MALVERN, Pa, September 6, 2011 — Six colleges within the Alabama Community College System will implement SunGard Higher Education’s Banner Digital Campus to help deliver exceptional student service and replace aging administrative systems that were impeding their ability to compete with other institutions. Taking a collaborative approach to the selection and implementation of their digital campuses will help the institutions maximize their limited resources, pool their knowledge and experience, and leverage standard practices and procedures across the colleges.

Acting as a unified consortium, Calhoun Community College, Shelton State Community College, Central Alabama Community College, Gadsden State Community College, Snead State Community College and Wallace State Community College - Hanceville chose the Banner Digital Campus as the best fit for their needs. In addition to the Banner administrative suite, the colleges will implement the Luminis Platform, Banner Flexible Registration, DegreeWorks and integration technologies. In addition, four of the colleges licensed the SunGard Operational Data Store and Banner Document Management Suite. The colleges join over 15 other institutions in the state that run on the Banner Digital Campus.

“Banner will help our colleges streamline workflows and improve efficiency in virtually every operational sense; pool our knowledge and experience; and lay to rest concerns about our most-vulnerable, outdated in-house systems,” said Dr. Glenn Deibert, executive vice chancellor, Department of Postsecondary Education, Alabama Community College System. “This will help us standardize practices and procedures across campuses, and clear a path toward implementing a data warehouse for business intelligence purposes.”

“Almost every facet of our college will be touched by the transformation to Banner,” said Dr. Mark Heinrich, President, Shelton State Community College. “The best practices and self-service tools will help improve constituent and student services, our business services and retention. Having more reliable data will also help us make better informed decisions. This is a strategic move we must make to meet the needs of our growing community and remain competitive during tough economic times.”
“SunGard is pleased to help the Alabama Community College System deliver on its mission to help every student succeed,” said Bruce Bleiman, senior vice president, customer relationships, SunGard Higher Education. “Their collaborative approach will help them share and use resources wisely, deliver on the learning expectations of today’s digital natives, and also support the individual missions of each college.”

About Alabama Community College System

Governed by the Alabama State Board of Education, the Alabama Community College System consists of 22 comprehensive community colleges and four technical colleges; Athens State University; and extensive workforce development initiatives, including the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute and the Alabama Technology Network.

The mission of The Alabama Community College System is to provide a unified system of institutions dedicated to excellence in delivering academic education, adult education, and workforce development opportunities that support economic growth and enhance the quality of life of the people of Alabama. The statewide geographic location of colleges, open enrollment, flexible class schedules, and increasing options for distance learning make it possible for many to earn college credit while living and working in their own communities. A variety of programs and services that remove barriers to college, education and workforce development bring life-changing opportunities to the heart of communities.

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