



LOUISIANA'S TOP PERFORMING ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOL ELIMINATES BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

Enrollment still available for students

University View Student Services Director Melissa Bentley is fielding all kinds of questions from parents and students at this time of year as the final seats in the 2300-student K-12 online charter school get filled, but one thing that parents don't need to ask: How to meet the rising costs of back-to-school supplies and uniforms.

According to the annual Backpack Index compiled by Communities in Schools, the average classroom and extracurricular costs during the coming school year will total between \$850 and \$1900 for pencil boxes, study guides, sticky notes, binders and other back-to-school essentials.

"So many parents will remark that back-to-school shopping takes the fun out of going to the mall," said Ms. Bentley. "An online school may restore that good feeling." After all, the cost of school supplies has grown faster than the rate of inflation, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Parents and students looking for a quality, public K-12 school option can still enroll in all grades at University View Academy, formerly Louisiana Connections Academy, according to Superintendent Dr. Lonnie Luce. Registration is open to families in every parish of Louisiana.

"Our staff is here to underscore that every enrolled student will be educated. Our team approach between students, staff, and parents is based on a shared responsibility to step up to the plate to succeed," said Dr. Luce.

Rather than shopping, Ms. Bentley said the average University View family is busy receiving their computer for the year, registering their online connection with the school and reviewing their curriculums.

"Come join us!" she said. "We put the fun back in learning with a typical K-12 experience delivered in the comfort of your home!"

Call (225) 421-2900 or visit www.UniversityView.Academy before August 14 for information.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY VIEW ACADEMY University View Academy, formerly operating as Louisiana Connections Academy, is the state's leading provider of high-quality, free public online charter schooling for grades K through 12. University View allows students to learn and excel at their own pace, with individualized instruction by Louisiana certified teachers, while offering families the support and flexibility they seek to fit their lifestyles. At University View Academy, students embrace technology, flourish through innovation, and seek empowerment to become their best self. As an online charter school, students access their lessons anytime, anywhere with a computer offered by the school. The school is headquartered at the Russell J. Henderson Building, 4664 Jamestown Avenue, but accepts students from any parish in the State of Louisiana.