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Pinnacle Named To Inc. Magazine's Hire Power List: The Pinnacle Schools in Huntsville, AL is featured in Inc. Magazine's 2nd annual Hire Power Awards which recognizes private businesses that have generated the most jobs from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. According to Inc. Magazine's survey results, The Pinnacle Schools placed 10th among the top private business job creators in the state of Alabama, and 6th among top private job creators nationwide in the Education Industry. Pinnacle is among the 437 private growth companies that are Hire Power Award honorees leading the way in creating more American jobs. 866-906-8336

Allynwood Academy Presents CHAT: CHAT® is Allynwood Academy's unique program for adolescent and young adult dog enthusiasts. CHAT® stands for Canine Human Attunement Training/Therapy. CHAT® emerged out of more than 16 years combined experience and thousands of hours of practice with adults, adolescents and dogs of all breeds. Dr. Rita Argiros, Richard Reeve, and Jennifer Eckhardt will present the Theory and Practice of CHAT® November 23, 2013 at 9:00am -4:30pm at Allynwood Academy in Hancock, NY. 607-637-8265

Horrific Fire Valley View School: As many of you are aware, on Friday, October 25 at approximately 7:00 pm, the Valley View School community was confronted with an almost surrealistic nightmare in the form of a horrific fire which destroyed a major dormitory, student lounges, kitchen and dining-theater room. It is almost a strangely almost symbolic omen that we managed to save the large circular carved wooden crest, indeed the symbol of Valley View, which hung in the newly remodeled but now defunct lounge. While somewhat tarnished by the smoke and soot in the room, it was already suggested that it be kept this way and hung in the future new lounge as a symbolic relic of our past history. We remain thrilled with the level of positiveness that has been fused under tough circumstances- a pulling together of our great staff, so many out there in the community and most of all the boys themselves. May God continue to bless us all. 508-867-6505

Discovery Academy Welcomes Newell: Discovery Academy is pleased to announce Ken Newell, PhD has joined our clinical team as our girl's clinical specialist focusing his expertise with our female students. Dr. Newell began his decade-long work with teens and their families as a wilderness therapist with Aspen Achievement Academy and then with Second Nature Wilderness Programs in Utah and Georgia. He also worked at Homeward Bound, a program which helps teens and families with the transition home after residential treatment. He then began working at Discovery Ranch, a residential treatment center that helps teens work towards self-discovery and fostering self-reliance. 801-374-2121

Bella joins Surf House: The Founders of Surf House are pleased to welcome Jen Bella, LCSW as the women's Life Coach. The program will begin enrolling young women on November 26th. Jen is a licensed Clinical Social Worker specializing in women's issues. Jen served as a primary therapist for Summit Achievement for 5 years prior to operating her private practice. She looks forward to living in Puerto Rico and helping develop the women's section of Surf House. Surf House is a specialized life coaching program located on the West Coast of Puerto Rico for young men and women aged 17.5 to 25 years. Providing a cultural immersion and accredited academics, Surf House is an alternative to treatment programs for students who will benefit from a structured environment focusing on personal growth and the development and implementation of a life plan. 787-237-8168

Family Support Collaborative Opens Two Additional Programs: We are pleased to announce the opening of two exciting and much needed programs, Adirondack Peak Experience (APEX) and Baker Valley Treatment Center. APEX will be the only non-profit, transport ready wilderness therapy program in the Northeast. Located on the site of the former Adirondack Leadership Expeditions in Saranac Lake, NY, APEX celebrates the return of former ALE employees Patrick McAvoy (Program Director), Deborah Paradis (Director of Operations), Aaron Rumsey, LMHC (primary clinician), and Sara View, LCSW (Family Program). Baker Valley Treatment Center will open on November 18, 2013, and will run at a maximum capacity of nine residents. For further information, contact Don Vardell at dvardell@penikese.org or 413-320-7425.

Mayeski New Director Of Academics at Oakley: Paul Taylor announced that Kori Mayeski, M.S. has accepted the position of Director of Academics at the Oakley School. Kori's professional career began over 20 years ago and combines positions in college student life support, classroom instruction, and active roles as school administrator with three notable residential treatment settings since 2001. Her innovative style of leadership combined with our talented faculty will allow Oakley to further refine our strong academic program.855-842-5594

Allynwood Performing At Carnegie Hall: Allynwood Academy's music director, Paul Geer, will lead the Golden Hat Foundation choir on November 16 at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City. The celebrity fundraising event supports actress Kate Winslet's Golden Hat Foundation, which celebrates the intellectual capabilities of people with autism. 607-637-8265

Pasadena Villa Teams with A-Fordable Billing Solution: Pasadena Villa announced a partnership between Pasadena Villa and A-Fordable Billing Solution, to assist families in utilizing insurance benefits. At Pasadena Villa, we are dedicated to working alongside A-Fordable Billing and with your insurance company on your behalf to access any possible insurance reimbursements for our services. 407-982-0099

Rose Hill Center Breaks Ground on New Visitor Center: Rose Hill is pleased to announce that construction has started on a Visitors Center & Administrative Building near the campus entrance. his new building will have office space for the admissions, marketing, development and administrative departments. It is the necessary first step toward achieving Rose Hill's ultimate goal: enhancing the patient experience and improving safety. 248-634-5530

Parent Coach Trainers Academy Changes Ownership: Penelope Valentine announces that the co-owners of Parent Coach Professionals, Barb Cass and Vicki Jones, have purchased the intellectual properties of Parent Coach Trainers Academy. 541-330-5979

Mitchell Joins Sovereign Journey Admissions Team: Sovereign Journey is pleased to announce the addition of Nicole Mitchell, LADC to the Sovereign Journey admissions department. Nicole is a Masters prepared therapist from Dartmouth College, and has spent over 15 years in residential settings. Nicole joined the clinical team at Sovereign Journey in February of 2013, and has become a key member of our leadership team. Nicole will maintain a small caseload, and will begin the process of assuming the Director of Admissions responsibilities over the coming months. Nicole can be reached at 603-869-7318 ext 115

Bosworth Joins The Daniels Academy Team: Daniels Academy is proud to announce that Melanie Bosworth has joined our team in the role of nurse and medical coordinator. Melanie Bosworth, RN, has affectionately been called Nurse Melanie for so many years that even her children sometimes have wondered if that was part of her official name! Melanie joins Daniels Academy with an extensive background of psychiatric and emergency knowledge ranging over 30 years. 801-425-5155