



## **All Star Driver Education Announces Landmark Transaction to Combine With Top Driver**

*The transaction forms the largest and most comprehensive provider of driver education in the Midwest*

Ann Arbor, MI— October 14, 2021— All Star Driver Education, a leading provider of classroom and online driver education courses in 8 states, has combined forces with Top Driver, the largest provider of driver education in Illinois with additional locations in Michigan and Ohio.

All Star Driver Education was acquired in November 2019 by HighGrove Companies. Sean Roberts, founder and managing partner from HighGrove shared, “This is a very exciting milestone in our growth strategy as we have now expanded our footprint into Illinois and strengthened our leadership position in Michigan and Ohio where Top Driver has highly complementary operations to All Star. We are thrilled to welcome Paul Zalatoris and the Top Driver team into our organization, and we look forward to the tremendous opportunities we have to accelerate our growth together.”

“I’m extremely proud of our team at Top Driver and the business we have built” added Paul Zalatoris, CEO of Top Driver. “Our culture at Top Driver is centered on delivering the highest quality experience for our customers, and on ensuring the safety of our students. All Star shares these same principles, and we felt they were an ideal partner for us, not only because of our cultural alignment, but also because of their strong presence in Michigan and Ohio where we have been focusing our growth plans. We are very excited to join forces with All Star and the opportunities we have as a combined organization.”

Rick Van Pelt, CEO All Star Driver Education commented, “This transaction brings together two of the leading brands in our industry and there is an enormous amount of synergy between our organizations. As we leverage the resources of both companies, we expect to invest in our business to deliver an unrivaled customer experience for our classroom and online students, and clearly establish ourselves as the employer of choice in our industry.”

### **About All Star and Top Driver**

Together, All Star and Top Driver provided behind-the-wheel driver education courses to over 25,000 students in 2020 from over 100 locations in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. In addition to its presence in these core markets, the companies also provide classroom and online courses to students in Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Texas, Arizona, and Georgia.

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