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### **Pine Technical College sees largest enrollment increase of MNSCU**

PINE CITY, Minn. – 30 days into the fall 2009 semester, and after the expected, initial percentage of “Drops” and “Withdrawals” at the semester’s start, Pine Technical College holds steady with an overall 22 percent increase in enrollment over the fall, 2008 semester. The increase is the largest increase of all colleges and universities within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MNSCU).

MNSCU is comprised of 32 state universities and community and technical colleges in Minnesota and collectively serves about 250,000 students per year in credit-based courses. The system overall has seen a seven percent increase in enrollment this semester.

“We know the economy was a major factor driving this enrollment boom,” said MNSCU Chancellor James H. McCormick. “This unprecedented growth comes at a time when budgets have been cut at the state colleges and universities, so faculty and staff are working harder than ever to serve students. We especially welcome the opportunity to serve displaced workers seeking to retool and upgrade their knowledge and skills.”

The total headcount at Pine Technical College is 952. PTC offers certificates, diplomas and two-year degrees, many of which transfer seamlessly to upper-division colleges and universities. Popular programs at PTC include American Sign Language, Automotive Technology, Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Programming, Early Childhood Development, Gunsmithing, Machining, Nursing, Public Welfare Financial Worker and more.

“We’re hosting an Open House Oct. 28, 5 to 8 p.m., and the event is a perfect opportunity for everyone to come and see why we’re Number One,” said Nancy Mach, Pine Technical College Dean of Student Affairs. “The Open House event is everyone’s chance to tour our labs, meet our instructors, and talk to College advisors regarding careers,” Mach added.

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