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## **NEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS IN SEATTLE**

*The Academy for Precision Learning Moves to the University District*

**May 7, 2008** – The Academy for Precision Learning (APL) ([www.aplschool.org](http://www.aplschool.org)), an independent school for students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, is moving to the University Heights Center ([www.uhcca.org](http://www.uhcca.org)) in Seattle’s University district for the 2008-2009 school year. APL offers a unique alternative to traditional education programs by providing an academically rigorous curriculum that is individually tailored for all learning styles. 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.

“We believe APL offers a fresh choice for families who want their students to excel academically in a setting that promotes community, character and social responsibility,” said Alison Moors, Academic Director of APL. “The individualized nature of our program is key to its success, as we customize the learning plan for each student so the program is tailored for the child versus the child having to fit into a preset curriculum.”

APL first opened its doors in August 2007 and was previously located on Mercer Island. APL offers small class sizes of 15 or less students with an adult-student ratio of at least 1:4 to ensure every child receives the individual attention they deserve. APL also offers enrichment programs, including music, art and physical education, to provide a comprehensive program for students. Full scholarships are available for the 2008-2009 school year.

“We are thrilled that the Academy for Precision Learning has moved to the University Heights Center, as they are a perfect fit for our focus on community, children, arts and education within the University District and the greater Seattle area,” said Mike Dash,

President of the University Heights Center Board. “We maintain the belief that ‘Old Schools Still Teach’ and now families in our greater community have access to another great education option for their children.”

***About APL ([www.aplschool.org](http://www.aplschool.org))***

The **Academy for Precision Learning (APL)** is an independent school for students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. APL provides a community of diversity and respect and welcomes children on the autism spectrum. We offer an accelerated and highly tailored curriculum for every student with a focus on building good citizens for the future.

APL provides direct, personalized instruction in all academic areas, using proven Precision Teaching methodologies to gauge individual student competencies, closely track performance on key component skills, and achieve measurable improvements over time.

**Alison Moors, MA, BCBA**, is APL's **Academic Director**. She is a board-certified Behavior Analyst and has a master's degree in Educational Psychology/Applied Behavior Analysis from West Virginia University, as well as a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Alison's expertise includes providing high-quality education to academically gifted and mainstream students, as well as addressing the specific needs of students with learning challenges, including autism and ADHD.

***About UHCCA ([www.uhcca.org](http://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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