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Harcourt Achieve Appoints New Publisher

AUSTIN, Texas – Harcourt Achieve announced today the promotion of Dr. Susan Canizares to the position of Senior Vice President and Publisher.

A 17-year veteran of educational publishing, Canizares had been vice president and editor-in-chief of Harcourt Achieve's imprint Steck-Vaughn since joining the company in 2001.

The promotion to Publisher gives Canizares publishing oversight to company's Rigby and Steck-Vaughn imprints. The Rigby imprint offers progressive learning solutions for reading instruction that provide differentiated instruction to match students' instructional levels. These products are based on strong instructional pedagogy that supports teachers as they actively guide and assess student progress. The Rigby imprint maintains a strong reputation in guided reading, including large collections of intricately leveled books and superior programs for English language learner (ELL) programs. Major Rigby products include *Rigby Literacy*, *PM Resources*, *On Our Way to English* and others.

The Steck-Vaughn imprint offers easy-to-use, innovative learning solutions that accelerate content-area knowledge and reading skills, allowing learners to meet and exceed expectations. These targeted resources assess, remediate, strengthen and enhance skills and reading development. The strength of the Steck-Vaughn portfolio includes basic skills materials for below-grade-level learners, struggling learners and special education and on-grade learners. Major Steck-Vaughn products include *Elements of Reading*, *Achieve It!*, *Power Up!*, *GED* and others.

Canizares began her career as a special education and early childhood teacher in New York City. Before joining Harcourt Achieve, she held top positions at Scholastic, MacMillan McGraw-Hill and Britannica Learning Centers.

She received her doctorate in language and literacy development from Fordham University in New York City, her masters in special education from New York University and her bachelor's degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Canizares is originally from New York City.

About Harcourt Achieve

Harcourt Achieve produces learning solutions and content that fundamentally and positively changes the lives of young and adult learners. Published under the Rigby and Steck-Vaughn imprints, its products are based on a developmental philosophy that assesses learners' skills and needs, matches them to appropriate content and accelerates them to meet and exceed expectations. The company publishes under two primary imprints: Steck-Vaughn and Rigby. These products are based on strong instructional pedagogy that supports teachers as they actively guide and assess student progress. For more information, please visit <http://www.HarcourtAchieve.com>.

Harcourt Achieve is part of Harcourt Education, a global education provider serving students and teachers in PreK through grade 12, adult learners and readers of all ages. The Harcourt Education companies are Harcourt School Publishers; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; Harcourt Achieve; Harcourt Assessment; Classroom Connect; Harcourt Canada; Harcourt Religion Publishers, Harcourt Trade Publishers, Greenwood/Heinemann and Heinemann Global Library. For more information, please visit www.harcourt.com.

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