

InnerChange, a name they feel represents the basic mission of helping students and their families achieve positive internal change. InnerChange has a new website and their programs include New Haven, Sunrise, Fulshear Ranch Academy, and Alldredge Wilderness Journey. In addition, InnerChange is currently looking to hire master's level therapists, marketing professionals and senior program leaders. For more information about this name change or employment, contact Ashley Auchterlonie, Director of Marketing, at 281-414-3026 or by email.

ARIZONA RN ON ANASAZI TRAIL

(November 3, 2008) ANASAZI was featured in an online news source, Nurse.com, which focused on the program's nurse who previously worked as an intensive care and critical care nurse for over 20 years and now hikes the trails, administering an intensive physical and emotional assessment for young adult's ages 13-25 years old who participate in the program. ANASAZI is located in Mesa, AZ.

BELL AT FALCON RIDGE RANCH

(November 3, 2008) Falcon Ridge Ranch welcomes Dr. Carolle Bell as the new Clinical Director. Dr. Bell has been a member of the Falcon Ranch team as a therapist and Director of Equine Services for five years. She takes over from the former Director, Leslie Budd, who is completing her PhD. Dr. Bell holds a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas and a PhD from Utah State University. For more information on Falcon Ridge, contact Mariah Pogue, Admissions at 435-635-5260.

SILVERADO BOYS RANCH CELEBRATES YEAR TWO

(November 3, 2008) Silverado Boys Ranch recently marked their second anniversary on October 31, 2008. They plan to have an open house in the Spring to celebrate their accomplishments, showcase their new school and honor those who have been instrumental in their success. For more information on Silverado Boys Ranch in Panguitch, UT, contact Denise Westman, Director of Admissions at 435-676-8482.

BODIN PARTNERS WITH HOMEWARD BOUND

(November 3, 2008) Bodin Educational Consulting Group, in Los Altos, CA, announced a partnership with Homeward Bound, an aftercare and transition management program, to offer Bodin's Transitional Services. This partnership will allow Bodin to expand their services to work with families in need of immediate in-home intervention as well as families requiring aftercare for students returning from a residential placement. Bodin's Transitional Services will incorporate Homeward Bound's in-home intervention and multi-systemic support model. For more information contact Brenda Loring-Bell at 650-937-1111.

ECHO SPRINGS CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

(September 18, 2008) Echo Springs Transitional Study Center, Bonners Ferry, ID, 208-267-1111, announced they held a 15 year anniversary celebration and dedication for their new school building on October 3, 2008. In addition, Echo Springs hosted an open house to coincide with the dedication of the new building.

BENCHMARK SUIT AGAINST CRAWFORD DISMISSED

(November 5, 2008) A lawsuit filed by Benchmark Young Adult School, Loma Linda, CA, 800-474-4848, against Michael Crawford, psyborgue@mac.com, for libel and interference with economic relations was dismissed by a court according to a statement by Michael Crawford.

NEW NATSAP BOARD AND OFFICERS

(November 7, 2008) The National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP) has announced the election of its Board of Directors and Officers for the organization for 2009 and 2010. NATSAP Board Officers: President, Craig LaMont, Telos Residential Treatment; Vice-President, Mike Merchant, ANASAZI Foundation; Secretary, John McKay, The High Frontier and Rancho Valmora, Treasurer, James Meyer, Oakley School. NATSAP Board : Sami Butler, Intermountain; Linda Carpenter, Star Meadows Academy at

Hope Ranch; Karen Fitzhugh, Aspen Education Group; Gil Hallows, Aspen Achievement Academy; Sidney Parham, Family Foundation School; Brad Reedy, Second Nature; Craig Rodabough, CERTS; Angie Senic, Eckerd Division of Private Academies; John Stewart, New Haven and Glen Zaugg, Heritage Schools. Ex-Officio: Sharon Laney, Three Springs and Anne Thompson, IECA representative. For more information contact Jan Moss, Executive Director, Prescott, AZ, 928-443-9505.

EAGLETON WELCOMES FARRELL

(November 7, 2008) Eagleton School in Great Barrington, MA, welcomes new Education Director, Dan Farrell to their school. Dan has a Master's degree in Education with a concentration in Special Needs from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and is certified in Moderate Special Needs (5-12). Prior to joining Eagleton, Dan was the Program Coordinator for Special Needs Students at North Adam's Drury High School. For more information, contact the school at 413-528-4385.

