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### **Notre Dame Academy Starts School Year with New Partnership with The University of Toledo for Online College Classes**

Notre Dame Academy (NDA) students will start the 2010-11 school year with even more college credit opportunities thanks to a unique partnership with The University of Toledo (UT) to provide 23 online classes. The online classes are open to sophomores, juniors and seniors who meet the academic criteria.

“Online courses in college are now the norm. Most students will take at least one online course in college. Some successfully handle it while others can struggle without the structure of a classroom. Our goal is for every student to complete at least one online course prior to high school graduation so they can learn the skills to be successful,” said Kim Grilliot, principal of Notre Dame Academy.

A goal of the program is to teach students while in high school how to effectively complete an online class. Online courses will be part of a standard class period but each student will work on the course of their choice on their own. A faculty facilitator will be on site to help them through the online process.

“What makes this program unique and conducive to high school students is having a set classroom period to do the online work and a faculty facilitator available to guide them through the process. The faculty facilitator will question and provide feedback, assess the student’s progress, encourage them when it is needed and propel them further into the content. It tilts the online process strongly in the student’s favor,” she explained.

With over 20 courses to choose the classes cover the areas of business, the arts, social sciences and science. There will be no charge for the classes and students will receive college credit upon successful completion of the course.

“Working with The University of Toledo we reviewed hundreds of courses and selected 23. Students can explore a special interest they have or get a jump start on core classes for a college major such as business. Each year we will review and add courses based on student interest,” she said.

“Notre Dame Academy offers a rigorous, college-prep curriculum which puts juniors and seniors in a good position to transition to a university-level course. The University of Toledo offers the perfect blended experience where students can take advantages of the resources of online classes but can still have the opportunity to have face-to-face interaction on a college campus,” explained Kevin Kucera, associate vice president for enrollment services for The University of Toledo.

## **Listing of Online Class Opportunities for Notre Dame Academy Students for Fall 2010**

Business Principles – BMGT 1010  
Human Resource Development – BMGT 2020  
Mass Communication and Society – COMM 2000  
Introduction to Film – FILM 1310  
Personal Investing – FINA 2000  
Principles of Nutrition – HEAL 2800  
Historical Thinking – Merchants, Peasants, Bandits – Writing Across the Curriculum –  
HIST 1130  
Survey of Contemporary Chinese Culture – HUM 2980  
Introduction to Exercise Science – KINE 1700  
Marketing Principles – MARS 1010  
Introduction to Philosophy – PHIL 2200  
Psychobiology – PSY 2600  
Introduction to Social Welfare – SOCW 1030  
Flash Web Animation – CMPT – 1500  
Beginning Adobe Illustrator – CMPT 1520  
Beginning Adobe Photoshop – CMPT 1600  
Podcasting, Vodcasting, Blogging – CMPT 1700  
Criminal Justice – CRIM 1010  
Human Relations and Diversity – CRIM 1040  
Geological Hazards and the Environment – EEES 1050  
Trigonometry – MATH 1330  
Principles of Financial Accounting – ACTG 1040