



eCollege Helps Extend Reach of Stanford University's Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY)

DENVER, October 30, 2008—Stanford University's Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) has selected eCollege to support its world-renowned program for highly gifted students.

The EPGY Online High School at Stanford University is a diploma-granting, independent high school offering a full course of study to exceptional and gifted youth around the world. The Online High School allows students whose intellect and potential are not being met by the educational opportunities otherwise available to them to pursue advanced academic opportunities online. The school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

EPGY selected eCollege's learning solution because of the company's full range of online education services and support. eCollege's integration with Pearson's PowerSchool, the award-winning student information system, was another important factor in the decision. EPGY also selected PowerSchool to manage the program's data.

eCollege, a Pearson company, is a top provider of eLearning solutions and services for hundreds of the most successful online education programs in the US. The company is continuously adding to its suite of integrated and supported technologies that enable educational institutions to deliver quality experiences to help students reach their goals. Pearson, the international education and media company, is the world's leading education publishing and services company, with expertise and resources in educational content, technology, assessment and related services.

"As EPGY's Online High School grows, we seek to deepen the quality of the services we provide our students," said Raymond Ravaglia, Deputy Director of EPGY. "Through this collaboration with eCollege and Pearson, we are able to provide a scalable and technologically transparent learning program to help us achieve this goal. Furthermore, our instructors are excited to begin using the features that eCollege offers to them and to their students."

"Our eLearning solution provides an engaging environment that fully supports instructors and students," said Matt Leavy, CEO of eCollege. "We are thrilled to partner with the prestigious EPGY Online High School to offer gifted students more opportunities to achieve their educational goals."

"We were impressed by eCollege's commitment to offering a complete solution," said Ravaglia. "Both eCollege and PowerSchool offer turn-key systems with plenty of resources to support our efforts. Such collaborations show significant potential to advance teaching and learning. As we develop relationships with other high performing schools who want to make EPGY Online High School courses available to their students, having a robust platform underlying our school will be essential."





About eCollege -- eCollege, a Pearson company (LSE: PSON, NYSE: PSO), is a leading provider of a comprehensive course management system and associated services to postsecondary institutions and K12 education. The company provides an on-demand eLearning solution that supports many of the most successful fully online degree, certificate/diploma and professional development programs in the country, and increasingly, around the world. Pearson, the international media company, is the global leader in educational publishing, assessment, information and services, helping people of all ages to learn at their own pace, in their own way. In addition to Education, Pearson's primary operations include the Financial Times Group and the Penguin Group. For more information, visit www.ecollege.com or www.pearson.com.

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About Stanford University EPGY

The Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) at Stanford University has been developing and offering multimedia computer-based distance-learning courses to gifted students since 1992. Combining technical and instructional expertise, EPGY provides high-ability students of all ages with an individualized educational experience, optimized in both pace and content. Through EPGY, students have access to courses in a variety of subjects at levels ranging from kindergarten through advanced-undergraduate. The EPGY Online High School, created in 2005, provides the best students in the world with an opportunity to pursue a course of study designed with their unique needs and abilities in mind. For more information, visit <http://epgy.stanford.edu> and <http://epgy.stanford.edu/ohs>

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