

#### **ROBERT BUFTON JOINS ST. PAUL'S AS HEAD OF SCHOOL**

(April 6, 2009) St. Paul's Preparatory Academy, Phoenix, AZ, 602-956-9090, announced the hiring of a new Head of School, Robert E. Bufton, who comes to St. Paul's from Southwestern Academy, Beaver Creek Ranch campus (near Sedona, AZ). He will join St. Paul's in June.

#### **MONARCH CENTER INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAMS**

(April 6, 2009) The Monarch Center in Georgetown, CO, 303-569-0767, is introducing a menu of programs in addition to its wilderness therapy program. The new programs will include a Family and Community Intensive program, a 2 day intensive program that treats the family system as a whole, Crisis Intervention and Leadership Expeditions. For more information contact Dave Ventimiglia, Founder at 303-569-0767.

#### **OREGONIAN REPORTS MT. BACHELOR INVESTIGATIONS**

(April 6, 2009) Reports of child abuse and possible licensing violations at Mt. Bachelor, a private school for troubled teens in OR, is under investigation by the OR Department of Human Services.

#### **SOLTREKS OFFERS UNIQUE SIBLING WORKSHOPS**

(April 6, 2009) Soltreks, Inc., Two Harbors, MN, is offering support to the siblings of enrolled students with unique workshops and activities covering issues of sibling concern including "the good things and the not so good things," discussions and experientials, all delivered with compassion and heart. For additional information, contact Lorri Hanna, MA, President and Executive Director, at 218-834-4607.

#### **DR. POWELL JOINS BENCHMARK AS NEW CLINICAL DIRECTOR**

(April 6, 2009) Dr. James Powell has joined the team at Benchmark Young Adult School, Redlands, CA, as the new Clinical Director. Dr. Powell, a licensed psychotherapist has served as Clinical Director of CEDU Mountain Schools, established Powell

and Elliott Collaborative, an independent company focused on supporting therapeutic schools and programs, and most recently, served as Clinical Director for an outdoor wilderness program in Northern Idaho. For more information, contact Shelley Skaggs, Director of Marketing for Benchmark, at 909-307-3973 ext 32.

#### **THE PINNACLE SCHOOLS OFFERS SUMMER SESSIONS**

(April 7, 2009) The Pinnacle Schools in Huntsville, AL, is offering two, 8-10 week summer sessions, which will focus on treatment services for troubled teens and their families, with the challenge of the outdoors, used as a therapeutic teaching tool. For information, contact Ann Corley, Admissions Director, at 256-518-9998.

#### **SUMMIT PREP STAFF PARTICIPATES IN THERAPY TRAINING**

(April 7, 2009) Barbara Cunningham, EdD, Admissions at Summit Preparatory School, 406-758-8139, shared with us that a number of Summit Prep staff attended a workshop on the use of Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET). The training was presented by Rachel Gooms, MSW, LAC, who works with the "Self Over Substances" (SOS) Program at the Curry Health Center at the University of Montana.

#### **GURIAN'S FINAL INSTALLMENT OF TRILOGY RELEASED**

(April 7, 2009) THE PURPOSE OF BOYS, the final installment of Michael Gurian's boys' trilogy (THE WONDER OF BOYS, 1996, and THE MINDS OF BOYS, 2005) has recently been released. Michael Gurian has spent more than two decades advocating for boys, examining and explaining how they learn and develop differently from girls and how parents and teachers can help them succeed.

#### **RESUME RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT SPRING IECA CONFERENCE**

(April 7, 2009) As part of the Independent Educational Consultants Association's (IECA) long standing commitment to

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