Sullivan is the best choice for a Computer Science degree

by Scott Cordie, Computer Science Department Chair

The most common question I am asked is, “What makes Sullivan’s Computer Science program better than Computer Science and Information Technology programs taught somewhere else?” My answer is always the same. Our focus is not computer engineering nor how to use a computer at work. While we teach some of the same material, our main focus is teaching a broad spectrum of skills needed by a computer generalist to succeed in any computer career. We want our students to be successfully employed in the networking group at UPS, at a repair shop like Geek Squad City, or as the single technical support guru at a smaller, locally-owned business.

How Sullivan University is different

Sullivan is different from the other Computer Science programs in Louisville because most students are taught in a computer lab starting the first day of class. This enables students to use, break, fix and maintain all of the parts of a live computer. Instead of a lecture on programming with students only permitted to sit and take notes, Sullivan students create working programs that are refined over time.

Another great Sullivan advantage is having a Hydra Sullivan student: the Computer Science department web server. Students use this server to practice their skills in a live development environment. For example, students taking Database Design create databases on this live server. Students in Website Design publish real web pages; students in Operating Systems multi-thread executors and students in the Object-Oriented Programming class use a game to learn how to program in Java.

Sullivan University has it all

If you want classes that are fun, challenging and hands-on, you will find them at Sullivan. All of the instructors have real-world knowledge and practical experience. Sullivan prepares its students to be outstanding candidates for any technology-based business. Take a look at the Computer Science Department at Sullivan University’s College of Technology at http://cog.sullivan.edu

Local companies strike gold with Sullivan grads

Left to right, kneeling: Jason Rader ’06, Operations Manager and Chris Steal ’07, Support Associate. Second row: Jesse Morgan ’05, Systems Engineer; Donnie McClusky ’06, Systems Engineer; Chana Cohn ’05, Internetworking Consultant and Don’ Justice, Director of the Information Technology at Sullivan University. Back row: Steve Staten, Director of Operations & Engineering; Dominic Schneider ’05, Systems Engineer; Brian Hanover ’06, Systems Engineer; Rob Asmus ’06, Business Technology Consultant; Dean Veel ’06, Support Associate and Tristan McKee ’07 Support Associate. These Sullivan graduates are involved at all levels of managing complex, state-of-the-art systems at Peak10, New Age Technologies, ANS, Inc. and MaximumASP.

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High score earned a great trip for Sullivan Microsoft student

Sullivan student Lex Molo ’10 was excited recently about earning an almost perfect score on Microsoft certification test 70-674 on a SharePoint exam. Microsoft invited him, call and he passed. The new certification is one of the required skills for the MicrosoftSharePoint Certified Engineer certificate.

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