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Monarch School Project Adds Four Board Members

Bryant Burke, Nancy Hemry, Michael Stone and Hal Tilbury bring cross-functional expertise and perspective to downtown San Diego school serving homeless and at-risk youth

SAN DIEGO – Four prominent San Diego executives have joined the board of directors of the Monarch School Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Monarch School, which is a downtown San Diego school serving homeless and at-risk youth:

- **Bryant Burke**, chief operating officer and general counsel for JMI Services, Inc., which is engaged in investment opportunities in several strategic arenas, including real estate, sports and entertainment, and technology. In addition to serving as treasurer of the Monarch School Project board, Burke is a member of the board's executive, finance and post graduate committees.
- **Nancy Hemry**, senior director of the Human Resources Management Systems Group at QUALCOMM Inc., a leader in developing and delivering innovative digital wireless communications products and services based on the company's CDMA digital technology. Hemry serves on the Monarch School Project's board's fundraising and post graduate committees.
- **Michael Stone**, chairman of J.H. Whitney Investment Management, LLC, and senior partner of J.H. Whitney & Co., LLC. Whitney is a diversified alternative asset management firm with over \$7 billion in assets under management and principal activities in private equity, hedge funds, and mezzanine lending. He is also founder and managing member of Westwind Investors, a family office.
- **Hal Tilbury**, chief executive officer for Bluepoint Solutions, Inc., which provides the credit union industry with high-performance and unique document management and imaging software solutions. Tilbury serves on the Monarch School Project's board's fundraising and strategic planning committees.

Along with Burke, who serves as board treasurer, other elected board officers for 2007 include Julie Dillon as president, David Boatwright as vice president, and Denise Bowman as secretary.

About Monarch School

Monarch School is a unique example of public- and private-sector collaboration. While the San Diego County Office of Education provides the teachers and an accredited education for Monarch's students, support from the community enables the Monarch School Project, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, to provide healthcare, clothes and food along with enrichment programs that give its students a fighting chance to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Monarch serves more than 450 children each year, ages 8-18, grades 3-12, and the school's focus on academic achievement and personal development is making a positive difference in these students' lives. Research shows that for every six months a student spends at Monarch, he or she will progress more than a year academically.

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