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## **SJUSD's San Jacinto Leadership Academy Selected as 2015 Honor Roll School**

**San Jacinto, CA** – The San Jacinto Unified School District announced today that the San Jacinto Leadership Academy has been selected by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as one of **1,714** public schools in California to receive the title of 2015 Honor Roll school. This is the second year in a row that the Leadership Academy has been selected for this prestigious award.

The Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. Schools receiving this distinction from leaders in the California academic and business communities have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. The Honor Roll is comprised of two different awards, the “Star Schools” Award and “Scholar Schools” Award.

Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over time. Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population. The Leadership Academy, whose students mirror the demographics of the Valley, is thrilled to be recognized as a Star School.

“We are so proud to be recognized by leaders in the California business community as an Honor Roll school,” said Colonel Bill Sick, Principal of the Leadership Academy. “Our teachers and staff work tirelessly to keep the focus on high expectations and student academic achievement and to continuously improve our practices. This hard work and dedication is paying off for all of our students, no matter their background.”

“We as adults have the opportunity to remove obstacles and boost momentum along the pathway from preschool to career,” said Lee Blich, ERP Board Chairman and President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. “When we close achievement gaps, we set our children on a path of productivity that not only leads to success in the classroom, but also prepares them to contribute to and benefit from a more productive economy. These Honor Roll schools are setting their students on the path to a college degree and the financial security of a living wage job.”

“The American education system has a secret,” said Jim Lanich, ERP president and CEO. Many schools are doing well and the Honor Roll proves it. Students are achieving at higher levels than anyone admits and more students than ever are succeeding when given the opportunity. All schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success. Leadership from the business community is critical to ensuring successes for all students.”

The annual Honor Roll award is made possible by support from numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, AAA, Macy's, Wells Fargo, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the and several private foundations. Chevron Corporation provided specific support in the creation of the STEM Honor Roll.

A full list of the Honor Roll schools and districts can be found at <http://edresults.org/HonorRoll/HonorRoll?State=CA>.

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