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The University of Advancing Technology Announces First Winner of the Karrlin Field Memorial Scholarship for Women Studying Computer Game Development and Design

Tempe, Ariz., August 1, 2006—The University of Advancing Technology (UAT) has announced that Emma "Kate" Zecchini, a Multimedia student, received the inaugural Karrlin Field Memorial Scholarship, which awards her \$1,000 towards her Fall 2006 tuition.

Since Summer 2006, women pursuing an education in computer game development and design at the University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Arizona (UAT) have been eligible for a scholarship created just for them: The Karrlin Field Memorial Scholarship will award \$1,000 towards tuition and other expenses twice per academic year.

The scholarship is named in honor of Karrlin Field, a prospective student at UAT who passed away due to the effects of cystic fibrosis at the age of 17 in 2004. Karrli, as she was known to friends and family, was like many UAT students. An intelligent, passionate young woman, Karrli was an aspiring writer and artist, and dreamed of a career as a game designer. Unfortunately, she would never attend UAT—diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at an early age, she passed away in 2004 at the age of 17.

Her memory lives on in the Karrlin Field Scholarship. The semiannual award recognizes female UAT game students passionate about the game industry.

Upon hearing the news that she had been awarded the scholarship, Ms. Zecchini was excited. "I had no idea I would win it," she says.

Ms. Zecchini applied for the endowment, inspired by Karrlin's story. "That's one reason that made me interested in it," she said. "It kind

of shocked me because I wanted to go to UAT, too; I've always wanted to come out to Arizona since I was a kid."

The Karrlin Field Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Karrlin Field Memorial Fund, administered by the Chester County Community Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization in Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for scholarships and charitable purposes related to causes that honor the life, creative works and memory of Karrlin Field. The UAT Scholarships are awarded to deserving female students who best demonstrate the academic and creative qualifications needed to succeed in the field of computer game development and design.

For further information on the life and works of Karrlin Field, please visit www.karrli.com. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Karrlin Field Memorial Fund, please visit www.chescocf.org and click on "Donate Online." To apply for the Karrlin Field Memorial Scholarship at UAT, please visit www.uat.edu.

To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must be current female students; have a cumulative 3.0 high school or college GPA; demonstrate financial need; and compose a 500-word essay on their vocational and educational aspirations, as well as their plans to inspire other female gamers in the future.

The deadline for the spring semester grant is September 5, 2006.