

ALPHASMART ANNOUNCES 2005 ALPHAGRANTS RECIPIENTS

Schools in California, Idaho, Ohio, and Utah Plan to Use Portable Computer Companions to Drive Academic Improvements in the Classroom

LOS GATOS, Calif. – June 29, 2005 – AlphaSmart, Inc., a Renaissance Learning Inc., Company (Nasdaq: RLRN), and a leading provider of technology solutions for education, today awarded technology grants to four U.S. K-12 schools through its AlphaGrants program, a philanthropic program designed to drive academic improvements through the effective use of technology in the classroom. The following schools were selected:

- Riverdale Elementary School, Weber School District, Ogden, Utah
- Townsend Elementary School, Margaretta Local School District, Castalia, Ohio
- Lake Hazel Middle School, Joint School District 2, Boise, Idaho
- Norco High School, Corona-Norco High School Unified School District, Norco, California

With a goal of improving instruction, student performance and achievement in math, science and language arts, each AlphaGrant recipient will receive a complete technology solution to enable one-to-one computing in the classroom. Solutions consist of AlphaSmart's Neo or Dana computer companion products, which are easy to use, portable computing devices that can be used at a student's desk, on field trips or for homework, as well as software and professional training. More than 100 schools from across the U.S. applied for this year's AlphaGrants program, which is valued at approximately \$60,000.

“We extend our most sincere congratulations to all of the AlphaGrant award-winning schools who plan to use our portable technology tools in the coming school year to improve academic performance, and to inspire new ways of learning,” said Manish Kothari, president of AlphaSmart. “We have seen a marked increase in the number of award winners that plan to use Neo and Dana in math and science instruction, and applaud their efforts to reach outside the classroom for information and experiences that make learning inside the classroom more meaningful.”

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By September, each of the four award-winning schools will receive a complete classroom solution incorporating either Neo or Dana computer companions. The solution includes 30 devices in a compact cart for storage and management, along with course software and professional training tailored to support the work outlined in the grant proposal.

For more information, visit www.renlearn.com.

Renaissance Learning, Inc.

Renaissance Learning, Inc. is a leading provider of research-based software, professional development, technical services, and consulting. Adopted by more than 67,000 schools, Renaissance Learning information technology products give students and teachers continuous constructive feedback that helps motivate students, dramatically accelerate learning, improve test scores, and help students master all standards, while reducing teacher paperwork. Renaissance Learning has four U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Australia, Canada, India and the United Kingdom.

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