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Back to School is Just a Click Away This Year

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Every year many Ohioans make New Year's resolutions, but not many of them are actually carried out. Make a New Year's resolution this year that counts and that you can fulfill. Go back to school! Start or finish that degree you've been thinking about - the first step is as close as your computer. You can meet your educational goals, stay true to your resolution and go back to school - online.

OhioLearns! is designed to help you meet your new resolution. Visit www.ohiolearns.org to see more than 3,200 courses and 188 degrees available at a distance from Ohio colleges and universities. With OhioLearns! you can search distance education offerings from 75 accredited colleges and universities. Colleges you know from across Ohio like The Ohio State University, University of Toledo, Lorain County Community College, the University of Findlay, Hocking College, The University of Cincinnati and many, many more. From Air Pollution Engineering to Astronomy, Business, Communications, Education, Nursing, Philosophy, Theater and Web Development - courses and degrees exist for you.

Not sure if online learning is right for you? Then give it a **FREE** test drive with the Ohio Learning Network's course, E 4 ME (www.e4meohio.org). E 4 ME is a non-credit online course that provides a basic introduction to online learning so you can decide if taking courses online is right for you. E 4 ME is a self-paced course that lasts one month. New classes begin the first week of every month and are taught by an instructor who guides students through the readings and quizzes and answers questions.

The majority of Ohioans who experience E 4 ME are working adults - 43% have some college but have not completed a degree and 81% percent of the students enrolling in E 4 ME are between the ages of 26-60. A recent poll by the University of Cincinnati reveals that 65% of Ohioans believe that it's important to obtain a college degree for their personal education goals. Participants in the poll also indicated that more time would enable them to more easily complete their college education. By enrolling in online courses, adults can spend less time commuting and more time learning.

It's never too late to go back to school. Ohio's economy is increasingly driven by knowledge and innovation, but the state's education rates remain low. Ohio's workforce needs to remain competitive in this economy. Why not try online learning this year and gain the education and skills needed to succeed in today's world!

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The Ohio Learning Network (www.olin.org) is a consortium promoting and supporting e-learning in the state of Ohio. OLN has 75 member colleges and universities and is a program of the Ohio Board of Regents. OLN helps Ohioans access higher education and helps build partnerships among higher education, schools, businesses and communities in the state of Ohio.