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SCHOOLS RECEIVE 2014 GOLD MEDAL AWARDS FROM ASCEND EDUCATION

Shreveport, LA 5/21/2014 Ascend Education announced today that Valley High School in Sanders, AZ and Holabird STEM program in Baltimore, MD were selected from among 18 Gold Medalists to receive the 2014 Ascend Math Gold Medal Leader Award.

The Gold Medal Award was established in 2010 to honor the schools or districts that best demonstrate a dedication to ensuring that all students become successful at math. The Gold Medal nominees all used Ascend Math as their math intervention solution to assist struggling students. The three judges looked at the challenges each nominee faced and the results they achieved to arrive at their decision.

“All eighteen Gold Medalists demonstrated exceptional progress in helping students succeed in math,” said Kevin Briley, CEO of Ascend Education. “All are deserving of praise. We are extremely proud of what these educators have accomplished this year.”

Educators at Holabird wanted to improve student proficiency in math as demonstrated on the Maryland School Assessment. They identified approximately 200 students for intervention which made up 44% of the population scoring Basic on the MSA. Of these, 76% were special education students.

When students first started on Ascend Math, 78% of sixth graders were working three years below level. Currently only 11% of their students are three years below, meaning that 67% of sixth graders have completed one level or more. In addition, 56% of seventh graders and 75% of eighth graders have completed one level or more.

Valley High School resides in one of the poorest areas of the nation. Last year, 95% of their intervention students achieved less than one grade level of improvement. This year saw the beginnings of significant improvement. In less than one semester 24% of the students achieved four grade levels of growth or more, 9% achieved five grade levels or more of growth. They are expected to reach a 10% mastery of level eight.

A special reception will be held at a later date in honor of each Gold Medal Award winner. The Honor Roll of all nominees can be viewed at http://ascendmath.com/gold_nominees_2014.html.

About Ascend Math®

Ascend Math® is a research based adaptive instructional resource in which students have proven to achieve two or more grade level gains in a six month period. This online individualized intervention resource identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction, and motivates students to achieve their maximum performance and potential.

Ascend Math is written to Common Core and rigorous state standards. Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math® is currently used by hundreds of schools and districts serving tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit www.ascendmath.com

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