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**Teachscape's 'Algebra II' Program Selected as a 2010
AEP Awards Finalist**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7, 2010 –Developed by Teachscape, the leader in the development and delivery of outcomes-based instructional improvement and professional development programs for educators, the Teachscape Algebra II program was chosen as a finalist in the 2010 Association of Educational Publishers' (AEP) Distinguished Achievement Awards (DAA). It was selected for professional development under the category - curriculum and instruction for grades 9-12.

Originally developed for Arkansas educators to implement on the Arkansas Internet Delivered Education Arkansas Schools (Arkansas IDEAS) platform, the Algebra II catalog of offerings contains a series of online professional development courses geared toward high school Algebra II teachers. These 11-hour online courses feature classroom videos, expert commentaries, interactive software, problem sets, sample student work, and lesson planning activities and materials. The courses highlight the complexities associated with teaching and learning specific Algebra II level concepts.

Each course features aspects of effective mathematics instruction including deep content knowledge and understanding of the standards, understanding student thinking and common misconceptions, pedagogical knowledge as it relates to high school level mathematics, and lesson design and classroom implementation. Current courses available in the Algebra II program include:

- Linear Systems
- Transformations of Quadratic Functions
- Quadratic Functions for Algebra II
- Linear Equations and Inequalities

In addition, the following courses will be available later this year:

- Function Operations and Inverses
- Higher Order Polynomial and Rational Functions
- Exponential Functions

“The Algebra II program was developed to help high school mathematics teachers gain more information about teaching and learning Algebra II concepts. With pedagogical content knowledge and a deep understanding of student thinking and misconceptions, as well as having tools and techniques to support students’ conceptual development, teachers can more effectively apply algebraic concepts to their classroom instruction resulting in increased student understanding and comprehension,” said Kristin Hudson, Algebra II instructional designer for Teachscape. “Being chosen as a finalist for AEP Awards recognizes the Algebra II program as a powerful professional development tool for educators specializing in mathematics.”

The AEP Awards honor outstanding resources for teaching and learning. As one of the largest and longest-running awards programs for educational products, the AEP Awards aim to identify products that exemplify the highest standards of professional, quality educational content; give credit and recognition to the organizations who are leading the way in this field; and, set benchmarks to which the rest of the industry can aspire. Winners of the 2010 AEP Awards will be announced on June 8, 2010 at the AEP Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C.

For complete details and information on Teachscape and the Algebra II program, visit www.teachscape.com.

About Teachscape

Teachscape provides industry-leading solutions, technology and services, for K12 and higher education markets. For schools, Teachscape provides data-driven, outcomes-based software solutions and services that increase student achievement by improving instructional leadership and practice. For teachers, Teachscape delivers unparalleled online, graduate educational experience through programs developed by some of the foremost experts in the field.

Teachscape has partnered with respected institutions including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Stanford University, McREL, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Concord Consortium, the University of Texas, Houston, and others to shape its approach to its programs for schools and for teachers. For more information, visit Teachscape at <http://www.teachscape.com>.

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