



K12 Inc. Announces Launch of The Foundation for Blended and Online Learning

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K12 creates an independent charitable educational organization to advance and improve online and blended learning

HERNDON, Va., Jan. 19, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- K12 Inc., America's leading provider of K-12 online school programs, today announced the creation of The Foundation for Blended and Online Learning – an independent charitable educational organization.



The mission of [The Foundation for Blended and Online Learning](#) is to empower students through personalized learning by advancing the availability and quality of blended and online learning opportunities and outcomes.

The Foundation will be a completely independent organization with its own Board of Directors and staff.

"K12 is proud to launch The Foundation for Blended and Online Learning. This independent organization will help to improve the national educational landscape for all children and educators," said K12 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Nate Davis, "We are proud to have recruited a dynamic Board of Directors who can utilize their experience to move our shared vision forward."

The Board of Directors of the Foundation consists of prominent industry leaders and experts.

Kevin Chavous (Chairman) – *Founding Board Member and Executive Counsel for the American Federation for Children*

Robyn Bagley – *Founder and Principal, Early College High School*

Kenneth Campbell – *Founding Board Member for the Black Alliance for Educational Options*

Allison Cleveland – *Executive Vice President of School Management and Services, K12 Inc.*

Mary Gifford – *Senior Vice President of Academic Policy and External Relations, K12 Inc.*

Linda Lopez – *former Arizona State Senator*

Dr. Rod Paige – *former U.S. Secretary of Education*

Caroline Vander Ark – *COO of Getting Smart*

The Foundation will strive to achieve three main goals: to provide post-secondary scholarships to students, to institute a grant program for individuals and organizations making progress in teaching in digital and blended learning, and to bring together key stakeholders on educational advancement through intentional collaboration.

"K12 puts students first and maximizes their potential through the use of innovative, next generation technology. I can't think of a better way to give back than to support those that help advance the field of digital and blended learning. We invite others to join us in sponsoring The Foundation to help foster student, teacher, and academic advancements in the world of blended and online education," said Davis.

Through multi-faceted giving program, The Foundation for Blended and Online Learning seeks to build out scholarship programs to include

educational endowments for undergraduate juniors/seniors pursuing teaching degrees, academic achievement tuition scholarships for online and blended students, as well as technology stipends for materials. Additionally, The Foundation's grant program will be designed to provide financial support to teachers working in blended and virtual schooling environments or using digital content. The Foundation will provide grants to educators for professional development, graduate coursework completion, development and replication of best practices for teaching in virtual environments.

"Thanks to K12's vision and financial generosity, we are excited to launch The Foundation," said Board Chairman, Kevin Chavous. "Through our work we have an opportunity to shine a new light and illuminate blended and online learning advancements in education."

For more information or how to become involved with The Foundation for Blended Learning, visit www.blendedandonlinelearning.org

About K12 Inc.

K12 Inc. (NYSE: [LRN](#)) is driving innovation and advancing the quality of education by delivering state-of-the-art, digital learning platforms and technology to students and school districts across the globe. With nearly a half-billion dollars invested in developing award winning curriculum, K12 serves over 2,000 schools and school districts and has delivered more than four million courses over the past decade. K12 is a company of educators with the nation's largest network of K-12 online school teachers, providing instruction, academic services, and learning solutions to public schools and districts, traditional classrooms, blended school programs, and directly to families. For more on K12 Inc., visit www.K12.com

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