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PROMINENT LOCAL EDUCATOR TAKES THE HELM AT THE ACADEMY FOR PRECISION LEARNING

Director at the University of Washington's Experimental Education Unit Joins Effort to Redefine Inclusion for Elementary and Middle School Students

January 11, 2010 – The Academy for Precision Learning (APL) (www.aplschool.org), is pleased to announce that Jennifer Annable, currently the Director at the University of Washington's Experimental Education Unit (EEU), has been named the incoming Executive Director of APL. Jennifer will join Alison Moors, APL's Director of Educational Services, to form an innovative and accomplished leadership team that is committed to changing the face of inclusion in the greater Seattle area.

APL provides a unique alternative to traditional classroom settings for elementary and middle school students that allows special needs, particularly children on the autism spectrum, and typically developing students to succeed together in an inclusive environment. The teaching methodologies and individualized curriculum used at APL have proven to effectively educate children of all capabilities. It is APL's core mission to provide a new educational option that allows students of all abilities to be successful and build a model that sets a standard for other institutions.

"I believe passionately that every student deserves their chance to grow and flourish," said Jennifer Annable. "I am so proud to have been part of the EEU and what we have accomplished for young children. Now I am excited to be part of building a new school that will bring this same innovation and dedication to elementary and middle school grade students. I want to help APL grow so we have an opportunity to serve many more students in the greater Seattle area."

Jennifer comes to APL after 25 years at the EEU where she was Principal, notably earning the distinction of Western Washington's Most Popular Principal in 2004 from Evening Magazine, and most recently Director. Jennifer's stewardship has been vital in growing the EEU into the category defining institution it has become. The EEU serves children birth – 7 and consistently drives ongoing innovation in how special needs and typically developing children can learn and thrive side by side.

“This is a great day for APL and most importantly for our current and future students,” said Matt Gordon, President of the APL Board of Directors. “Jennifer Annable is a tremendous leader who cares passionately about each and every student, staff members, parents and our broader community. She and Alison Moors are the perfect combination to take APL into the future and make our dream of creating a premier educational institution a reality.”

Jennifer Annable will begin her full-time role with APL in July, 2010. In the meantime, she will consult with the Board and staff of APL for the remainder of this school year.

About Jennifer Annable:

Jennifer is currently the Director of University of Washington's Experimental Education Unit. She has experience with children with and without special needs from birth through high school. Jennifer received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has a Master's in Education and a Principal's certificate from the University of Washington. She is certified in Early Childhood Special Education, K-12 Special Education and K-8 Elementary Education. Early in Jennifer's career, she was a teacher and Administrative Coordinator at Spaulding Youth Center in Northfield, NH. She has worked in residential care and also been a foster parent. Jennifer is the mother of two sons and proud grandmother of a granddaughter who currently attends the EEU.

About APL (www.aplschool.org)

Founded in 2007, the Academy for Precision Learning is an independent school for students from kindergarten – 5th grade. APL will open a 6th grade classroom in the Fall of 2010 to launch the middle school. APL offers a unique alternative to traditional education programs by

providing an academically rigorous curriculum that is individually tailored for all learning styles. The curriculum is individualized for every student with a focus on academic rigor, social skills development, cutting edge technology and building character and community. APL classes are inclusion-based, allowing typical and special needs children to work side by side in small personalized classes that help every student reach their full potential. APL is located at the University Heights Center in Seattle's University district.

About UHCCA (www.uhcca.org)

The University Heights Center is a not-for-profit community organization founded in 1989 by University District residents, who believed that this building would serve as a gathering place for the community. Constantly striving to provide and promote community programs, services and activities aimed at building a sense of neighborhood, UHCCA maintains the belief that “Old Schools Still Teach”, and fosters community in a historical setting. Residing in one of the oldest former elementary school buildings in Washington State, currently under restoration, UHCCA is a vital community center which serves as the heart of Seattle's University District neighborhood.

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