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Jefferson State Named In Top 10 Digital Colleges in Nation

Birmingham, Alabama – Jefferson State Community College earned national recognition as one of the top ten digital community colleges in the country in the seventh annual Digital Community College Survey released on September 27, 2011. The survey documents advances made by community colleges in utilizing information technology and recognizes which colleges are providing a high level of service to their faculty, students, and communities as a result.

“This recognition demonstrates the emphasis Jefferson State places on providing the absolute best technology for our students and to the faculty and staff who serve them,” said Jefferson State President Judy Merritt. “We are extremely proud of this recognition and our efforts to enhance student success through technology.”

The survey looked at technology integration into college curriculum and campus life, documenting use of online admissions processes, distance education, technology training for students and faculty, campus security alerts, use of Web 2.0 social and collaborative capabilities as well as online tutoring and advisory services. Use of mobile devices was also a key indicator of success.

“As community college enrollments continue to increase, school leaders are incorporating new technologies to enhance student services and improve course curriculum,” said Cathilea Robinett, Executive Vice President of the Center for Digital Education. “Expanded distance learning offerings, use of mobile devices, and greater collaboration – among other efforts – demonstrate these winners’ drive to provide students with a high-quality education at a lower cost. Congratulations!”

In the seven years of the survey, this is the second time Jefferson State has ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

2011 Digital Community Colleges Survey Winners - Large Colleges Category

1st	Kingsborough Community College
2nd	Lone Star College
3rd	Montgomery County Community College
3rd	Northern Virginia Community College
4th	Catawba Valley Community College
5th	Scottsdale Community College
6th	Howard Community College
7th	Johnson County Community College
7th	Tidewater Community College
<u>8th</u>	<u>Jefferson State Community College</u>
9th	Moraine Valley Community College
9th	Salt Lake Community College
10th	Delaware Technical and Community College
10th	LaGuardia Community College