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2013 Christian Storytelling Festival:

Sellout Crowd Sees Matthew West Concert at Providence Academy

A sell-out crowd filled the gymnasium tonight at Providence Academy for the 2013 Christian Storytelling Festival. Award winning Christian artist, Matthew West, performed songs and shared the stories behind them.

A crowd favorite this evening was the hit song, "Hello My Name Is." This song from Matthew's recent album, *Into the Light*, is about a young man who lost his athletic scholarship and was kicked out of college after he became addicted to pain killers. His life spiraled downward until he attended a Christian rehabilitation center where, in Christ, he found the strength to turn his life around. Matthew earned his reputation as a fan favorite by signing autographs for an hour after the event.

After three years of negotiating potential dates for Matthew to visit Providence Academy, it is providential that it would land on a date at the beginning of the school year when Providence Academy is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and after Matthew's recent hit song had been number one on the charts most of the summer. In light of the 20th anniversary, Sara Hames, alumnus from the class of 2004 was invited to share the opening prayer at the 2013 Christian Storytelling Festival. Sara was chosen because she is a great example of the type of graduate who represents the Christ-centered and classical approach. Sara is currently an attorney working as an Operations Manager for Freedom House in Greensboro, NC. Freedom House is a long term, Christian rehabilitation program for women recovering from substance abuse. Sara

attends a local church, participates in a small group, and is going on a mission trip with some members of her church later this year.

This annual event helps support the need-based scholarship fund. The event raised over \$30,000 to help students from families who cannot afford a Christ-centered and classical education. Over the last five years, 20-25% of the students attending Providence Academy have been able to attend through need-based scholarship support from the Annual Scholarship Fund. Since the inception of Providence Academy, the Board of Directors has been committed to raising and providing need-based support for families who are unable to afford a Christ-centered and classical education. Over the past 11 years, the school has provided almost \$2 million in need-based scholarship support. This year the Annual Scholarship campaign goal is \$240,000.

As Providence Academy celebrates its 20th anniversary, the K-12, non-denominational school is also celebrating its highest enrollment to-date of 487 students. There are limited openings, and interested parents can visit the Fall Open House on Tuesday, August 27 from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM at the Providence Academy campus located on 2788 Carroll Creek Road, Johnson City, TN. For more information see the Providence website, www.providenceacademy.com, or call 854-9819.

Providence Academy (P.A.) is a non-denominational Christian school that implements a classical approach to education. It is located on a forty-five acre campus with a 67,000 square foot school facility. The school was founded in 1994. Providence Academy currently has 487 students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade.

Tours are currently being scheduled. Parents interested in Providence Academy may call (423) 854-9819 or view the school's web site at www.providenceacademy.com.

Equipping students with a Christ-centered and classical education