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Ohio's E-Learning Degrees Hit Century Mark

Columbus, OH – The Ohio Learning Network has hit 100 degrees and couldn't be more comfortable.

OLN announces that the 100th e-learning degree, an Associate of Applied Science in Marketing, from Columbus State Community College, has been entered into the OhioLearns! online catalog. OhioLearns! (www.ohiolearns.org) is a searchable catalog of the 100 degrees and nearly 3,000 courses offered via e-learning from Ohio's colleges and universities.

When OLN started in 1999, OhioLearns! held only 500 courses and no complete degrees. With 61 colleges and universities in the Ohio Learning Network consortium, the number of e-learning offerings continues to grow. Several new degrees are expected to be available by spring 2004.

“Not only has e-learning grown significantly in number of offerings, but also in the number of students exploring e-learning options. By this fall, we expect nearly 50,000 students to take one or more e-learning courses,” said Kate M. Carey, executive director of OLN. “These students range from those taking ‘jammie courses’ – those courses traditional-age students take in their PJs while sitting in a residence hall – to adult learners who are working to complete degrees or be certified for a promotion at work. For many Ohio colleges and universities, e-learning enrollments are the fastest-growing portion of the student body.”

Ohioans who are interested in e-learning find the OhioLearns! catalog offers them a place to search for the course or degree that best meets their educational need, personal assistance from an OLN Regional Coordinator, and several online tools to help them determine what courses to take and match the courses with career opportunities.

OLN helps Ohioans find educational programs that meet their needs, works with colleges and universities using technology to improve teaching and learning, and helps build partnerships among higher education, schools, businesses, and communities. The Ohio Learning Network is a consortium of Ohio's public and independent colleges and universities and is an initiative of the Ohio Board of Regents. On the World Wide Web: <http://www.oln.org>.

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