Microsoft Certification Classes Continue Growth

In the spring of 1998, Sullivan College, as Kentucky’s leading Authorized Academic Training Program (AATP) provider for Microsoft began to offer weekend Micro-

soft Network Engineering classes to prepare students to earn the prestigious Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) certification. This certification is the standard recognition of achievement in the networking field and will allow Sullivan graduates of this program to accept positions worldwide. A recent Microsoft survey indicated that salaries for this field range from $34,600 to $58,300 for entry level (0-1 year experience) personnel and that there are currently thousands of openings for certified network engineers in the United States that are unfilled.

New NT Labs

As this program develops, the entire college community has benefited because of the addition of new computer labs equipped with the latest Pentium level computers and the expansion of the Microsoft NT network to multiple labs throughout the campus. Three additional labs will be networked and expanded over the next few months.

In July, Sullivan’s Lexington campus also began offering classes in network engineering and the Sullivan Fort Knox campus began classes on their campus this month.

Tammy Kaelin, coordinator of the program, for the College states, “Sullivan has already grown to become the premier trainer of Microsoft network engineers in this region and we will continue to offer additional classes, including classes to prepare graduates for certification as a Microsoft Certified System Developer (MCSD).”

Sullivan a Leader

Terry Kibiloski, chairman of the computer science department says, “Sullivan has grasped the leadership in this market place and is providing state-of-the-art education and training for this high-tech high-need career field. We are thrilled to be involved with Microsoft in this activity.” This continues a long relationship with Microsoft which began when Microsoft awarded Sullivan one of five national academic grants several years ago to develop academic programs utilizing Microsoft technology.

Students interested in taking Microsoft certification classes should contact their department chairman or Tammy Kaelin at 456-6509 for additional information on class offerings and new start dates.