MONTCALM ADDS NEW PROGRAM
(February 13, 2009) Montcalm Schools and Starr Commonwealth announced their new program, Montcalm Crossroads Structured Transitional Living, for teen boys who are leaving a traditional residential program but are not ready to return home or be completely independent. For more information on this new program, contact Norm Ostrum, Director of Admissions at 866-244-4321.

IECA SPRING CONFERENCE 2009
(February 15, 2009) The Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA) spring conference will be held in San Francisco, CA, at the Hyatt Regency from May 1-2, 2009. For more information, contact IECA.

THREE RIVERS MONTANA TO CLOSE FEB. 28
(February 16, 2009) Marylis Filipovich, Executive Director for Three Rivers Montana, a wilderness program for teens, will close its program February 28, 2009, laying off its 37 employees. Opened five years ago, Three Rivers has felt the recent, tightened credit market, with a drastic drop in enrollments, with no enrollments in January, their biggest admissions month.

NOVUS MENTORS — NEW OFFICE IN MISSOULA
(February 16, 2009) James Morton, Jr, CEO of Achievement Transition Group, Inc., announced the new office location for Novus Mentors is 512 E. Broadway in Missoula, MT. Their telephone number, 406-542-6687, and mailing address of PO Box 9254, have not changed.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION NATSAP CALL FOR PAPERS
(February 16, 2009) NATSAP's 2009 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will be held Thursday & Friday, May 7-8, 2009 in Missoula, MT, with a deadline for submission of papers: Friday, February 20, 2009. For more information, contact Sami Butler at 406-457-4744.

SOBER COLLEGE SETS SIGHTS ON AMERICAN IDOL
(February 16, 2009) Sober College Music Director, James Fuchs, announced Sober College and its Music Program are preparing student Madi Thompson for Season Nine auditions of American Idol with the use of Monthly Open Mic Nights, quarterly Talent Shows and access to an on-campus professionally built recording studio to help provide the framework for her growth as a singer. Contact Anika Jensdotter-Richards, Director of Marketing at 866-757-6237 for additional information.

GREENBRIER GIRLS FEATURED IN VIRGINIA HORSE MAGAZINE
(February 2009) April Hart, Equine Program Director at Greenbrier Academy for Girls, in Pence Springs, WV, has written an article for the Virginia Horse Journal, with the contributions of personal reflections from several students describing the wisdom, revelations and inspiration they have received from their relationships with the horses in the Equine Program at Greenbrier.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN OPENS WOMEN'S HOUSE
(February 18, 2009) Shadow Mountain Academy in Taos, NM, is pleased to announce it has opened its program to include young women, ages 17-30 years old. The Women's House is located on their 38 acre campus. For more information, contact Trilby Hoover, Admissions at 877-743-9686.

EAGLE SCOUT RANK FOR FFS STUDENT
(February 18, 2009) An 18-year old student at The Family Foundation School in Hancock, NY, received his Eagle Scout ranking in February after completing an 8-month tree-planting project on the school campus. The student, a member of FFS Boy Scout Troop 174, conceived, planned and executed the beautification project under the direction of Scoutmaster Bruce Hutchison. The student is the fourth FFS Boy Scout to achieve the Eagle Scout rank while enrolled at the school. For more information on FFS contact Ann Kozak at 845-887-5213 ext 452.

REMUDA RANCH LOOKS AT EATING DISORDERS IN MALES
(February 18, 2009) Sam Lample, Assistant Clinical Director of ReddStone, a Remuda Ranch Program for Boys, shared that Remuda Ranch is looking to increase awareness of Eating Disorders among males during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (NEDAW), February 22-28, 2009. For more information on ReddStone/Remuda Ranch contact Mary Anne Morrow at 602-332-9026.

OPI YOUNG ADULTS PLENTY BUSY!
(February 19, 2009) At Optimum Performance Institute (OPI) the students have been quite busy this year taking classes at Santa Monica City College, Pierce Community College and West Valley Occupational Center. They've also worked at local restaurants, volunteered at the Sunrise Senior Living Center and the Boys and Girls Club, and have been serving as the scorekeeper at Lanark Recreation Center during this winter's basketball season. For more info on OPI contact Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions at 888-558-0617.

NEW SUMMIT NEWS
(February 2009) Heather Tracy, Executive Director at New Summit Academy in Costa Rica, shared that several students and staff at New Summit will be spending a week doing community service by assembling prefabricated housing for families who lost their homes in the 6.2 earthquake in January. One Costa Rican family will provide the group with food and shelter during this work week. To learn more about New Summit, contact Heather at 414-921-1388.

AGAPE BOARDING SCHOOL HOLDS 4TH ANNUAL WALK A THON
(February 19, 2009) Scott Smith, School Supervisor at Agape Boarding School in Stockton, MO, wanted to let us know the students at Agape are gearing up for their 4th annual "Walk For the Future," walk-a-thon fundraiser, scheduled for May 29, 2009. For more information on Agape Boarding School, contact Scott at 417-276-7215.

GROVE SCHOOL EXPANDING
(February 20, 2009) The Grove School in Madison, CT, has recently expanded to accommodate 10 additional students in its therapeutic day program. It has also acquired another 4 bed home for the Transition program, which started in 2008, that serves young adults who have graduated from high school but still need additional support and structure. These students attend community college, work in the community and participate in the clinical services at Grove School. For more information, contact Kelly Webster, Assistant Director at 203-245-2778.

ACADEMY AT SISTERS GOES GREEN
(February 20, 2009) Students at Academy at Sisters in Bend, OR, have connected with the Oregon Green Community this month by starting a neighborhood environmental club. The club has the goal of networking with other Central Oregon E-clubs in an effort to provide education opportunities and promote caring for the planet. Their first project was to start composting, complete with their own clew of worms, which will be perfect for this summer's vegetable garden. The club is overseen by Janet Bedell, one of the Read Campus teachers. For more information, contact Guy LeGuyonne, Admissions at 800-910-0412.

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> ~ Mary Pipher