Neumont University “Project Showcase” Highlights Tech Savvy Achievements of Students at Utah’s Premier Technology University

Salt Lake City, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 – As students throughout the country descend on college campuses to kick off a new school year, students at Neumont University – an accredited institution that grants bachelor’s degrees in computer science and related disciplines in three years or less – are finishing up their summer quarter by showing off their software development and other tech-focused projects in an event known as, “Project Showcase.”

The biannual event, will be held at the campus (143 South Main Street, downtown Salt Lake City) on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students compete in different categories both as teams and individuals in the hope of being declared, “Overall Best Project.”

Aaron Reed, executive vice president of academic operations, says, “It’s a great event that gives our students an opportunity to show off what they’ve been learning in the classroom.” Reed says the event is a natural extension for the type of education students have come to, and should, expect from Neumont.

“Our students are bright,” he explained. “But they’re interested in more than theory. So our curriculum is a meticulously constructed project-based and hands-on model that teaches software engineering using modern languages and techniques—the same that are used in the industry today.”

Neumont students complete a sequence of projects, which begin in their freshman year and conclude with supervised projects for real employers. These hands-on projects are called, “Enterprise Projects.” This Project Showcase will feature an Enterprise category where student teams will compete for the title of “Best Enterprise Project.” Since Neumont’s founding, students have completed more than 300 Enterprise Projects with 75 different companies like IBM, Bosch, and eBay.

Jayson Beagley, career services manager, says, “The projects are not the end-game, but they provide our students with a portfolio of real projects that make them very desirable to employers.” Neumont is focused on distraction-free, computer science education that delivers results.

“Projects are a key reason why our students are employed either before or immediately after graduation,” says Beagley. The numbers speak for themselves: 97 percent of Neumont graduates are employed within six months of graduation with starting salaries averaging approximately $63,000 a year.

The public is invited to Project Showcase and to learn more about Neumont University’s unique approach to education.

ABOUT NEUMONT UNIVERSITY

Neumont University was founded in Salt Lake City, Utah, to fill the growing national demand for industry-ready technology professionals by offering a three year course of study that immerses students in a rigorous, project-based curriculum. Ninety-seven percent of Neumont students graduate into a high-wage job in the field of computer science within six months of graduation with salaries typically in the $50,000 to $80,000 range (and an average starting salary of $63,300). Neumont’s innovative approach to computer science education has been recognized by Forbes, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, USA Today, and the U.S. Department of Education for innovation in higher education. Students attend classes full-time, year-round, Monday through Friday, and complete 180 credits, including general education courses and core technology disciplines. More information is available at www.neumont.edu.

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