Wagner Of Shortridge Academy Delivers At SBS Conference: Sarah Wagner, Director of Academic Support at Shortridge Academy co-presented a session at this year's Small Boarding Schools Association conference hosted by Grand River Academy. The presentation, entitled "Bright, Underachieving and Struggling: Understanding the Cognitive, Social and Emotional Landscape of Processing Deficits" focused on students with slow processing speed who have a tendency to struggle in school socially and emotionally, as well as academically, especially by the time they get to high school. Sarah's presentation investigated the concept of the "twice-exceptional" student, one who is gifted, yet struggles with processing deficits, and explored a number of related issues, such as: what is processing speed, how is it measured, the relationship between processing deficits and other DSM-IV diagnoses and how slow processing impacts academics, social skills and emotional processes. 877-903-8968

The Deck House School Prepares for Summer: We are all looking forward to our Summer Semester 2012 and to building on last year's success.This year's semester will run the entire summer with two five week academic sessions and a one week break in mid-summer. 207-882-7055

Molding Young Adult Recovery Through Creative Arts: Sober College received an exciting delivery that would launch a new era in the Art Therapy Program. Weighing 510 lbs., a studio grade Olympic Freedom Kiln was delivered to the Sober College Visual Arts Studio, and the much anticipated Ceramics Therapy Program was scheduled to begin. Since the opening of our professional Visual Arts Studio , we have been able to bring many fine arts lessons, community projects, and art therapy groups to all Sober College students. 818-274-0304

NAWA Academy Closes After 24 Years: After a lengthy and emotional discussion, NAWA Academy's Board of Directors voted unanimously to close NAWA Academy effective the end of the third academic block. 530-359-2215

Cavanaugh Headlines Rosecrance Foundation Benefit: Rock 'n' roll sensation Michael Cavanaugh returns to the city on April 16 to headline the annual Rosecrance Foundation Benefit, which raises funds to serve clients who need financial assistance for substance abuse and mental health treatment. 815-387-5605

Soltreks Celebrates 15 Years: Soltreks is pleased to announce current openings for its Summer Adventure Program... a Rites of Passage for adolescents. In its 15th season, the summer program fosters nurturing relationships with integrity and care while delivering a balance of physical and personal growth challenges. The single gender, small group treks are appropriate for adolescent's ages 13-17 who are underachieving, unmotivated, struggling with depression/anxiety, learning differences, family conflict or low self-esteem. 218-834-4607



Chaddock Receives Highest Honors in Accreditation: Chaddock recently learned that they have been re-accredited with highest honors by both the Council on Accreditation (COA) and the Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading Toward Excellence (EAGLE) Commission, an affiliate of the United Methodist Association. 217-222-0034

Lake House Academy Welcomes Hopkins as Admissions Director: Tracy Hopkins, our new Director of Admissions, brings a perfect blend of experience and training to her role at Lake House Academy. Drawing from her prior work in three outdoor programs, she is easily able to aid girls and families as they transition to the Academy while honoring the work already completed to capitalize on the momentum of recent accomplishments. Her work with students in private therapeutic boarding schools allows her to understand the challenges students have with learning differences, social interactions and organizational skills and how they may be addressed at Lake House. Tracy also has experience as an Admissions Counselor in a wilderness setting and as an Admissions Director in a school specializing in work with spectrum disordered students. 828-355-4595

Fire Mountain Boys Host a Glass Walk for Local High School: A glass walk is a safe but thrilling event where participants actually walk across eight feet of glass shards. The goal of a glass walk is to practice watching your step and staying focused in the moment, metaphors relevant to most teens learning to make positive choices. 303-443-3343

Parent Choices Hosts Al Heminger of The Howe School: Al Heminger, Director of Admissions for The Howe School in Howe, IN, discussed the Myth of Military Schools on Parent Choices for Struggling Teens. "Parents often inaccurately portray misconceptions about military schools, threatening to send their misbehaving children off to school to scare them into getting their acts together," explained Al. The Howe School is a small, co-ed, residential boarding school that follows a

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Training at Newport Academy April 12-14, 2012. This training is co-hosted by Newport Academy and Pegasus Experiential Counselling Training. 949-887-0242

Jennings and Lake House Settle Differences: In a brief statement, Cat Jennings announced that the lawsuit between Lake House Academy, Plaintiff and Catherine Jennings, Defendant, and all named parties have resolved the disputes between them and have settled the litigation. In addition to the settlement, Cat signed a Resignation and Assignment of Membership Interest in Lake House Academy. 828-772-7200

Parent Choices Hosts Tomes of Asheville Academy: There has been an historic shift in therapeutic schools and programs offering more sophisticated academics, in addition to seeing that school is one of the many areas in which the students behaviors arise. This was the topic March 5th during Lon's LATalkRadio show titled "Academics In a Therapeutic Setting" with guest Bryan Tomes, Executive Director of Asheville Academy. 828-484-9901

Benchmark Transitions Welcomes New Psychiatrist: Benchmark Transitions is pleased to announce the addition of Anthony Duk, MD, to the clinical services team. Dr. Duk is a board certified adult and general psychiatrist educated and trained at Loma Linda University's Medical School and Medical Center. He is experienced in treating post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar mood disorder, family/marital problems and substance abuse. 800-474-4848

Whetstone Academy Reaches Milestone: Whetstone Academy is excited to announce that it has reached its goal of 12 boys in its first year. As the school approaches opening capacity, plans are already in the works for the next building. 864-638-6005

Conference Calendar

May 2012

May 2-5: IECA's Spring Conference, Boston, MA www.iecaonline.com

May 3-5: AED International Conference on Eating Disorders, Austin, TX, www.aedweb.org

May 5-9: 165th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Philadelphia, PA, www.psych.org

May 19-22: NAATP Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, www.naatp.org

May 30-June 1: 25th Annual Northwest Conference On Behavioral Health & Addictive Disorders, Seattle, WA, www.usjt.com

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