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Press Release

PathTree and Pine Point School Collaborate to Cultivate 'Moral Leadership'

Westerly-based PathTree will help students grapple with contemporary issues using a 'whole systems' approach to moral reasoning

Westerly, RI, September 14, 2009: PathTree, Inc. is pleased to announce a collaboration with Pine Point School (Stonington, CT) during the 2009-2010 school year. PathTree's *Whole Systems Living*[™] framework will be the perspective through which students in Pine Point's innovative Moral Leadership program will grapple with issues of the day. PathTree co-founder Fred Presley will begin the project by giving students a comprehensive overview of systems thinking and challenge them to look at the world as an array of interconnected networks. Then, during the year-long Moral Leadership program, students will be engaged by a series of speakers from diverse backgrounds. Students will apply a whole systems approach to their deliberations on the moral challenges posed by each speaker. PathTree will work with students during occasional on-site reviews and provide a dedicated online space where students can consult with each other and PathTree staff.

"This is a wonderful collaboration that goes to the heart of what PathTree is all about," said Fred Presley. "These students will gain the critical ability to see the world from a systems view, and as a result will be better prepared to face the complex challenges they will encounter in their adult lives. This project also demonstrates the commitment of Pine Point School to provide their students with creative challenges and exposure to new thinking."

Pine Point School's program in Moral Leadership is structured to inspire an inner deliberation over essential, ethical, eternal issues of life and living. Classes meet once each month. Guest facilitators are invited to teach a class bringing with him/her an essential question to ponder. Within and following the class, there is an opportunity to talk about and share the student's reflective writing about the topic.

"As we graduate tomorrow's leaders," said Pine Point School head Paul G. Geise, "we are excited to partner with PathTree, using its distinctive and vitally important 'systems thinking' approach to train strong minds that integrate with their caring hearts. We believe this program could serve as a national model for helping produce the future's best and brightest.

"For more information on PathTree and *Whole Systems Living*[™], visit our Web site at www.pathtree.com. For more on Pine Point School, visit www.pinepoint.org.