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Southwest Career and Technical Academy named Apple Distinguished School

Las Vegas, Nevada -- January, 18, 2012 – The Southwest Career and Technical Academy is pleased to announce that it has been named an Apple Distinguished School for its innovative use of educational technology by providing students with a 21st century learning environment both within the school and at home.

The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for schools that are recognized centers of educational excellence and leadership.

“I am proud of the collaborative effort between the entire faculty and our students to build such a successful technology-driven culture since the opening of our school in August 2009”, states Principal Felicia Nemcek. The selection of the Southwest Career and Technical Academy (SWCTA) as an Apple Distinguished School highlights its successes in enhancing and extending teaching and learning with thoughtful and innovative implementations of technology. In addition to access to Mac computers in computer labs and classrooms, SWCTA has implemented a one-to-one iPod and iPad program for their juniors and seniors with plans to expand the program to the sophomores. Teachers have the ability to increase the amount of instructional time in their classrooms by providing access to numerous digital resources and digital content outside of the classroom. The school’s technology supports a safe, creative and collaborative environment. The instructional technology has increased the amount of student participation and students are, quite simply, excited with the school’s efforts to challenge them in their familiar digital environment.

The Southwest Career and Technical Academy is a Clark County School District high school that offers eleven career technical programs in culinary, hospitality, nursing, respiratory therapy, dental assisting, auto, fashion, interior design engineering, web and video game technology. SWCTA is designated as an exemplary school for its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and will graduate its first senior class in June 2012.

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