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National High Performing Public Charter School Network identifies Headmaster for its first Texas campus
First Headmaster named for Great Hearts Monte Vista campus

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Great Hearts Texas Superintendent, Dr. Peter Bezanson, today announced the appointment of Mr. Peter Crawford for the first Great Hearts academy scheduled to open in August 2014 at Temple Beth-El, in the heart of downtown San Antonio. This appointment represents the most recent hire for the premier public classical education provider, headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona.

Great Hearts Monte Vista campus is the first of six Great Hearts campuses scheduled to open over the next 5 years throughout San Antonio. "We are excited and honored to bring Peter Crawford to San Antonio as we launch our dream to grow our network of schools beyond the Phoenix metro area. Mr. Crawford is a life-long learner who will now bring his classical education knowledge and experience to the Great Hearts Monte Vista Academy. He is ideally suited to lead our first San Antonio school," Bezanson said.

Mr. Crawford is currently a Lead Teacher at a Great Hearts academy in Glendale, AZ. He has taught sophomore, junior and senior Humane Letters as well as middle school history. Mr. Crawford has filled a number of leadership roles at Glendale Prep including Chair of Student Life, Chair of Faculty Life, New Site Team Leader, and Head of History Department. He has also held a number of diverse extracurricular leadership roles, including Archery Club Coach and Philosophy Club Leader. Mr. Crawford received his B.A. in Philosophy at Ave Maria University in Florida, an MPhil in 20th Century Continental Thought and an A.B.D. in Phenomenology at the University of Leuven, Belgium.

Great Hearts will hold a community-wide informational meeting in the Barshop Auditorium at Temple Beth El Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m., to introduce Peter Crawford, to provide a more detailed update on the new school, and to answer questions about Great Hearts Academies.

For more information about the upcoming meeting and about Great Hearts, visit the website (www.greatheartstx.org).

About Great Hearts Academies

Great Hearts Academies is one of the top charter school operators in the country. It currently manages 17 schools in the Phoenix metro area, with over 7,500 students in grades K-12, and will open Texas campuses in San Antonio, Dallas, and Austin starting in 2014. The focus of Great Hearts Academies is a classical, liberal arts curriculum with an emphasis on the Great Books and the Socratic teaching method. Great Hearts academies are comprehensive college prep schools, with competitive athletics programs and a variety of extracurricular activities, such as speech and debate, fencing, and music ensembles. In Arizona, Great Hearts typically receives 8-10 enrollment applications for every available seat. Great Hearts' schools rank in the top 1% of all Arizona public schools, and 95% of graduates attend a 4-year college. Great Hearts Academies has a track record in Arizona of elite college placement that surpasses or rivals all the surrounding local public and private schools.

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