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## **2012 Survey Finds Community Colleges Expand Distance Learning and Offer More Student Services Online**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. Oct. 18, 2012** – e.Republic's Center for Digital Education announces the results and winners of the eighth annual [Digital Community Colleges Survey](#).

Community Colleges across the nation respond to increased enrollments and limited budgets through innovative use of technology, according to the Digital Community Colleges Survey results released today.

92 percent have expanded distance learning offerings online and 77 percent have increased online student services. Survey results also show that 95 percent are now using social networking to reach out to students and 79 percent use YouTube, up by 14 percent from 2011. More [survey findings](#) here.

“This survey gives great insight into the nation’s Community Colleges’ efforts to advance services to students through new technologies,” says Cathilea Robinett, executive vice president of e.Republic. “The winners in these categories have increased the number of computers and kiosks, automated labor-intensive processes, improved student portals and increased student online services and more. Congratulations!”

Colleges from 26 states across the U.S. participated in the 2012 Digital Community Colleges Survey. Following are the [top 10 ranked colleges](#) in each of three categories.

### **2012 Digital Community Colleges Survey Winners:**

#### **Large Colleges Category - 10,000 Students or More**

- 1st Lone Star College
- 2nd Northwest Arkansas Community College
- 3rd Howard Community College
- 3rd Kingsborough Community College
- 4th Johnson County Community College
- 4th Northern Virginia Community College
- 5th Houston Community College
- 6th Delaware Technical and Community College
- 7th Delta College
- 7th Tidewater Community College
- 8th Montgomery County Community College
- 8th Salt Lake Community College
- 9th Moraine Valley Community College

10th Fayetteville Technical Community College

**Mid-Sized Colleges Category - Between 5,000 and 10,000 Students**

- 1st Lord Fairfax Community College
- 2nd Virginia Western Community College
- 3rd Laramie County Community College
- 4th Hostos Community College
- 5th Darton State College
- 6th Walters State Community College
- 7th Germanna Community College
- 7th Piedmont Virginia Community College
- 8th Southside Virginia Community College
- 9th Lake Land College
- 10th Minnesota West Community and Technical College

**Small Colleges Category – Less Than 5,000 Students**

- 1st Carl Sandburg College
- 2nd Tompkins Cortland Community College
- 3rd Kirtland Community College
- 4th Atlanta Technical College
- 5th Lake-Sumter Community College
- 6th Halifax Community College
- 6th Rappahannock Community College
- 7th Patrick Henry Community College
- 8th Spoon River College
- 9th Southwest Virginia Community College
- 10th Panola College

Survey questions and criteria examined and scored areas of digital and emerging technologies, such as use of mobile devices and technology integration into curriculum; strategic planning and data management; and delivery models and professional development, including availability of technology tools and training for faculty and students.

In addition, colleges were surveyed on their technology priorities, shared services and cloud computing; infrastructure and networks; and outreach and workforce development.

The Center for Digital Education thanks survey underwriters [Insight Public Sector](#) and [Cisco](#) for their support of community colleges across the nation.

**About the Center for Digital Education**

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