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**DAVIDSON ACADEMY ANNOUNCES
LAUNCH OF ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL**
*Available to Students Living Anywhere in U.S.;
Tuition-Free for Nevada Residents*

(Reno, Nev.) – The Davidson Academy, a free public school for profoundly gifted students located on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, is pleased to announce a new full-time online high school option for the 2017-2018 academic year. The rigorous academic environment for which the Academy is known will be available both online and at the Reno school.

“The Davidson Academy’s online high school option is different than anything currently on the market,” said Academy director Colleen Harsin. “In addition to the academic component, which includes small class sizes and personalized learning plans, the online high school will offer extensive student support and college planning services.”

The Davidson Academy is well-established as an exceptional school for profoundly gifted middle and high school students who can move to or already live in the Reno area. The full-time online high school option will bring this experience to students whose families are unable to relocate.

“Each year, students who are accepted to attend the Academy are not able to move to Reno. I am excited that many more profoundly gifted students across the country will now be able to reach their academic goals through the Davidson Academy,” said Academy founder Bob Davidson. “The new online option reflects the Academy’s commitment to this population by offering the opportunity for a rigorous online academic environment where these students can thrive among their intellectual peers.”

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the online high school will include courses for incoming freshmen and sophomores, with courses for juniors and seniors being added in subsequent years. All Davidson Academy online courses are accredited. Applicants for 2017-2018 must be 12 to 15 years old

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as of Sept. 30, 2017, submit qualifying ACT or SAT scores and commit to being full-time students. This age requirement will be expanded upward as more advanced high school courses are added in the future. For Nevada residents, both options – attending either the online or Reno school – are free, and there is no application/assessment fee. There is a \$100 application/assessment fee for out-of-state students, as well as a flexible tuition rate to determine a personalized tuition level for each family. The online high school final application deadline is April 15, 2017. Visit www.davidsonacademy.unr.edu/Online for more information.

Students moving to or living in the Reno area can attend the Davidson Academy's free public day school. Classes are grouped by ability level, rather than by age-based grades, providing profoundly gifted young people an educational opportunity matched to their abilities, strengths and interests. Students can access University classes when ready. To attend the Reno school, students must be at the middle or high school level across all subject areas and score in the 99.9th percentile on IQ or college entrance tests, such as the ACT or SAT. The Reno school application deadline for 2017-2018 has passed. The application for 2018-2019 will open in August.

In 1999, the Davidsons founded the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, a national nonprofit located in Reno that supports our nation's brightest young people, and in 2006 the Davidson Academy opened as a unique type of public school, called a "university school for profoundly gifted pupils" created by the Nevada State Legislature (Nevada Revised Statute 388C). For more information about the Davidson Institute and Davidson Academy, please visit www.DavidsonGifted.org and www.DavidsonAcademy.UNR.edu.

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