on Thursday April 30 at (time) when Joosten will help present the first educational workshop sponsored by the Louisville Film Arts Institute (LFAI) along with Co-Founder Conrad Bachmann. Joosten is in town as a guest of LFAI for Derby Week and will attend events including the Easter Seals Taste of Bourbon, the Racing for Dreams Gala, the Mint Jubilee and the Kentucky Derby. She is best known for her roles as the nosy, bickering, older neighbor Karen McCluskey on *Desperate Housewives* and as Delores Landingham, secretary to President of the United States Josiah Bartlet on *The West Wing*.

Conrad Bachmann, Co-Founder of the Louisville Film Arts Institute and five-term Governor of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences which produces the Emmy's, said he is delighted to make this opportunity available to students at Walden School. "Education will be a big part of our objectives for the Louisville Film Arts Institute which will sponsor Louisville's International Festival of Films (LIFF) in October. During the festival we will host many successful individuals from the film industry including actors, directors and producers. I can't think of a better way to give back to the community than to share this talent with the many local schools that have drama and film departments. Hearing from one of these folks could be the spark to light a students' interest in film making and keeping him or her engaged and enrolled in school."

Joosten attended last year's Derby as Bachmann's guest and has been behind his efforts to launch the film festival. Doris Roberts, star of *Everybody Loves Raymond*, will join them on Friday. Both Joosten and Roberts are donating their time to be in Louisville for the benefit of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center and other charities as well as to help promote the Louisville Film Arts Institute project.

Walden School is located at 4238 Westport Road. The main office telephone number is 893-0433.

Louisville's International Festival of Film will take place October 1 – 4, 2009 at The Kentucky Center. Submissions can be made on withoutabox.com. For more information, contact Nancy Tafel, Director of Development, at (502) 593-1243 or nancytafel@aol.com; or visit web sites Ifaii.org and louisvillefilm.com.