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Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) to Attend Back to School Brigade 2016

Thousand Oaks, CA – AAS has been invited to attend the "Back to School Brigade 2016" event for military families at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow on Wednesday, July 27 from 10 am to 2 pm.

"It's always a challenge to find organizations willing to come to the city of Barstow to provide services for our Marines and their families," said Adam Diaz, School Liaison Officer for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. "When I reached out to Academy of Arts and Sciences, I didn't expect to receive a response. When I did receive a response, I was elated to discover that they were eager to make the 150 mile trip to support the families in any way they can. The families will appreciate the representation of your facility and I hope to continue this positive working relationship with AAS into the future!"

"Back to School Brigade 2016" is geared for families stationed at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. The school supply distribution is for active duty military families. There will be several informational briefings, which will cover Common Core topics and options for families to homeschool their children. "Back to School Brigade 2016" offers the opportunity for various vendors and different schools to attend and provide information about their facilities and programs as a way to solicit for more parent interest and enrollment.

"I am excited to be able to share the opportunities AAS provides scholars at the Back to School Brigade 2016," said J.J. Lewis, AAS President & CEO. "AAS is a great option for military families, with our virtual curriculum and expanding scholar engagement offerings in the 2016-17 year."

About the Academy of Arts & Sciences

The Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) is one of California's leading WASC-accredited virtual public charter schools serving scholars throughout the state, with Learning Centers located in San Diego and Thousand Oaks. AAS offers a home study and online option for scholars in grades kindergarten through 12. AAS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

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