K12 Inc. Celebrates National Teacher Appreciation Week

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Digital learning provider honors America’s largest network of K-12 online teachers

HERNDON, Va., May 7, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- K12 Inc., America’s largest provider of K-12 online learning, celebrates National Teacher Appreciation Week with families across the nation, thanking the thousands of teachers that are educating students in K12 online and blended schools.

“K12 is proud to celebrate the talented teachers who are committed to making a difference in children’s lives,” said Teresa Scavulli, VP of Academic Services at K12 Inc. “K12 teachers work in a variety of school models and deliver individualized learning opportunities to students every day. We applaud their continued dedication to reaching and serving the needs of every student.”

This week, numerous K12 online school teachers received honors and awards for their service to students. Christian Kraus, a literature teacher at Georgia Cyber Academy, won the 2014 American Pioneer of Teaching Award from PublicSchoolOptions.org, a parent-led education advocacy organization. Several other teachers from K12-managed schools were honored as national runners-up, including Texas Virtual Academy's Priscilla Metling, Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy's Heather McFarland, and Hoosier Academies' Alissa Smith. Other finalists from K12-managed schools included Mary Bellison with Utah Virtual Academy, Elizabeth Clark with Virginia Virtual Academy, and Tiffany Simmons with Colorado Preparatory Academy.

Through partnerships with schools and districts, K12 has created thousands of new jobs and opportunities for teachers across the U.S. Today, more than 5,000 teachers are working in K12-partner schools – the largest network of K-12 online school teachers in the U.S. K12 teachers are a diverse group of certified, skilled and trained professionals, including general education teachers, special education teachers, lead teachers, subject-matter experts, world-language teachers, advisors, and counselors. Over 90 percent of the teachers who choose to teach in K12-managed schools previously taught in traditional schools.

Led by an experienced group of educators from K12’s Academic Services team, teachers are provided high level training, professional development, and support. K12 has developed a highly regarded National Teacher Training Program, incorporating quality teaching standards and best practices in online instruction and personalized learning. The mission of K12’s Academic Services team is to provide first rate support and professional development solutions to empower school personnel in the continuous improvement of teaching, learning, and leadership to promote academic excellence.

“Just like so many successful leaders, entrepreneurs, humanitarians, world-class doctors and scientists, we are who we are because of the impact of many fantastic teachers during our childhood and young adult lives,” said Nate Davis, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of K12 Inc. “K12 is a company of educators and our teachers are the cornerstone of all that we do. We honor our teachers for their service and commitment, and we thank them for making a difference for thousands of children across this country.”
About K12 Inc.

K12 Inc. (NYSE: LRN), a company of educators, is leading the transformation to individualized learning as the nation's foremost provider of technology-powered proprietary online solutions for students in pre-kindergarten through high school. K12 has partnered with over 2,000 schools and school districts and has delivered more than four million courses over the past decade. With the nation's largest network of K-12 online school teachers, K12 provides curricula, academic services, and learning solutions to public schools and districts, traditional classrooms, blended school programs, and directly to families. More information can be found at K12.com.


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