ANASAZI'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

(November 7, 2008) ANASAZI will be hosting its 20th Anniversary Gala on Friday, December 5, 2008, at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, AZ. It will feature a silent auction, dinner and awards, with special guest Brooke White, a finalist on American Idol, composer Tim Janis and Nathan Pacheco, an opera trained tenor. For more information on this event call 800-678-3445.

BENCHMARK PERSISTS AGAINST INTERNET LIES

(November 8, 2008) Benchmark Young Adult School in Redlands, CA, announced today that its lawsuit against a former student, filed in response to false and derogatory statements made by him on his website and on certain Internet blogs, has been dismissed due to a very short statute of limitations which applies to claims alleging damages from defamatory statements posted on the Internet. Benchmark states it will continue to use every legal opportunity to pursue the truth and intends to appeal the Court's procedural ruling. For more information of this, contact Shelley Skaggs, Marketing and PR for Benchmark Young Adult School, at 714-963-4148.

CEDAR RIDGE TEMPORARY PRICE REDUCTION

(November 10, 2008) Owners, Rob, Pam and Wes Nielson and Sean Haggerty from Cedar Ridge Academy in Roosevelt, UT, are offering a discounted fee to new students admitted or under contract for admittance between now and January 1, 2009, with the tuition to be 5500.00 per month on a month to month basis instead of the regular fee of 6500.00 per month, with this rate for the duration of the student's stay. In addition, the 500.00 admission fee will be waived. This offer is being made due to the economy and parents who are struggling to find a financial means to find treatment for their children. For more information, contact Cedar Ridge at 435-4498x117.

FOREST HEIGHTS LODGE NEW BUILDING

(November 10, 2008) Forest Heights Lodge in Evergreen, CO, celebrated the completion of the new multipurpose building, which will house classrooms, a group room, a weight room and a new gymnasium. At the official ribbon cutting ceremony, Linda Clefisch, Executive Director, thanked everyone who contributed to the origin and construction of the new building. For more information on Forest Heights Lodge call 303-674-6681.

EAGALA IN PRACTICE

(November 11, 2008) EAGALA in Practice has been modified to a magazine published biennially by EAGALA, which is included as a benefit of EAGALA membership. This periodical contains articles, letters, questions and answers and book reviews related to Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning. For more information, contact EAGALA at 877-858-4600 or email:

MONARCH CENTER YOUTH EXPEDITION

(November 11, 2008) There will be an upcoming youth expedition

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Sober College, contact Annika Richards, Director of Marketing at 866-757-6237.

LA AMISTAD ADDS HOSPITAL

(November 19, 2008) Jan Ellison-Sheay, Assistant Administrator at La Amistad Behavioral Health Services, Maitland, FL, 407-370-0111 announced the opening of Central Florida Behavioral Hospital, an affiliate of La Amistad. This 120 bed facility offers specialty programs that include addiction treatment (Dual Diagnosis unit), adolescent eating disorders and child/adolescent autism spectrum disorders.

NUGENT AT PAT MOORE FOUNDATION

(November 19, 2008) The Pat Moore Foundation in Costa Mesa, CA, has named Jill Nugent as its new Admissions Director. Jill has had an extensive background in the field of recovery which includes working for the Aspen Education Group. For more information contact the Pat Moore Foundation at 888-342-7748.

CALDER TO SPEAK ON COMIC STRIP

(November 19, 2008) Summit Preparatory School's boy's team therapist, Jason Calder, LMFT, LCPC, has been invited to speak at the upcoming NATSAP Conference to be held in Austin, TX, in January 2009. He will be presenting on the topic: Comic Strip Conversations: A Supportive Intervention for NLD and Asperger's Disorder. For more information, contact Summit Preparatory School, Kalispell, MT, 406-758-8100.

WHITMORE ACADEMY SUIT SETTLED

(November 19, 2008) Deseret News has posted that the owners of the former Whitmore Academy in Nephi, UT, Mark and Cheryl Sudweeks, have agreed to a \$450,000 settlement to eight former students who accused them of different types of abuse that led to criminal charges filed against Cheryl Sudweek.

GROVE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

(November 20, 2008) Kelly Webster, Assistant Director at the Grove School, announced several happenings at the school, including recognition of Patricia Emmerich, Executive Secretary, for 32 years of outstanding service. She was rewarded with an all-expense paid trip to Aruba. New staff members that have been added include Jaime Muliero, LCSW, who previously worked as a clinical instructor at the Yale Child Study Center as a new clinician, and Jennifer Padovani who has been hired as a Residential Administrator, working with the Girls Program. Jen recently completed her MSW from the Hunter College School of Social Work and will be pursuing her license as a therapist. For more information about the Grove School in Madison, CT, call 203-245-2778.

