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ASHFORD UNIVERSITY TO HOLD GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW ADMISSIONS CENTER - SPECIAL GUEST GOVERNOR CHET CULVER TO SPEAK

CLINTON, IOWA (February 27, 2007) – Ashford University, a leading university with undergraduate and graduate programs, will be holding a Groundbreaking Ceremony for its new facility in the Lyons Business and Technology Park on March 8, 2007 at 10:00a.m. CST. The 18,360 square foot facility located at 1310 19th Avenue N.W. in Clinton, will be a support center for Ashford’s on-line enrollment programs. The new building will significantly improve access to higher education for an expanding and diverse group of students. For directions, visit www.ashford.edu/directions. The groundbreaking festivities and reception will be held in a tented location at the Lyons Business and Technology Park.

“Founded in 1918, Ashford University has long been a fixture in the City of Clinton, Iowa,” said Governor Chet Culver, whose attendance at the ceremony will be his first visit to the City of Clinton since taking office. “By leasing not one, but two buildings in the state-of-the-art Lyons Business and Technology Park, Ashford University will add an additional 235 jobs to the local economy. Teamwork between Ashford University and the City of Clinton has made this possible.” Andrew Clark, CEO of Ashford University, added, “We’re truly honored that Governor Culver has graciously agreed to speak at our groundbreaking ceremony.”

During the next few months, Ashford University plans to hire more than 100 employees to staff the first phase of the center’s operation. It will be hiring Enrollment Advisors, Enrollment Managers, Financial Service Representatives, Academic Counselors and other miscellaneous positions. Full-time positions include competitive salary and attractive benefits packages.

To recruit these employees, Ashford will hold a Job Fair on Saturday, March 10, 2007 in its Durgin Educational Center, 400 North Bluff Boulevard in Clinton, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information, applicants can call 866.605.9167 or visit www.ashford.edu/careers.

“It’s exciting to see the continued impact the Ashford name will have on the economy of the Clinton area,” said Mr. Clark. “The new support center will provide state-of-the-art enrollment facilities that will allow us to give students improved access to a variety of online undergraduate and graduate degrees. This is another step in our program which offers students a high-quality and affordable University education.”

Ashford University will be the anchor tenant in the Lyons Business and Technology Park.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must RSVP at invite@ashford.edu by March 5th as space is limited.

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About Ashford University

Founded in 1918 as Mount St. Clare College in Clinton, Iowa, Ashford University is a coeducational institution regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, with programs in education, business, accounting, criminal and social justice, computer animation and graphic design, among other areas. The University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as a range of student activities and athletics, at its Clinton campus. Online degree programs are available in education, organizational management, business administration and psychology. The University is known for its high-quality yet affordable campus and online programs, with tuition fees among the lowest in the U.S. when compared to other private institutions. Our tagline is: “Higher Education Made AffordableSM”. For more information, please visit www.ashford.edu.