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Benchmark Transitions Today: (May 26, 2009) Benchmark Young Adult School©, Redlands, CA is pleased to announce the formation of Benchmark Transitions©, the new designation for their transitional living curriculum for young adults age 18 and over. Benchmark Transitions will include: Benchmark's therapeutic services and clinical treatment, Recovery by Benchmark©, Benchmark's Transitional Living Phases©, and Acacia©, an individualized life skills program. Contact Shelley Skaggs, Marketing and PR at: 714-963-4148.

Matthew Hart Resigns at Greenbrier Academy: (May 26, 2009) Greenbrier Academy for Girls, Pence Springs, WV, 203-445-7790, announced today the resignation of Matthew Hart, Headmaster and CEO, who will be leaving to be closer to his children in Massachusetts. L. Jay Mitchell, Founder and President, will be resuming the duties of Headmaster. For additional information, contact Beth Ragland.

Weiskopf: "Mission Accomplished": (May 26, 2009) Marti Weiskopf, 303-670-8240, the Interim Head of School at St. Paul's Preparatory Academy, Phoenix, AZ, for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year, has announced: Mission Accomplished! She will be moving back to CO to be with her family. To contact Marti: 303-670-8240 or by email.

Summit Prep Art Display: (May 26, 2009) Barbara Cunningham, Ed D, Admissions and Guidance at Summit Preparatory School, Kalispell, MT, 406-758-8139, is pleased to announce six students from Summit Prep were selected to display a piece of art from their portfolios at the Hockaday Museum of Art in Kalispell, MT, at a month long exhibit entitled "New Artists", which featured selected two and three dimensional art pieces from area high school students.

2009 Families with ASD Expo: (May 26, 2009) Families with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Inc. will hold their 4th Annual Expo on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Live Oaks Campus in Milford, OH. For additional information visit their website.

Alive Adventures Leadership Camp: (May 26, 2009) Forrest Melton, Founder of Alive Adventures and YES! Youth Empowerment Services, 208-407-7582, announced this year's Leadership Camp for teens of all backgrounds, will be held in Boise, ID, on July 1 and 2, 2009. This camp is designed to empower and inspire teens through experiential learning, outdoor adventures and life skills training. For more information, contact Forrest Melton or Sheli Gartman at 208-412-3909.

Wellspring Academy CA on TV: (May 27, 2009) Wellspring Academy in the Central Valley of CA was featured on TV station KGO. Wellspring Academies are private boarding schools for teens with the main curriculum focusing on losing weight.

News at Second Nature Blue Ridge: (May 27, 2009) Second Nature Therapeutic Wilderness Programs, Second Nature Blue Ridge, Clayton, GA, announced Second Nature Primary Therapist, Paul Case, PhD, and author of "What Now?" a book for families of troubled teens, will begin working with adolescent girls beginning June 1, 2009. In addition, they are pleased to announce the return of therapist, Lu Vaughn, LPC, NCC to Second Nature Blue Ridge. Lu will return to work with adolescent boys, accepting students June 1, 2009. For more information, call the Second Nature Admissions team at 866-205-2500.

Upcoming EAGALA Trainings: (May 28, 2009) The Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), Santaquin, UT, 877-858-4600, will be offering trainings in



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Hidden Lake Uses Chapter 11 to Rebuild: (June 4, 2009) A local news source in Lumpkin County, GA, reports Hidden Lake Academy, which voluntarily filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in May, 2009, is hoping this filing will allow the school to regroup and rebuild the private therapeutic boarding school which was founded in 1994, rather than face foreclosure

Greenbrier Academy Receives SEVIS Approval: (June 5, 2009) Beth Ragland, Director of Outreach and Business Development, Greenbrier Academy for Girls, Pence Springs, WV, 877-788-8422, announced Greenbrier Academy has been approved and has received certification in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVIS) and is now able to complete 1-20's and accept international students.

Hope High School has New Home: (June 5, 2009) Blueprint Education, Glendale, AZ, has welcomed a new Principal, Mr. Ric Rodriguez, to Hope High School in Phoenix, AZ. In addition, Hope High School has found a new home and will be opening a brand new school facility for the upcoming 2009–2010 school year. Mr. Rodriguez holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision, a dual Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and an Associate of Arts degree in Business with an emphasis on Marketing and Distribution. For questions about enrolling students in Blueprint Education programs, call Marmy Kodras at 800-426-4952 ext 4840.

Open Sky's Fernandes Recognized: (June 5, 2009) Durango Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards event presented Aaron Fernandes, founder and co-owner of Open Sky Wilderness, Durango, CO, its prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year award this past January. Fernandes was acknowledged for his entrepreneurial achievements at the annual awards ceremony held at Fort Lewis College. To learn more about Open Sky, contact Aaron at 970-382-8181.

Cunningham Addresses NATSAP: (June 8, 2009) Dr. Barbara Cunningham, Summit Preparatory School, Kalispell, MT, 406-261-9437, gave a presentation on: "Intellectually Gifted Underachievers: the Oxymoron Unraveled" at the June 11, 2009, Regional NATSAP Conference in UT. For more information, please contact Barb Cunningham.

"SWINE CREW" Team Wins: (June 9, 2009) James Meyer, Executive Director at Oakley School, Oakley, UT, announced the Oakley School Ultimate Frisbee team nicknamed the "Swine Crew" returned from the UT State Tournament with the ultimate prize: the championship. To learn more about Oakley School contact James at 435-783-5001.

Rusnak at In Balance Ranch: (June 9, 2009) Patrick Barrasso, owner of In Balance Ranch Academy, Tucson, AZ, 520-722-9631, is pleased to announce Ed Rusnak has joined the team at In Balance. Ed will be the primary therapist for the Transitional Living program and be part of the Family Weekends at the Ranch. Ed received his MS in counseling from Danbury Connecticut State University and is experienced in addiction, co-occurring disorders and family systems. Ed is a national certified counselor and licensed as an independent substance abuse counselor.

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