



K12 Inc. and University of Maryland University College Announce Dual Credit Program for K12 Students

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Distance Education Leaders in K-12 and Higher Ed Partner to Expand Opportunities for Students

HERNDON, Va. & ADELPHI, Md.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 26, 2009-- K12 Inc. (NYSE:LRN), the nation's largest provider of proprietary curriculum and K-12 online school programs, and University of Maryland University College (UMUC), an accredited higher education institution and leader in distance education, announced a partnership to offer dual credit to eligible students enrolled in schools offering the K¹²® high school program.

The partnership gives eligible K¹² seniors in the U.S. and across the world the opportunity to enroll in UMUC college level online courses while pursuing their high school diploma through the K¹² International Academy™ or other partner schools offering the K¹² program. K¹² students that successfully complete UMUC courses will receive both high school and college credit for such courses, and can apply those college credits to a higher education degree to give them a head start on their post-secondary education.

The K¹²-UMUC dual credit program offers students more than 45 courses ranging from many core subjects such as math, science and history to numerous electives, including psychology, computer science, world languages, criminal justice, and law.

UMUC's distance courses use technology to connect to faculty members, fellow students, and advisors online, and give students the opportunity to participate at times convenient to them. This enables students the flexibility to achieve an appropriate balance of work, family, community, and educational commitments.

UMUC's distance education programs have won numerous awards, including the prestigious Sloan-C Excellence in Faculty Development for Online Teaching in 2006 and the 2004 Prize of Excellence from the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE).

"We're thrilled to partner with the University of Maryland University College to expand opportunities for our students," said Ron Packard, Founder and CEO of K12 Inc. "We're proud to see so many of our K¹² graduates moving on to higher education, including several who have been accepted into top-ranked universities and colleges. Every year, K¹² is working to provide the best education possible for our students so they are equipped to succeed in whatever path they choose when they graduate. Our new partnership with UMUC will further enable K¹² to prepare our seniors for the next chapter in their lives."

K¹² provides its high quality, award-winning curriculum and academic programs to online public schools across the country. K¹² also operates the highly-acclaimed K¹² International Academy – an online private school with students enrolled from over 35 countries across the world. The K¹² International Academy is a fully accredited, diploma-granting online school offering full-time or part-time enrollment opportunities for students in kindergarten through high school.

The K¹² program allows students to receive a comprehensive, highly-individualized education at home, on the road, or wherever an Internet connection can be found. K¹² combines exciting web-based lessons, hands-on education materials shipped directly to the student, state of the art interactive technology, a vibrant world-wide school community, and an experienced network of professional teachers and advisors who provide instruction, guidance and support.

"As a pioneer in online education, UMUC is proud to partner with K12 Inc. to help expand the educational opportunities available to qualified high school seniors nationwide," said Dr. Susan C. Aldridge, President of UMUC. "In a troubled economy and an increasingly competitive job market, education stands out as a central component of professional success and security. We look forward to working with K¹² to help another generation broaden their horizons and realize their dreams."

About University of Maryland University College

University of Maryland University College, headquartered in Adelphi, Maryland, is the largest public university in the nation, serving 90,000 students and offering 130 undergraduate and graduate programs online and on-site. In addition, UMUC is one of the largest public providers of online higher education in the nation.

The university offers face-to-face instruction at 21 locations throughout Maryland and educational services at more than 150 locations worldwide, including the Middle East. UMUC is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools—one of the six regional accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education—and is a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, an agency of the State of Maryland.

About K12 Inc.

K12 Inc. (NYSE:LRN), a technology-based education company, is the nation's largest provider of proprietary curriculum and online education programs to students in kindergarten through high school (K-12). K¹² provides its high quality, award-winning curriculum and academic services to online schools, traditional classrooms, blended school programs, and directly to families.

K¹² has delivered over one million semester courses to students worldwide. Last year in the U.S., more than 50,000 students in 21 states were enrolled in online public schools that use the K¹² program. K12 Inc. also operates the K¹² International Academy, an accredited, diploma-granting online private school.

K12 Inc. is accredited through the Commission on International Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA), which recently joined AdvancED, the world's largest education community. K¹² is the largest national K-12 online school provider to be recognized by CITA. More information can be found at www.K12.com.

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