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Landmark College Signs Agreement with Prince Salman Center for Disability Support

Putney, VT – January 26, 2009 Landmark College and the Prince Salman Center for Disability Research have announced the establishment of the Academic Assistance Unit (AAU) at Prince Sultan University located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The goal of the one year endeavor is to develop a support center for students with learning challenges at the only private university in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The project will establish all the necessary infrastructure and resources for students to implement strategies and build the skills that will position them for academic success. In addition, the Unit is expected to serve as a model for future centers in various educational institutions in Saudi Arabia and the region. It will also serve as a training site to increase capabilities among educational professionals.

In announcing the agreement Dr. Brent Betit, Executive Vice President of Landmark College, said, "This endeavor will involve time on the ground in Riyadh for several staff members of the Landmark College Institute for Research and Training (LCIRT) and the Office of Strategic Initiatives. Their purpose will be to provide consulting services for the establishment and development of a center to support University students with skills acquisition and other learning needs. This will be the first such center within the country. The long term vision for this project includes the establishment of similar centers within the larger Kingdom, and potentially throughout the Gulf. We are excited about the opportunity to assist in the achievement of this vision, which promises to enhance education and contribute to student success in Saudi Arabia, and perhaps beyond, in the coming years."

Dr. Sultan Al-Sedairy, Executive Director of PSCDR, was the passionate visionary and primary advocate for this program, well supported by a dedicated and talented staff within the Center - including Dr. Ahmad Baker, a seasoned educator who will head the AAU. Dr. Baker spent two months at Landmark College last summer preparing for his position in Riyadh.

Other collaborators and supporters of the venture include: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Higher Education, Prince Sultan University, Tarek Al Jaffali Foundation, and one of the founders of PSCDR, Badr Al Dogaither.

Landmark College, located in Putney, VT, offers the most comprehensive academic program in the country for high potential students with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders.