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**AIU ONLINE HOSTS VISIT FROM REP. PHIL CRANE TO DEMONSTRATE
FAST-MOVING WORLD OF ONLINE HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Congressman Credits AIU Online in Creating Opportunities for Students
and Hundreds of Jobs for Illinois' 8th Congressional District*

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill., (March 1, 2004) – American InterContinental University (AIU) Online today hosted Rep. Philip M. Crane (R-IL 8th) for a demonstration of its online education capabilities that have made AIU Online one of the nation's fastest-growing universities.

“The power of the Internet continues to transform learning opportunities for students with busy lifestyles,” Rep. Crane said. “As a former history professor and one who watches my grandchildren utilize the Internet every day of their lives, I know that the barriers to higher education can be overcome for many students through online opportunities such as AIU Online.

“As an employer in my district, AIU Online continues to add hundreds of jobs to support the local economy as well as to offer employment opportunities to faculty who teach from wherever they may reside in the United States. It is these combinations that are transforming the 21st century employer model and provide lifelong learning opportunities for students and workers across the nation,” Rep. Crane said.

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“We are pleased to host Rep. Crane’s visit and demonstrate the power of online education to bring the classroom to students on an anywhere, anytime basis,” said Nick Fluge, chief operating officer of AIU Online and president of the Online Education Group of Career Education Corporation. “Through its multimedia coursework and its unique Virtual Campus that replicates a conventional on-campus experience, AIU Online supports thousands of students in successfully completing their degree program, wherever they may live and work.”

AIU Online offers degrees in Business Administration, Information Technology, Education, Criminal Justice, Healthcare Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Visual Communications. For more information, visit www.aiuonline.edu.

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