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National accreditation for Minnesota Online High School (MNOHS)

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(January 25, 2013, St. Paul, MN ...) Minnesota Online High School (MNOHS) announced today that it has received national accreditation by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), a division of AdvancED. One of only two accredited online charter schools in Minnesota, MNOHS received strong commendations from the accreditation review team, who reported that the school exhibits “an exceptional commitment to help each student succeed as an individual.”

“Today’s announcement validates our efforts and it is something in which we all take great pride” said Stephanie Snidarich, MNOHS Board President and faculty member. “We have worked hard to build a program that is academically rich and also offers students more flexibility than a bricks and mortar school.”

MNOHS serves students statewide. Plymouth, MN resident Nikolet Johnson chose MNOHS for the flexibility. “It presents me with the opportunity to work full time and also finish up my remaining credits. I landed an awesome job as an assistant at an engineering firm during the summer and I didn't want to give it up. I will be able to pay for my college as I go and not have to deal with debt,” she said.

MNOHS has a student-teacher ratio of eleven to one, well below the average of sixteen to one for Minnesota public high schools reported by the National Center for Education Statistics. The school also boasts a comprehensive counseling program; a broad range of courses; services for students whose first language is not English; a talented and gifted program; honors options; a student leadership program; and special education services. Most MNOHS courses are NCAA approved.

“This accreditation, and the commendations, is a badge of honor for the entire MNOHS community,” remarked MNOHS Executive Director Elissa Raffa. “As we look to the future of education, MNOHS provides a model of what creative, connected online learning can and should be.”

MNOHS is a state-certified Online Learning Provider and public charter school, accountable to the Minnesota Department of Education. MNOHS’ charter school authorizer is Pillsbury United Communities. All MNOHS teachers hold Minnesota licenses for the content areas in which they teach. Ms. Raffa is licensed in Minnesota as a district superintendent and as a secondary science teacher. For more information visit the school’s website at www.mnohs.org.

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