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Palo Alto Adult School honored for excellence by LERN, an international association.

Palo Alto Adult School has been honored for excellence in Web page design and functionality by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning. The Palo Alto Adult School entry was selected from more than 140 nominations from four countries. The winning entry included excellent graphic and marketing elements using visitor-friendly tools and techniques. The entry was included in a showcase of exemplary educational programs from around the world at the LERN Annual Conference in Savannah, GA on November 19-21, 2009.

In selecting programs to be recognized for excellence, Julie Coates, VP Information Services for LERN said, "The primary criteria judges used for selection was the quality of being at the leading edge of the field of lifelong learning, as evidenced by their nomination. In addition, judges also applied the following criteria: originality, innovation, appropriateness as a model for other programs, ability to replicate, and measurable outcomes. The awards selection process is very competitive and it is truly an honor to be selected."

"The Adult School's new web site is extremely easy to use. It includes instructor profiles and other useful information. Class descriptions are easy to find and I can enroll online in seconds", said Margaret Parra, a Birding and Gardening student.

PAUSD Superintendent Kevin Skelly states, "We strive for the highest quality in all of our education programs in Palo Alto. Our Adult School continues to demonstrate this level of quality in its classes and excellent programs. It is truly an honor to be recognized on an international level by the LERN organization."

For additional information on Palo Alto Adult School, contact Principal Kara Rosenberg at 650-329-3752 or by email at krosenberg@pausd.org. For more information on the LERN organization, visit www.lern.org or call 1-800-678-5376.

About Palo Alto Adult School

Palo Alto Adult School (PAAS) was established by the Palo Alto Unified School District in 1921. PAAS is committed to excellence in providing a broad range of educational programs that meet the diverse lifelong learning needs of our community. The Adult School's goals are to support a skilled workforce, successful schools and a vibrant community by providing programs in English as a Second Language (ESL), Career Technical Education, Parent Education and Community Education. Palo Alto Adult School is self-supporting and annually serves a student population of more than 8000 students. For additional information, call 650-329-3752 or visit the PAAS web site at www.paadultschool.org.

