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**SANS Inc. Software and Network Solutions
Congratulates Vernon Hills High School in Illinois
Recipient of a 2010 National Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award**

...North Branford, Connecticut...[SANS Inc.](#), the developer and exclusive licensor of the Sony Virtuoso™ and Soloist® digital language learning suite, congratulates [Vernon Hills High School](#) as the recipient of a 2010 National Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award given by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices.

Cheryl Steffens, Supervisor of International Languages at Vernon Hills was chosen as one of the school's representatives to accept the award at a recent ceremony in Washington, D.C. When asked about her thoughts on receiving the award she stated, "What an honor for us at Vernon Hills High School in Community High School District #128 to have recently received the United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award. The staff, students, administration, and community are truly deserving of this award for the high quality and demand for excellence demonstrated in all that is done at Vernon Hills High School."

With pride, Mrs. Steffens added, “The International Languages Department is no exception when it comes to excellence. We are proud to be positively impacting the lives of our students, preparing them to become global citizens at a time where globalization is reaching all aspects of society. A key resource for excellent instruction is our Sony language lab. Teachers bring each of their classes to the lab on a weekly basis, more frequently when possible. VHHS International Languages teachers strive to make language learning and culture familiarization real and practical for students. As the world seems to be shrinking, distant lands and people are no longer as far away as they once seemed to be, making our curriculum vitally important for future success for our students. The creative activities and projects students are able to do in our digital language lab allow teachers to bring the world, those once distant lands and people, closer to the students on a regular basis. The department is proud of the excellent preparation for an internationally successful future we are able to provide the students here at Vernon Hills High School.”

Ron Remschel, president of SANS Inc. commented, “We congratulate everyone at Vernon Hills High School on this award and are honored that our language lab technology is helping to make a difference in providing more opportunities for creativity, communication, and cultural exploration for their students that are studying a second language.”

About SANS Inc.:

SANS Inc., Software and Network Solutions, is the developer and exclusive worldwide licensor of Sony Language Learning Software. These include the widely used technology solutions of the Sony Virtuoso™ and Soloist® digital language lab software suite. This technology is the instructional choice of numerous, discerning language programs in the U.S. and around the world.

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