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**TregoED Launches Critical-Thinking and Decision-Making Tool
for Grades 6–12**

SCAN[®] inspires students to gain deeper understanding of significant, timely issues

PRINCETON, NJ (October 18, 2010)—TregoED, a leader in the critical thinking space, has announced the launch of SCAN, an online tool that builds critical thinking and decision-making skills. Designed for grades 6–12, SCAN helps students make well-developed arguments and solve complex problems.

“In today’s world, being college- and career-ready means more than just mastering core subjects,” said Kathryn Blackburn, Executive Director of TregoED. “SCAN helps students collaborate, communicate effectively, consider different perspectives, evaluate information from multiple sources and make sound and informed decisions—skills that every student needs to succeed in the 21st century.”

SCAN challenges students to examine issues from different points of view using authentic scenarios and role-playing. The innovative online tool includes built-in steps designed to focus online and in-classroom discussions. SCAN features over 100 current and historical scenarios for students to consider, including: cyberbullying, the Great Depression, and school-related applications of the Bill of Rights. A majority of the lessons feature social studies and life skills, but teachers can easily apply SCAN across all content areas. Teachers and students can also create their own SCAN scenarios.

SCAN addresses many state standards related to problem solving and decision making. The tool also supports the Common Core standards and their emphasis on reasoning, use of evidence and collaboration—all key elements of critical thinking. Teachers can also use the lessons as engaging writing prompts in preparation for high stakes testing.

“With each SCAN lesson, students in all grade levels become masters in the skills of collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking and communication,” said Lorelei Russo, sixth grade teacher. “I have not experienced students more engaged in learning than during the class periods in which I’ve incorporated SCAN into my lessons.”

About TregoED

With over a decade of experience, TregoED provides online learning tools and workshops for students and educators to help them build the capacity for critical thinking and collaborative decision making. The organization’s proven analytic methods are modeled after Kepner-Tregoe’s critical thinking strategies, which have been used by many of the world’s most influential organizations and Fortune 1000 companies in 44 countries. Kepner-Tregoe was founded in 1958 on the strength of Dr. Benjamin Tregoe’s and Dr. Charles Kepner’s pioneering research in rational problem solving and decision making. Tregoe served as Chairman Emeritus and Chairman of TregoED until his death in 2005. For more information please visit www.TregoED.org or call 866.268.3980.