



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Shelterwood Academy Earns Cognia Accreditation for Another 5 Years**

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Shelterwood Academy announced today that it has once again earned accreditation by Cognia™, a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers. This distinguished honor in education is one that Shelterwood first earned in April of 1998 and continues to uphold as a standard of excellence today.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes districts 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 Shelterwood Academy is recognized across the nation as a school that meets Cognia Standards of Quality and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

“School accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission provides Shelterwood Academy a nationally renowned mark of quality for our school,” shared Kelly Wilson, Executive Director of Education. “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 we serve.”

To earn Cognia accreditation, a school district also must implement a continuous process of improvement and submit to internal and external review. Schools 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 school and its community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. Shelterwood Academy is to be commended for demonstrating that it has met high standards and 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 [cognia.org](http://cognia.org)

#### **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](http://cognia.org).

#### **About Shelterwood Academy**

Shelterwood Academy is a Christ-centered therapeutic boarding school for teens ages 13-18 struggling with mental, emotional, and behavioral health challenges. For over 40 years, Shelterwood has helped change youth lives and restore families by offering an individualized and interdisciplinary approach to treatment that includes academic, experiential, spiritual, and clinical modalities in a residential community with Brain Balance® programming on site. Discover a path to hope and healing at [shelterwood.org](http://shelterwood.org).