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School of Engineering and Sciences to Graduate Its First Class of Seniors on Tuesday

June 13, 2011 (Sacramento) – The School of Engineering and Sciences (SES), a themed academy in Sacramento’s Pocket neighborhood, will hold its inaugural commencement ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday (June 14) in the campus quad.

SES opened with a single class of seventh graders in the fall of 2005, and has grown to 375 students in grades seven through 12. The school is designed to meet the needs and pique the interests of students who would like to pursue careers in engineering and sciences. SES students have won numerous awards in recent years in competitions involving such fields as robotics, architecture, construction, engineering and “green” sciences.

In addition, students are connected with mentorships and internships to keep them motivated and to put them in a pipeline for college and careers. As a result, 100 percent of SES’s inaugural class of 27 students is either continuing on with their education or bound for military service, said Principal Belinda Kirk.

“We are certainly sad to say good-bye to our graduates, all of whom have been with us since Day One,” Kirk said. “But we’re excited to be able to offer young people in Sacramento this great career- and college-preparatory program. We’re looking forward to meeting our new seventh graders in the fall.”

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