support colleagues in schools and programs across the country, the presence of a "Resume Resource Table" was held at the Spring conference in San Francisco in April. The intent of the table was to allow interested conference participants and unemployed colleagues in the therapeutic arena to have their résumé's in a centralized location for any and all interested parties.

Montana Academy and Explorations Create Joint Venture
(April 7, 2009) Kelly Gesker, Assistant Director of Admissions for Montana Academy, Kalispell, MT, announced that Montana Academy and Explorations are launching a joint venture this summer in which Explorations will offer a unique 8 week adventure for girls as the prelude to enrollment at Montana Academy. For additional information, call 406-755-3149.

23rd Annual CAADE Conference Held in April
(April 7, 2009) The 23rd Annual California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE) conference was held in April at the Sacramento Doubletree Hotel. Titled, "The Politics of Addiction Treatment and Prevention," the conference featured speaker topics ranging from: The Disease of Addiction, Meth Inside Out, Sexual Addiction, Child Abuse and ADP Counselor Legislation Update. For more information on CAADE, contact Becca Porter at 805-641-1677.

Remuda Ranch Conference on Eating Disorders
(April 7, 2009) The 2009 Remuda Ranch Christian Conference on eating disorders will be held June 3-5, 2009, at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, CO. It is designed to equip professionals in the areas of body image and disordered eating, with a special focus on the role of identity in recovery. For additional information, contact Nancy Berry at 800-445-1900.

CooperRiis to Open 2nd NC Campus in Asheville
(April 7, 2009) In the fall of 2009, CooperRiis will open an urban campus in Asheville, NC, as a sister facility to its Mill Spring Healing Farm Community. It will provide access to the opportunities of two community colleges, four private colleges and two state universities. This new campus will be home to a therapeutic community consisting of 24 residents supported by a broad array of services and staff. For more information, contact Virgil Stucker, Executive Director, at 828-899-4673.

Mount Bachelor Responds with Letter
(April 8, 2009) Mount Bachelor, Prineville, OR, has responded with a letter to Woodbury Reports, concerning the investigation the State of Oregon Department of Human Services is conducting on Mount Bachelor Academy regarding allegations of child abuse. To read this in its entirety, visit the struggling teen's website.

Aspiro Celebrates Its Third Year
(April 8, 2009) As part of the completion of its third year, Aspiro held an open house at its new 8,000 square foot facility in Mount Pleasant, UT, on April 15, 2009. In addition to Aspiro, two additional programs have been created during the three years: Vantage Point, for more clinically advanced students, and Kairos, their young adult program. Contact Brian Church, VP Business Development, 801-979-6301, for additional information on Aspiro.

College Excel Summer Intensive June 17, 2009
(April 10, 2009) Sue Harless, MEd, CMC, Executive Director of Operations for College Excel, Bend, OR, 541-388-3043, announced its Summer College Intensive 2009 will run June 17-August 21, 2009. College Excel's Summer Intensive offers students the opportunity to earn 13 transferrable college credits in 10 weeks, with classes instructed both in and out of the classroom, combining traditional course work with experiential learning.

Bodin Educational Consultants Celebrate 30 Years
(April 10, 2009) The Bodin Group, in Los Altos, CA, 650-937-1111, has reached a milestone of 30 years of Educational Planning and celebrated with an Open House, on Wednesday April 29, 2009..

The End of the Enigmatic DeSisto School's Property
(April 12, 2009) The former DeSisto School, a private therapeutic school for troubled teens which opened in 1978 by Michael DeSisto, who passed away in November 2003, was in foreclosure auction this past week. The mansion and its property, which lies in near-ruins, was purchased by Nursing-home magnate Patrick Sheehan, who claimed the property for $350,000 plus the mortgage, taxes owed to the town and other debts, bringing the total outlay to nearly $1.4 million.

Brit Loses 12 Stone in Months at Wellspring NC
(April 13, 2009) A teen girl who had been warned last August by doctors to lose weight or she could die, left her home in Aberdare, South Wales, to attend Wellspring NC after being given a special scholarship. She has lost 12 stone in 7 months and is looking forward to the rest of her life.

Aspen Achievement Academy Family Assessments
(April 13, 2009) Aspen Achievement Academy in Loa, UT, 800-283-8334, announced Aspen Achievement will use extensive family assessments for all families to identify family traits and dynamics to develop a growth plan that is individualized to each family. Included is a personalized review of the results with a therapist, recommendations and insights to assist the family in developing goals.

