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## Academy of Arts & Sciences' (AAS) Mae Van Vooren to Speak at the Multicultural Homeschooling Network's Social & Educational Seminar

*Thousand Oaks, CA* – Mae Van Vooren, AAS Director of Strategic Initiatives, will be the opening speaker at the Multicultural Homeschooling Network's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social & Educational Seminar. The seminar is tomorrow, Saturday, August 27, at the Mountain View Resorts in West Hills.

"As a Filipino American, being asked to share my experience and knowledge of alternative methods of education, like home study, with the Multicultural Homeschool Network, gives me a true sense of honor and pride," said Van Vooren. "As their opening speaker, I am able to support their efforts to expose more families and cultures to the home study opportunities available throughout California, including our program."

Van Vooren received her Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders from San Diego State University and her Master of Arts in Special Education from California State University, Northridge. Van Vooren has homeschooled her four children since Kindergarten, taught college students, acted as an educational consultant for several companies, been an entrepreneur and an educational facilitator who has taught general education students as well as gifted, exceptional, autistic, deaf and hard of hearing children. Van Vooren has also aided in developing two homeschool charter programs in the state of California.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Mae and AAS, to provide insight from a member of our Senior Management Team to the attendees at the Multicultural Homeschooling Network's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social & Educational Seminar," said J.J. Lewis, AAS President & CEO. "AAS is proud to partner with organizations like this, to promote the various educational options that are available for families throughout the region. I encourage families to attend to not only learn more about AAS, but virtual education in general."

Multicultural Homeschooling Network's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social & Educational Seminar is a casual, fun, and informative seminar that is considered beneficial to all homeschooling families and the participants as well. The seminar will include speakers, charter schools, vendors, food from a variety of cultural backgrounds, activities for homeschoolers of all ages, raffles, and the opportunity to learn more about homeschooling and all the different styles of homeschooling that exist within the homeschooling community. For more information or to RSVP, visit <u>Multicultural Homeschooling Network</u>.

## 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.

For more information about AAS, visit <u>www.aascalifornia.org</u>.