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GLBTQ Online High School receives Generous In-Kind Donation from The National Repository of Online Courses (NROC)

The non-profit Monterey Institute for Technology and Education (MITE) has agreed to donate a Premium Membership in the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC) to GLBTQ Online High School. The two-year NROC membership valued at \$25,000 includes approximately 30 college prep and Advanced Placement® courses. "Our mission is centered around improving access to high quality education, particularly for disenfranchised populations. GLBTQ Online High School clearly fits with our goals, and we look forward to working with their team," said MITE Executive Director Gary Lopez.

"We are deeply appreciative of this donation. MITE is an extraordinary organization distributing excellent curricular resources," said Dave Glick, Executive Director of GLBTQ Online High School. "The NROC courses fill an important niche in our course offerings by providing us with a wide range of upper-level high school and early college courses. With this donation, our entire course list now contains over 90 of the best online courses available anywhere."

The NROC courses utilize various combinations of video, animation, still graphics, simulations, text and audio to provide a resource beyond the development capacity of most educational institutions and organizations. The courses also focus on student activities, interaction and collaboration that take advantage of online communication tools. NROC partners with course developers and contributes additional development resources to ensure that the content is editorially rigorous, the curriculum is complete, and the technology is compatible with popular content management systems.

GLBTQ Online High School will use these advanced courses to provide a high quality college-prep experience. "We are striving to provide not just a safe place for GLBTQ teens, but also a high-quality academic community for students worldwide. The NROC courses will help us do that."

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About GLBTQ Online High School

GLBTQ Online High School will be launched in the fall of 2009 to provide a safe and welcoming educational community for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexual orientation. The school will provide a private high quality, comprehensive college-preparatory online high school experience using the best technology and techniques of distance education. The private, non-profit, tuition-based high school will serve students grades 9-12.

The GLBTQ Online High School will allow students to progress and excel academically without concern about a negative climate. In addition to highly qualified teachers and a college-preparatory curriculum, the school will provide student support services, a parent support community, and social opportunities that will network students and families across national and international boundaries.

Please visit the website at www.glbqtqonlinehighschool.com or contact David Glick, Executive Director, for more information.

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About the Monterey Institute for Technology and Education

The Monterey Institute for Technology and Education is an educational non-profit organization committed to improving access to education. MITE (pronounced "mighty") manages a range of projects from establishing systems for the development and distribution of open educational content to efficacy studies and other educational research. Two of MITE's cornerstone projects are the National Repository of Online Courses and the MacArthur Series on Digital Media and Learning.

The National Repository of Online Courses (NROC) project supports the development and distribution of high-quality online courses to a worldwide audience. The goal of this project is to facilitate collaboration among a community of developers to create a library of online courses that are available to everyone.

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