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## **SUCCESSFUL FALL 2009 START FOR BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY'S ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

*Online Education Partner Helps Respected Institution Grow Enrollment*

Chicago, IL (November 10, 2009) – Benedictine University's online degree programs are off to a strong start this fall with dramatic increases in new students and overall enrollments compared to previous years.

The most impressive gain was in the University's online Master of Public Health program, with 109 percent year over year new student growth compared to the same period last year. Overall new student enrollment, in all online degree programs, is up 153 percent over 2008.

Benedictine saw gains in total online students as well as an increase of 83 percent compared to last year, with the greatest gain in the online Master of Education in Reading and Literacy degree program, which saw a 153 percent increase compared to fall 2008.

"Partnering with Deltak has allowed us to reach out to a completely new student demographic," said William Carroll, Ph.D., president of Benedictine University. "I look forward to working with Deltak for years to come as they continue to help us diversify our student base and degree offerings."

In 2003, Benedictine partnered with Deltak, a respected industry leader in online higher education and distance learning, to develop a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) as the University's first online degree program. The partnership has since grown to include five fully online graduate programs and a recently launched doctorate of education in higher education and organizational change. Deltak brings more than 12 years of expertise in online learning and provides services such as course development, marketing, student recruitment and overall operational management.

"Deltak is extremely proud to be a partner with Benedictine University for the past six years," said Craig Pines, President and CEO of Deltak. "The continued growth of the online degree programs is a tribute to our combined efforts, and we believe the success of the program is a result of our having a shared vision and the strengths of both parties."

For additional information about Deltak and its services, visit [www.deltakedu.com](http://www.deltakedu.com). To find out more about Benedictine University's online programs, visit <http://www.onlinedegrees-benedictine.com>.

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Deltak partners with colleges and universities to provide a full range of services that include marketing, student recruitment, faculty training, instructional design, student retention services, and 24/7 student and faculty support for schools seeking growth opportunities in online education. The company is focused on partnering with institutions desiring to advance their educational mission in an online modality, in ways consistent with their reputation for quality, for the purpose of achieving strategic objectives. Deltak is currently assisting fifteen top institutions expand their reach and achieve their growth objectives. The company is a pioneer business processes outsourcing company that was formed from a think tank at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill in the early 1990s.

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