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SCC CHOSEN FOR EGYPTIAN STUDENT INITIATIVE

Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) notified SCC this week that the College has been selected to receive foreign exchange students from Egypt next fall. Up to eight students will arrive at SCC prior to the fall quarter and remain at the college for approximately three quarters. Some may stay longer depending upon their program length, according to Shawn Woodin, Assistant National Director of the project, and Mary Beth Hartenstine, the Western Regional Project Manager.

The CCID Community College Initiative for Egypt is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by CCID. The initiative is part of a series of public diplomacy and participant training initiatives resulting from the University Presidents' Summit on International Education convened by U.S. Secretary of State and the U.S. Secretary of Education in January 2006.

Under this initiative, approximately 175 underserved Egyptian students will study in the United States for 8-21 months during the 2008 cycle of the grant project. Students will also participate in a "Freedom and Democracy" educational series while attending college full-time. They will be paired with a local mentor family to give them a taste of family life in the U.S. and will also participate in campus life.

CCID is a non-profit organization with a membership of 170 community colleges in 14 nations dedicated to building global relationships that strengthen educational programs and promote economic development. SCC became a member of CCID this year.

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