La Europa Academy Transition Innovations
(April 13, 2009) Nora Urbanelli, Director of La Europa Academy, Murray, UT, 801-268-9300, announced changes to its program which are designed to aid in the transition from wilderness to residential treatment for those students enrolling. Among them are that safety periods will be reduced to 72 hours rather than one week, students are eligible to apply for level 1 or level 2 with a recommendation from their wilderness therapist after a two week period, contact via phone between the Residential therapist and the Wilderness therapist and students sharing their wilderness experience with an oral report and other creative projects to receive school credits. For additional information call La Europa.

Hardcastle Joins West Ridge Academy
(April 13, 2009) Ken Allen, Executive Director for West Ridge Academy, West Jordan, UT, announced Guy Hardcastle has joined West Ridge as Director of Business Development. Previously, Guy was the Director of Operations at Wilderness Quest and also worked with the Ascent programs in North Idaho. To contact Guy directly, call 801-699-5877.

Call for Papers on Wraparound Implementation
(April 14, 2009) The Journal of Child & Family Studies (JCFS) issued a call for papers for an upcoming special issue of JCFS devoted to wraparound implementation and address gaps in the understanding of wraparound implementation. Paper ideas are due June 1, 2009.

4th Annual Northwest Get Together Line Up
(April 14, 2009) Woodbury Reports, Inc. in Bonners Ferry, ID, 208-267-5550, is gearing up for its 4th Annual Northwest Get Together which will include the following presenters: Dr. Nick Hung, PhD, from Montana Academy, Brandi Elliott will speak on "Parents as Partners"; Randy Russell, owner of SouLore, will speak on "The Value of Native Culture in 21st Century Teens" and Paul Clark, former Montana legislator and founder of Galena Ridge, will conduct a fly fishing clinic. To register for this event, contact Laura Morton at 208-267-5550.

2nd Annual NATSAP Midwest Regional Conference
(April 14, 2009) The 2nd Annual NATSAP Midwest Regional Conference will be held October 9, 2009, at The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus in Oakbrook, IL. Contact Nicole Fuglsang,

Conference Co-Chair, (CALO-Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks) at 866-459-1362 or Norm Osttrum, Conference Co-Chair (Montcalm School for Boys).

West Ridge Academy Awarded Outstanding Program
(April 14, 2009) At the annual Utah Recreation Therapy Association (URTA) Conference's award ceremony held in April in Sundance, UT, West Ridge Academy's therapeutic recreation program was awarded the honor of "Outstanding Program." This program is headed by John Webb, TRS, CTRS, LCP, and includes Eli Kerr TRS, CTRS, and Alta Swarnes TRS, CTRS. To learn more about West Ridge Academy, West Jordan, UT, contact Wendy Ballard, Communications, 801-282-1000.

Cherry Gulch Student Council Chooses Activities
(April 14, 2009) Andy Sapp, PhD, Founder and CEO of Cherry Gulch, Emmet, ID, 208-365-3437, ext 502, shared a story with us about how the current student council at Cherry Gulch is coming up with innovative ways of raising funds for the council through thoughtful and intelligent means, including going "green." They are using the funds for a Cherry Gulch flag and flagpole designed by the students.

Autism Tied to Schools Built Near Superfund Sites
(April 14, 2009) Moira Bulloch, Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Falls Church, VA, 703-237-2249, ext. 19, announced a study by researchers at the University of Northern Iowa found that rates of Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) were one and a half times higher in school districts within 10 miles of the toxic superfund sites than in school districts not near a Superfund site. Rates of autism in children living up to twenty miles from a Superfund site were similar.

British Health Board Cuts Funding for Wellspring Student
(April 15, 2009) The young British teen who has successfully lost 12 stone while attending Wellspring Academy has learned the Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Health Board will not pay for her to stay on after her year long course ends in June, 2009.

Letter to the Editor from Soltreks Graduate
(April 15, 2009) There is a new letter to the Editor from a graduate of Soltreks, Twin Harbors, MN, 218-834-4607. To read this in its entirety, visit the struggling teen's website. For more information about Soltreks, contact Lorri Hanna, MA, CTRS, Co-Founder at 218-834-4607.

