

## Dr. Cheri St. Arnauld Appointed to Newly Created Position of Chief Academic Officer of Aspen Group, Inc.

## Dr. Kevin Thrasher Promoted to Provost of Aspen University

NEW YORK, June 13, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aspen Group, Inc. (OTCQB:ASPU), a post-secondary education company, today announced that Dr. Cheri St. Arnauld has been promoted to oversee the academic operations of the parent company. Since March 2014, as the Chief Academic Officer of Aspen University Inc., Aspen Group's wholly-owned subsidiary, Dr. St. Arnauld increased educational offerings, achieved programmatic and university re-accreditation and established online processes and resources to support one of the fastest growing online educational institutions in the country.

"Aspen University is successfully delivering on its unique mission of making higher education affordable again, targeted primarily to the Nursing community, in large part because of Dr. St. Arnauld's commitment to providing students the best academic experiences and support systems," said Michael Mathews, Chairman & CEO at Aspen Group Inc. "We are pleased to have Dr. St. Arnauld bring these same skills to the parent company as we look to broaden our mission of quality, affordable education to all college-worthy students in America," continued Mathews.

Aspen Group, Inc. is also pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kevin Thrasher to the Provost position of Aspen University, reporting to Dr. St. Arnauld. Dr. Thrasher has held the positions of Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean, School of Education since joining Aspen in early-2016.

Dr. Thrasher has a broad depth of experience of nearly 15 years in online higher education with a background in curriculum development, instructional design and assessment practices. His previous appointments held at Grand Canyon University from 2004-2014 include Executive Director of the Center for Learning Advancement, Associate Dean in the College of Education, and Associate Director of Online Learning. He also previously served as the Executive Director of the Blended Learning Center at Primavera Online, where the focus was on promoting STEM programs (science, technology, engineering, and math) as well as remedial support programs in reading and math for online students.

"I'd like to congratulate Dr. Thrasher on his Provost appointment, a newly created position in which he'll assume the academic leadership position for Aspen University. Dr. Thrasher's ongoing focus will be to continuously improve the quality of Aspen University's educational programs and improve student outcomes," said Dr. Cheri St. Arnauld.

## **About Aspen Group, Inc.** (OTCQB:ASPU)

Aspen Group, Inc. is a post-secondary education company. Aspen University's mission is to offer any motivated college-worthy student the opportunity to receive a high quality, responsibly priced distance-learning education for the purpose of achieving sustainable economic and social benefits for themselves and their families. Aspen is dedicated to providing the highest quality education experiences taught by top-tier faculty; 57% of Aspen University's faculty hold doctoral degrees. To learn more about Aspen, visit <a href="https://www.aspen.edu">www.aspen.edu</a>.

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