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## Athena's Advanced Academy, Inc. Earns Cognia Accreditation

**February 22, 2022** – Athena's Advanced Academy, Inc. announced today that it has earned accreditation by Cognia<sup>TM</sup>, a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, educational organizations, and education service providers.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes educational organizations that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation that meets the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that the educational organization is accredited and that Athena's Advanced Academy is recognized across the nation as an organization that meets Cognia Standards of Quality and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

"Accreditation, as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission, provides Athena's Advanced Academy a nationally recognized mark of quality for our educational organization," shared Dr. Kirsten Stein. "It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students and families we serve."

To earn Cognia accreditation, an educational organization also must implement a continuous process of improvement, and submit to internal and external review. Educational organizations in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a five-year term.

Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia, stated, "Cognia Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire organization and its community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. Athena's Advanced Academy is to be commended for demonstrating that it has met high standards, is making progress on key indicators that impact student learning."

Cognia is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Parents and interested community members can learn more about the Cognia Accreditation at <a href="cognia.org">cognia.org</a>

## **About Cognia**

Cognia offers accreditation and certification, assessment, professional learning, and improvement services to institutions and other education providers. The result of the merger of AdvancED and Measured Progress, Cognia was formed to bridge the gap between school evaluation and student assessment. As a global nonprofit working in over 80 countries, our 36,000 institutions serve and support nearly 25 million students and five million educators every day. Cognia serves as a trusted partner in advancing learning for all. Find out more at cognia.org.

## About Athena's Advanced Academy, Inc.

At Athena's, we provide an inspiring environment with dynamic, interactive, à la carte online courses with live weekly webinars for gifted and talented students, including twice-exceptional & neurodivergent. Our dedicated, passionate educators support and encourage Athena's students to develop their talents and grow into confident, proficient lifelong learners. Find out more at <a href="https://AthenasAcademy.com/">https://AthenasAcademy.com/</a>