Agape Boarding School Presents Rodeo Series
(April 15, 2009) Scott Smith, Marketing Director at Agape Boarding School, Stockton, MO, 417-276-7215, announced this year's Rodeo events for Agape School: June 13, July 4, August 1, September 5 and the rodeo finals, October 5-10, 2009. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brent Jackson at 417-276-7215.

Oliverian School Announces Headmaster Search
(April 15, 2009) Barclay Mackinnon will be stepping into his new role at Oliverian School, Haverhill, NH, as Head Emeritus-Director of Alumni and Family Relations, effective July 1, 2009. With this announcement, Oliverian has launched the search for a new Headmaster, who will live on site and guide faculty and students. For more information, contact Barclay at 603-989-5100.

Agape Boarding School's Spring Training Camp
(April 15, 2009) Scott Smith, Marketing Director for Agape Boarding School, Stockton, MO, 417-276-7215, shared that this year's spring training camp was held at a campground in Oklahoma City. The students enjoyed a week filled with fun activities including paintball, football, soccer, fishing and playing hide and seek at night. The trip also included a stop at the Oklahoma City National Museum and Memorial.

$1,000 Math Prize to Family Foundation School Students
(April 16, 2009) James Kavarnos, math teacher at The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that the school received an Honorable Mention and a prize of $1,000 in this year's Moody's Mega Math Challenge. Two FFS math teams were among 400 teams of high school juniors and seniors in the northeast to participate in the annual event in March. Students had just 14 hours to use mathematical modeling and quantitative analysis techniques to determine whether the government's $787 billion stimulus package signed into law in February will actually work.

Family Foundation School Yearbook Design Recognized
(April 16, 2009) Ann Kozak, Yearbook Adviser at The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that the school's 2007 yearbook "One Day at a Time" has been recognized for design excellence and featured in the 2009 "Gotcha Covered Look Book." Published annually by yearbook leader Jostens, the Look Book features yearbook spreads and covers from across the country. The FFS book was one of only 435 yearbooks selected from more than 2,500 submitted for consideration.

New Haven Completes Its Second Major Outcome Study
(April 16, 2009) New Haven, an InnerChange program, Spanish Fork, UT, 801-794-1220, has published the results of its second major outcome study in three years. Dr. Pamela McCollam, New Haven's Clinical Psychologist, and Dustin Tibbitts, LMFT, New Haven's Executive Director, designed the study's parameters. To view this in its entirety, visit the struggling teen's website. For additional information, contact Dustin Tibbitts, LMFT, and Executive Director, at 801-794-1220.

Soltreks Summer Program Blooms into 12th Season
(April 16, 2009) Soltreks wilderness therapy program, Two Harbors, MN, is welcoming its 12th summer season and offers high impact experiential and emotional development curriculum. The curriculum, approved for academic credit, encompasses backpacking, rock climbing, service learning and canoe expedition in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Family involvement in Parent Workshops and Sibling Work are also included. For more information contact Lorri Hanna, MA, CTRS, Executive Director at 218-834-4607.

New Haven Clinicians Discuss Eating Disorders on TV
(April 17, 2009) Ari Terry, Admissions for New Haven, Spanish Fork, UT, 801-794-1218, informed us that ABC's Channel 4 Good Morning Utah show interviewed Jeana Lee, LMFT, New Haven's Assistant Clinical Director, and Kip Rasmussen, LMFT, PhD, an eating disorder specialist working at New Haven who discussed statistics and possible signs to look for in struggling teens with an eating disorder.

Time Magazine Focuses on Supreme Court, Oregon School
(April 17, 2009) The US Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case against Mount Bachelor Academy, owned by the Aspen Education Group, on whether families can seek reimbursement for private school tuition from the state if the child did not first receive special education services in public school.

OPI Student Accepted at the Fashion Institute of Design
(April 20, 2009) Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, is proud to announce Amanda J, a participant of OPI, has been accepted as a student at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing in Los Angeles, CA. To learn more about OPI, contact Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, 888-558-0617.

David Blumberg New Program Director at OPI
(April 20, 2009) David Blumberg has joined the staff of Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, as the new Program Director. David has over 20 years experience in the therapeutic field, most recently as Senior Program Operations Supervisor at the Tarzana Treatment Center. For more information, contact Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, at 888-558-0617.