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## **Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) to Host Internet Safety and Digital Abuse Prevention Luncheon with Richard Guerry**

*Thousand Oaks, CA* – AAS will host the Learning Coach Kick-Off Luncheon next Friday, September 23, from 11:30 am to 2 pm at their Thousand Oaks Learning Center. Richard Guerry, Executive Director of the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication, will be the guest speaker. He will be discussing the topic “Internet Safety and Digital Abuse Prevention” for AAS Learning Coaches, staff and members of the community.

“I am honored to be speaking at the Academy of Arts & Sciences luncheon on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and it is my goal to ensure everyone attending leaves this event with information that will allow them to operate – and teach others to operate – powerful digital tools safely and responsibly,” said Guerry. “When used responsibly, digital tools and technologies can open windows of opportunity past generations may have never dreamed possible, but abuse of this power can lead to devastating consequences. How we use digital tools determines the outcome, and this luncheon provides a platform to install wisdom, or what we at IROC2.org refer to as Digital Consciousness.”

“Internet Safety and Digital Abuse Prevention” is a multi-award winning program that provides greater awareness of negative, irresponsible, and malicious digital behaviors and trends and the method to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a cyber-crime, cyberbullying, and digital exploitation. All those attending this program will obtain the solution for preventing Cyberbullying, Inappropriate photos, Irresponsible use of apps, Poor social media behaviors, and many other current and future cyber issues.

“We are thrilled to host our Learning Coach Kick-Off Luncheon next week, and share our Thousand Oaks Learning Center with our learning coaches, staff and community,” said J.J. Lewis, AAS President & CEO. “This is such an important topic, and of utmost importance especially as a virtual public charter school. I hope our families and members of the community come in to learn from Richard and are able to use the resources he provides through his talk.”

For more information or to RSVP, please visit <http://bit.ly/2cN4uto>.

### **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 [www.aascalifornia.org](http://www.aascalifornia.org).