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KAPLAN VIRTUAL EDUCATION EXPANDS KAPLAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL CURRICULUM TO GRADES 6 THROUGH 8

Successful individualized learning system previously available only to high school students now providing more school choice for middle school students

Hollywood, FL, March 3, 2009 — Kaplan Virtual Education (KVE), a leader in online high school education, today announced that its private school Kaplan College Preparatory School (KCPS) has expanded its curriculum to serve students in grades 6 through 8. KCPS offers students seeking alternatives to traditional education a robust college preparatory curriculum, a significant amount of one-on-one teacher interaction, and the flexibility to schedule course work around their unique needs.

“The Kaplan College Preparatory School model has been providing high-quality high school education online since 2001, helping countless students earn spots in some of the country’s most competitive colleges,” said Charles Thornburgh, President of KVE, which operates KCPS. Many of the high school’s graduates have been accepted into some of the nation’s most prestigious universities, including Stanford, Duke and New York University.

“Now, this successful model can put middle school students on the same path to academic achievement, offering them a similarly rigorous program with the same flexibility of our online high school platform,” he added.

Taught by certified teachers, the middle school classes are designed to cater to a diverse range of skill levels, from remedial to Advanced Placement, with courses that can be accessed virtually anywhere and at anytime via the Internet. Each course is embedded with a unique array of teaching tools, including audio, video and online white boards — the equivalent of a real-time online blackboard—that teachers use to demonstrate course work. Teachers are available to answer student questions via telephone, instant message and email. KVE’s accredited programs also provide comprehensive administrative, coaching, educational and technical support.

“I love that KCPS allows me the flexibility of scheduling my schoolwork around auditions, workshops, and singing and acting classes,” said actress and KCPS seventh-grader Roxy King,

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KCPS students in grades 6 through 8 can select from more than 20 core courses, as well as electives. The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and by the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA). To learn more about KCPS's middle school programs, visit www.kaplancollegepreparatoryschool.com/middle or call 877-871-8163.

About Kaplan Virtual Education

Kaplan Virtual Education, a leading provider of online 6-12 education, offers diverse learners flexible, individualized and high-quality curriculum and instruction to promote student success. KVE operates public and private schools that provide a wide variety of accredited learning options for middle and high school students, schools and school districts. KVE's student body is as diverse as its course offerings. It serves accelerated learners seeking advanced placement and college prep courses, adults seeking high school diplomas, homeschooled students, and at-risk teenagers who require an alternative to traditional high school. KVE is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA). For more information, visit www.kaplanvirtualeducation.com.

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