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American Renaissance Academy Offers College Courses

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (March 02, 2009) – The American Renaissance Academy (ARA) announces its new partnership with Morgan Community College which is located in Colorado. ARA students now have the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree from an accredited college while still in high school.

The Administrators and faculty at ARA are constantly thinking of new ways to challenge their students while providing convenience for the families. Bernadette Ortiz-Brewster, the Academy Director, says, "We have a unique program at ARA. We place our students by ability level per subject. This has proven to diminish the traditional classroom issues such as boredom or stress. For example, we currently have seven 10th grade students, due to the fact that these students have tested into three different levels of advanced high school mathematics, we currently teach three different levels in order to accommodate these students. It is not the easiest or least expensive thing to do, but it is the right thing to do for the students."

Knowing the varied ability levels of their middle school and high school students, the administrators at ARA were pleased when President Hart from Morgan Community College had a discussion with them about creating a partnership with ARA. It has always been ARA's mission to provide as much as possible to their students in the convenience of their own campus.

Morgan Community College offered to test the current 8th – 10th graders in order to verify if they are ready to take college courses. Mrs. Carolyn Jones, English teacher, says, "Many of our 9th and 10th graders qualified to take college courses such as math, English, psychology, and biology. Since we place the students by ability level, we don't want to stand in their way when they have the opportunity to excel. Instead, we support them while they are taking these challenging courses." This learning team has proven to be very effective.

ARA is also proud to announce that they will open the college courses to adults in the community for the summer session that begins on June 15, 2009.

ARA provides a rigorous, individualized and comprehensive college preparatory program challenging students to think critically and creatively while instilling a passion for artistic growth and life-long learning. ARA's mission is to inspire each student to be a confident, competent, compassionate, and moral individual who is prepared to contribute to the rapidly changing global community. ARA is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please contact Director Bernadette Ortiz-Brewster at 682-7337 or director@americanrenaissanceacademy.com for more information.