GROVE SCHOOL ARTS AND YOGA PROGRAMS

(November 20, 2008) The Grove School is preparing a performance of "A Christmas Carol" in December, after a successful production of "Into the Woods" this past summer. In addition, singer/songwriter Chad Hollister conducted a week long songwriting and performance workshop with the students. Grove School has begun to offer individual and group art therapy. Also, Grove School Administrator, Janel Lynch, was recently certified as a 500 hour Registered Yoga Teacher and currently facilitates a weekly mindfulness group. She teaches several courses in Ashtanga and Kripalu yoga, meditation and guided imagery to the students and staff of Grove School.

FFS STUDENTS SHARE STORIES OF RECOVERY

(November 20, 2008) The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, recently held an Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week in October, with four of their students sharing their stories of recovery with approximately 50 students in grades 7-12 at the nearby Youngsville Day School.

NEW GRIEF AND LOSS SURVIVOR GROUP AT FFS

(November 20, 2008) Jeff Brain, M.A., C.T.S. (Certified Trauma Specialist) and counselor at The Family Foundation School, 845-887-5213, has expanded the school's support group for students

experiencing grief and loss. The new "Grief and Loss Survivor Group" goes beyond the issues of death and dying to other losses that have an emotional and functional impact on students. These losses can be of sponsors, counselors or friends who leave the school, a parent or family member through divorce or other family crisis, a loved activity, or even of the lifestyle and friends left behind when the student was sent to the school. For more information contact Ann Kozak, Marketing Specialist for the Family Foundation School, 845-887-5213.

TIMBER RIDGE NEWS

(November 20, 2008) The girls of Timber Ridge Preparatory School in Clark Fork, ID, have been volunteering and helping out with several community projects including the local Soup Kitchen in Sandpoint, the Animal Shelter and, most recently, a spaghetti feed to benefit a little boy who is suffering from brain cancer. In addition, the girls were invited to lend a hand in the Heron Dinner Theater's production of "The Godfather of Heron" which was written by a local writer, where the girls acted at the hosts, seated guests, served the meal and helped with the cleanup afterwards. The Heron Dinner Theater has already requested their participation in the next dinner theater production. Good job girls! For more information on Timber Ridge, contact Virginia Short, Admissions Director at 425-398-6483.

GATEHOUSE ACADEMY'S FIRST ISSUE PUBLICATION

(November 20, 2008) The Gatehouse Academy Reporter, a publication completely produced by the residents of Gatehouse Academy to be viewed online, published its first issue. This publication is to give viewers the chance to see into the lives of students at Gatehouse. To view this newsletter, visit the Gatehouse website or for more information, contact Michael Baldassare at 928-231-5004.

ACADEMY AT SISTERS GIRLS PERFORM

(November 20, 2008) To help celebrate Veterans Day, 19 girls from the Reed Campus of the Academy at Sisters volunteered at the Aubrey House Senior Care Center. Dressed in costumes, they sang and danced a series of Andrew Sisters' numbers, and there was a demand for an encore performance. Following the show the girls assisted residents with crafts, painting fingernails and playing Bingo. Contact Guy LeGuyonne, Admissions and Marketing Coordinator at 800-910-0412.

MAMOUN JOINS OPI

(November 20, 2008) The Optimum Performance Institute in Woodland Hills, CA is pleased to announce Michael Mamoun, M.D. has joined the staff as its new Associate Director. Dr. Mamoun is a resident Physician of Psychiatry at the UCLA Medical Center Neuropsychiatric Institute in Los Angeles. He also is a psychiatrist at Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles. For further information contact Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, at 888- 558-0617.

OPI PARTICIPANTS BUSIER THAN EVER!

(November 20, 2008) Optimum Performance Institute participants were exceptionally busy in November by helping to serve food at the Midnight Mission in Los Angeles and visiting the La Brea Tar Pits as well as the Los Angeles Science Center where they saw Body Works Exhibit III. They went rock climbing and snowboarding and traveled to the Griffith Observatory. For more information about OPI call 888-558-0617.

The ultimate measure of an individual is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand in times of challenge and controversy.

~ Martin Luther King