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**Kuna Educator Pioneering Khan Academy in Idaho  
Featured in Documentary**

*Academy-award winning director follows great teachers, including Idahoan*

BOISE, August 26, 2013 – A national spotlight will shine on an Idaho teacher and her students when a Participant Media Pivot Original show airs on CBS September 6.

“TEACH”, directed by Academy Award®-winning director Davis Guggenheim, follows, Kuna Middle School math teacher Shelby Harris and three other teachers, Matt Johnson, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at McGlone Elementary in Denver; Joel Laguna, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade AP World History teacher at Garfield High in Los Angeles; and Lindsay Chinn, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade algebra teacher at MLK Early College in Denver as they navigate the ups and downs of a school year.

The 90-minute movie, hosted by Queen Latifah, follows Harris’s journey as she implements the *Khan Academy in Idaho* pilot in her 7<sup>th</sup> grade math class.

*Khan Academy in Idaho*, a J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation initiative, is the nation’s first statewide implementation of Khan Academy and includes 48 schools across Idaho, more than 230 teachers and nearly 13,000 students. The pilot is sponsored by the Albertson Foundation in partnership with Northwest Nazarene University and Khan Academy, the free internationally recognized online learning leader. The Albertson Foundation provided \$1.5 million in grants for technology, training and technical assistance for the pilot. The Foundation also provided funding for the movie.

The film depicts several months in Harris’s class where she and her students use Khan Academy’s student-focused learning tools



"It's been powerful. I thought that it would distance me from the kids, but it's been completely the opposite," said Harris. "I teach better now than I have in 13 years. They get more teaching time from me now than they ever did before."

"The integration of a blended learning model into the classroom has created a love of learning in her students," said Kuna middle school principal, Deb McGrath. "I often hear students who used to avoid math say that they look forward to her class every day."

Northwest Nazarene University is supporting the implementation of the pilot project through its Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, which is also funded by the Albertson Foundation. NNU is focused on developing blended learning practices in schools through the convergence of sound teaching strategies and technology.

"Shelby is an amazing educator and pioneer," said Jamie MacMillan, executive director of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation. "She serves as such a great model for the other educators who are in the Khan Academy in Idaho pilot. Khan Academy's work here is a demonstration of the learning revolution in Idaho and I'm grateful that this project is drawing national attention."

"It is always humbling to see the inspiring work of teachers like Shelby Harris. Her work only increases my anticipation of seeing the 232 Idaho teachers incorporate Khan Academy into their classrooms this fall. We thank them for their commitment to improving education for students of today and tomorrow," said Sal Khan, Founder of Khan Academy. "We truly believe that the Idaho project has the capability of being a model for the rest of the world and we are grateful that the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has made this project possible."

"TEACH" will air on the CBS Television Network on Friday, September 6 at 8:00 PM, ET/PT and will re-air on the new television network, Pivot, September 14 with an encore presentation on September 18. To learn more about the Khan Academy in Idaho pilot, visit [KhanIdaho.org](http://KhanIdaho.org); to learn more about TEACH, visit [takepart.com/teach](http://takepart.com/teach)

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**Khan Academy** Khan Academy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission of providing a free world-class education for anyone, anywhere. Khan Academy provides free online educational materials (e.g., instructional videos, practice exercises, dashboard analytics, teacher tools) that support personalized education for users of all ages in a



scalable way. In the last two years, the organization has delivered over 280 million lessons and generated 1.2 billion exercise problems. Currently it has 6 million users per month and 3 million exercise problems each day. Khan Academy covers subjects from basic Math to college level Biology and Art History.

**Participant Media** is a global entertainment company founded in 2004 by Jeff Skoll to focus on feature films, television, publishing and digital content that inspire social change. Participant's more than 40 films include GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK, SYRIANA, AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH, FOOD, INC., WAITING FOR 'SUPERMAN', THE HELP, CONTAGION and LINCOLN. Participant's social action campaigns and digital network [TakePart.com](http://TakePart.com) continue the conversation and connect audiences to a wealth of content and actions. Its new millennial television network Pivot, available in 40 million-plus homes, is TV for The New Greatest Generation.

**The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation** is a Boise-based, private family foundation committed to limitless learning for all Idahoans. Since 1997, the Foundation has invested more than \$500 million to improve education in Idaho. For more information about the Foundation visit [www.jkaf.org](http://www.jkaf.org). To watch a short video about how Idaho educators responded to the Khan Academy in Idaho training session in October, [click here](#).

**Davis Guggenheim** is best known for groundbreaking documentaries such as "The First Year," his first documentary about public school teachers, "Waiting for Superman" and the Academy Award-winning "An Inconvenient Truth," as well as the successful television series "Deadwood," "Numb3rs," on the Network, and "NYPD Blue."