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**Mickey Revenaugh, Connections Academy Executive,
Named Chair of Board of Directors of iNACOL**

***-- Virtual Public Education Visionary Tapped for Leadership Role at
World's Leading K-12 Online Education Organization --***

BALTIMORE, MD, November 16, 2009 – Mickey Revenaugh, a co-founder and Senior Vice President at Connections Academy, a leading national provider of virtual public school curriculum, technology and school management services, has been named Chair of the Board of Directors of the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL).

iNACOL is the world's leading membership organization that facilitates collaboration, advocacy, and research to enhance quality K-12 online teaching and learning. A non-profit association based in the Washington, DC area with more than 2,500 members, iNACOL represents a diverse cross-section of K-12 education stakeholders from school districts, charter schools, state education agencies, non-profit organizations, research institutions, corporate entities and other content and technology providers. Connections Academy was one of iNACOL's first corporate members.

"Mickey Revenaugh is one of the nation's leading experts on K-12 online learning," noted Susan Patrick, President and Chief Executive Officer of iNACOL. "She is deeply committed to expanding quality educational opportunities for all students, and has worked tirelessly to achieve this goal during her years of involvement with iNACOL, including service on our Board of Directors. We are delighted to name her Chair of our Board, and know that under her leadership, and with her continued vision and passion, iNACOL will continue to expand its services to K-12 administrators, teachers and students."

Ms. Revenaugh was elected to the iNACOL Board in 2007 and was appointed Vice Chair in 2008. She also serves as Chair of the iNACOL Advocacy and Issues Committee. As Senior Vice President for State Relations at Connections Academy, Ms. Revenaugh works with partner public schools districts, charter schools, and states to establish Connections Academy schools that meet community needs. Connections Academy's innovative "school without walls" program can serve as an extension of an existing school, a separately managed district program, a regional or statewide charter school offering, or an alternative for special populations.

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A longtime advocate of education technology, Ms. Revenaugh previously oversaw product planning and research at Mindsurf Networks, a developer and publisher of one-to-one teaching and learning software for schools and teachers. Before joining Mindsurf, Ms. Revenaugh served as Vice President for Education at HiFusion. Prior to that, she helped launch the multi-billion-dollar national E-rate program to wire every school and library in America to the Internet, serving as Vice President for Outreach and Education during the program's crucial start-up years. Before launching the E-rate program, Ms. Revenaugh spent almost a dozen years at Scholastic Inc., serving as Editor in Chief of *Instructor*, *Electronic Learning*, *Teaching and Computers*, *MiddleYears*, and *America's Agenda* magazines, and providing editorial oversight on sponsored educational materials.

Ms. Revenaugh continues to publish broadly on education and technology issues, with work appearing in *District Administration*, *Technology and Learning*, *Scholastic Administr@tor*, and the Microsoft Classroom Teacher Network. She also serves as consultant to the Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision competition, Grunwald Associates, Sylvan Education Solutions, and others in the education field.

About Connections Academy

Connections Academy is a leading national provider of high-quality, highly accountable virtual public schools in fourteen states operated in partnership with charter schools, school districts, and state departments of education. Connections Academy schools deliver top quality, personalized education for students that combines certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools, and community experiences to create a supportive and successful environment for children who want an individualized approach to education. In Connections Academy's Personalized Performance Learning® approach, students use daily lesson plans and curriculum materials provided by Connections Academy. Teachers develop a learning plan for each student, utilizing a proprietary, web-based Learning Management System to deliver, track, and administer the learning. In 2009-10, Connections Academy will serve students in Arizona, California (Southern and Central), Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Connections Academy offers grades K through 12, though some schools do not offer all grades. Connections Academy also serves K-12 students in all states through its private virtual school, National Connections Academy. For more information, call 800-382-6010 or visit www.connectionsacademy.com.

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