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### **Tania Stanford named Woman of Peace**

Tania Stanford not only believes in making the world a nicer place, she lives it. Tania's bright smile, encouraging words and hugs warm those around her. She hopes that her small acts of kindness make a huge difference in others' lives.

On May 11, Tania was honored with the prestigious 2009 Woman of Peace Award for exemplifying what it means to be a Peace woman – a student who is faith driven and models her faith through her persistence in adversity, is willing to serve and is kind to everyone she encounters.

“I used to be very shy before I came to Peace. I have learned here not to be judgmental and to speak to people and to be friendly. I give people hugs, smiles and speak to them because it makes them feel comfortable,” she said. “A lot of people tell me that my hug made them feel better or that they were feeling low until I spoke to them. That makes me feel good, too. I just want to show people compassion.”

Tania is a peer mediator, a member of the Peace Dance Company, the Spanish National Honor Society and the National Honor Society and is a Retreat Leader. She plans to attend Eastern Illinois University in the fall where she plans to study nursing.

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