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Students Affected by Hurricane Katrina Take Tunxis Online Courses

FARMINGTON—Fourteen students from five colleges in the New Orleans/Mississippi area are enrolled in courses at Tunxis Community College, one of only two colleges in Connecticut participating in the Sloan Consortium, to offer tuition-free online college courses to students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The students hail from University of New Orleans, Xavier University of Louisiana, Loyola University New Orleans, University of Mississippi, and Delgado Community College. They enrolled in Tunxis online courses “Western Civilization” and “Logic” in choosing among several of the College’s online offerings for the accelerated eight-week semester. They were also able to choose courses from other colleges and universities nationwide that are participating in the Sloan Consortium. An international association of colleges and universities, Sloan Consortium is the nation’s largest association of institutions and organizations committed to quality online education and administered through Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering and Babson College.

“Amidst the tragedies and devastation so many in the New Orleans area have experienced, it is reassuring to know our participation in this effort has in a small way enabled students to cope with some of the challenges they face during this difficult time, and continue pursuing their degrees,” said Cathryn Addy, Ph.D., president of Tunxis.

Tunxis Community College is a leader in online education within the Connecticut Community College System, offering many customized online courses with curricula developed and taught by Tunxis faculty. Over 200 credit and continuing education courses are offered each year. For more information on these and other programs at Tunxis, call 860.255.3500 or visit tunxis.commnet.edu.

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