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CAREER COLLEGE UPDATES

**DeVry University and Banco Popular North America Partner to Form Scholarship Program**

The new program will offer up to 168 scholarships at selected DeVry campuses for high school seniors and adult learners, and will target low- to middle-income families. p.1

**Virginia College Creating New School of Construction**

The creation of Virginia College Skilled Trades Program Group will include both the new Virginia College School of Construction and the existing Virginia College-Technical operation. p.2

NEW CAMPUS LOCATIONS

**New School to Fill Dental Assisting Void**

A weekend school operated by a local dentist will address the shortage with a ten-week, low-cost program. p.3

**Kaplan Higher Education Opens Kaplan College-Renton**

The campus will be Kaplan's first location in Washington State and will offer an allied health curriculum. p.4

**DeVry University Expands To Utah and California's Inland Empire**

Both the Salt Lake City campus and the Colton, California campus will offer undergraduate programs in business administration and technical management. p.5



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## NEW PROGRAMS

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The onsite delivery of the program at Lambton College is a "first" in Ontario. p.6

### **Master of Fine Arts in Computer Animation Offers Professionals a Higher Level of Creative Achievement**

The Art Institute of California-San Francisco's program offers a forum for advanced study and rigorous discourse, integrating art history, criticism, and advanced studio exploration and experimentation. p.7

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### **DeVry's Ron Taylor to Retire, Daniel Hamburger Named Replacement**

Hamburger will be CEO effective in November 2006. p.8

### **Governor Granholm Appoints Specs Howard President/CEO to the Michigan Higher Education Authority**

Jonathan Liebman has been appointed to the 16-member board to help provide Michigan students with maximum access to financial support for higher education. p.9

## EDUCATION AND CAREER TRENDS

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Recent reports indicate that more IT jobs are available today in the U.S. than at the height of the dot.com boom, and that IT jobs are predicted to be among the fastest growing occupations over the next decade. p.10

### **Satisfaction Survey Supports Value Proposition Under Pressure**

The Baird survey indicates that some schools will need to fundamentally appraise cost versus quality, especially for short-term programs. p.11

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### **Kaplan Acquires Mandarin Language Training School in Hong Kong**

The school is a leading provider of Mandarin language training in Hong Kong with seven centers, 10,000 students and 75 employees. p.15

## CORPORATE SCHOOL NEWS AND REPORTS

### **CECO Career Education Corp.**

The company has reported its fourth-quarter profit grew 12 percent, driven by the worldwide demand for career training. Earnings for the quarter were \$70.3 million, or 70 cents per share, up 12 percent from \$62.9 million, or 60 cents per share last year. Revenue for the quarter was \$529.2 million, up 8 percent from \$491.1 million last year. p.16

The following events are in chronological order:

#### **Board Action**

The company's board also voted to declassify the board and enable stockholders to call a special meeting, and adopted a majority vote standard for election of directors. p.20

#### **Steve Bostic Continues to Pressure for Change**

Steve Bostic announces his intent to nominate an alternate slate of directors to Career Education Corporation's board. p.21

Bostic releases the text of his letter to Career Education chair and CEO John M. Larson. p.22

**Career Education Corporation Addresses Dissident's Plans to Launch a Proxy Contest**

The company reported that it had taken significant actions over the past year to strengthen corporate governance and regulatory compliance, and improve operating performance. p.24

**Career Education Corporation Appoints Steven H. Lesnik to Board of Directors**

Lesnik will take the seat of career college pioneer Wallace O. Laub, who has resigned from the board. p.25

**Career Education Corporation Receives Notice of Shareholder's Intent to Nominate Alternative Slate of Board Nominees**

Steve Bostic intends to nominate himself as well as two individuals from the Atlanta, Georgia area. p.25

**COCO Corinthian Colleges, Inc.**

W.P. Carey is providing the company with \$52 million to build a 156-apartment facility in Laramie, Wyo., which will accommodate 624 students, and a 164-apartment facility in Blairsville, Pa. that will house 648 students. p.26

Based on the company's 10Q, the overall environment is getting "less worse" according to analyst Jeffrey Silber. p.26

**EDMC Education Management Corporation**

The company has reported that fiscal second-quarter profit jumped 20 percent due to increased enrollment and revenue. The company posted a profit of \$47.6 million, or 62 cents per share, from \$39.6 million, or 53 cents per share. Revenue rose 13 percent to \$312.6 million from \$275.8 million in the prior-year quarter. p.27

**LAUR Laureate Education, Inc.**

The company reported that its fourth-quarter profit rose 39 percent, driven by a surge in campus and online student enrollment. Net income for the quarter was \$46.4 million, versus a prior-year profit of \$33.3 million. For 2006, Laureate raised its earnings outlook by 5 cents to a range of \$2.05 to \$2.15 per share, excluding the impact of stock options expense. p.30

The IRS claims that Laureate has \$54.6 million in taxes (plus penalties and interest) due, related to the gain on the 2000 sale of the Prometric testing subsidiary. p.31

**LINC Lincoln Educational Services Corporation**

The company reported that its fourth-quarter earnings rose to \$12.4 million, or 48 cents per share, from the year-ago quarter's \$6.1 million, or 27 cents per share. Revenue grew to \$81.8 million from \$73.3 million, an increase of 12 percent. Full year earnings increased 44 percent to \$18.7 million, and revenue grew 15 percent to \$299.2 million. p.32

**STRA Strayer Education, Inc.**

The company reported net income rose 13 percent in the fourth quarter due to increased enrollment and higher tuition. The company posted a quarterly profit of \$15 million or \$1.03 per share, compared with a prior-year profit of \$13.3 million or 89 cents per share. p.34

**UTI Universal Technical Institute, Inc.**

The company reported a 17 percent net revenue growth and a 12 percent operating income improvement for the first quarter of fiscal 2006. p.37

**FINANCE AND INVESTMENT**

**Hedge Fund Boosts Stake in Concorde Career Colleges**

Stadium Capital Management, an Oregon-based hedge fund has raised its stake in the company to 10.7 percent. p.39

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**Kaplan University Graduate Addresses Panel Named by U.S. Secretary of Education**

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