

College of DuPage Adopts CruiserAlert™ as New Emergency Notification System

Glen Ellyn, IL – February 5, 2008 – The [College of DuPage](#) announced today that it has signed an agreement with [Timecruiser Computing Corporation](#)® to provide an emergency notification system that is capable of reaching faculty, students and staff within minutes of a campus crisis.

The service, called [CruiserAlert](#)™, is a Web-based high-priority and emergency alert system that enables campus administrators to contact people on and off campus in an urgent situation. CruiserAlert will be integrated with the institution's CampusCruiser® portal, also provided by Timecruiser. In addition to broadcasting information via SMS text message to mobile devices, the service simultaneously directs the message to email, portal-wide announcements, system headlines, RSS feeds and voice messaging. Students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to activate their CruiserAlert accounts and subscribe to alert channels and select their preferred methods of delivery.

When faculty, students, and staff log into the institution's portal, they will automatically receive information as to how and when to activate their CruiserAlert accounts and subscribe to various alert channels.

"We now have a flexible communications application that will allow us to communicate with students and staff on their terms," said Chuck Currier, VP Information Technology, College of DuPage. "The application goes well beyond the standard emergency communications features found in other offerings, allowing participants to select their preferred method of delivery for all types of communications."

The flexibility and completeness of CampusAlert to cover all communication channels will encourage students and staff to register which in turn will enhance the college's ability to contact them with emergency communications any time, anywhere. "CruiserAlert will significantly enhance our ability to maintain a safe academic environment," said Chuck. "With flexibility of CruiserAlert, we can now instantly get vital information out to the entire College of DuPage community, to an individual or to classes, departments, or campus communities. By providing up-to-date communication we can help minimize the spread of misinformation, maintain order, and provide direction."

"Effective communication during emergency situations is vital to student safety," said [Allen Wang](#), President and CEO of Timecruiser. "With CruiserAlert, colleges can set up a secure, high-speed notification system in minutes without having to purchase or install software or hardware. Additionally, CampusAlert can be used for both urgent and important message delivery to the entire campus or to selected groups, such as specific buildings, dormitories, or academic departments. We applaud the College of DuPage for utilizing CruiserAlert."

About the College of DuPage

College of DuPage (C.O.D.) is a comprehensive public community college serving the needs of approximately one million residents of Community College District 502. Located 25 miles west of Chicago in suburban Glen Ellyn, Ill., C.O.D. is the largest single-campus community college in the Midwest. The college offers more than 90 certificates and degrees for occupational and technical careers, and seven associate's degrees in 45 pre-baccalaureate areas of study.

C.O.D. also features online classes, a diverse range of continuing education courses, career and professional development workshops, and programs for four-year transfer.

About Timecruiser Computing Corporation

Since 1995, institutions of higher education have relied upon Timecruiser to deliver innovative enterprise management solutions, backed by unrivaled customer service and technical support.

Timecruiser's award-winning products are used by over 2.5 million students, faculty, and administrators at 90 institutions to

- Improve Campus Communication
- Implement Effective Course Management
- Streamline Faculty Workload
- Build Cohesive Campus Communities
- Increase Efficiencies Campus-wide

The company's flagship product, CampusCruiser® was launched in 1999. In recent years, Timecruiser has expanded to include CourseCruiser™ Learning Management System, which assists faculty in efficiently managing and delivering learning content and resources to students.

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