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Neumont University Sets Innovative Standard in U.S. Higher Education

Computer Science School recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education’s Commission on the Future of Higher Education for Innovation in Curriculum Development and Program Delivery

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Neumont University, offering accelerated Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Master of Business Administration degrees, announced today that the September 2006 Report of the Commission on Higher Education appointed by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings recognized the University as one charting the future of U.S. Higher Education.

In the report, the Commission stated that the future of our country’s colleges and universities are threatened by global pressures, powerful technological developments, restraints on finance and structural limitations that are in need of reform. The report concludes that past attainments in the U.S. have led to the nation’s unwarranted complacency towards its future in higher education. Recent data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development indicates the U.S. is now ranked 12th among industrialized countries in higher education attainment, with another half dozen on our heels.

"The United States has remained so far ahead of our competitors for so long that we began to take our postsecondary superiority for granted," the report stated. "The results of this inattention, though little known to many of our fellow citizens, are sobering."

Neumont University is addressing the fundamental issues of how academic programs and institutions must be transformed in order to serve the changing needs of a knowledge economy. With only a handful of universities mentioned in the report, Neumont was cited as one that has embraced a culture of continuous innovation and quality
improvement by developing new curriculum and technologies to improve learning, particularly in the field of Computer Science.

"Neumont focuses on industry needs for Baccalaureate graduates in Computer Science that possess the skills necessary to work on high-level applications development projects," stated Graham Doxey, President of Neumont University. "We are honored to have been included in the report. We plan to scale Neumont University's innovative project-based learning model to help solve some of the problems addressed in the Commission’s report."

The Commission also reported that today, the world is becoming tougher, more competitive and less forgiving of wasted resources. Looking forward to tomorrow’s world, a nation’s wealth will derive from its capacity to educate, attract and retain those who are able to work smarter and learn faster-making educational achievement ever more important both for individuals and for society writ large, the report concluded.

Neumont University’s accelerated two-year Bachelors Degree in Computer Science (BSCS) distinguishes itself with an integrated, project-based curriculum that focuses on the skills most valued by today's employers. Computer Science projects and coursework are designed to provide Neumont University graduates with a strong foundation in computer science theory, an understanding of the business environment, and the ability to communicate and function well as members of teams.

About Neumont University

Neumont University is educating the most sought-after software developers. The award-winning University offers accelerated two-year Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degrees and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees in one- and two-year formats. Neumont University is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Some of the careers in software development include software engineer, systems architect, web development, systems analyst, data modeler, and programmer/analyst. www.neumont.edu