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### **College and Employment Program Continues to Pay Big Dividends**

*Program Offers Paid Tuition, Rental Assistance, a Job and More, to Make College Affordable*

**WILLOW SPRINGS, IL** Imagine a program that offers a 100% paid college education along with a job, paycheck and medical benefits, and more. That program is the Chicagoland Regional College Program (CRCP).

The CRCP is a joint venture among Chicago State University, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, Prairie State College, Olive-Harvey College, and UPS. Through the CRCP, hard-working students attend classes part-time at one of these select educational institutions and work part-time at the UPS facility in Hodgkins, Illinois.

CRCP students are experiencing great success...not only taking advantage of the many benefits but reaching their educational milestones. For fall 2007, 269 CRCP students earned cash bonuses of \$250-\$1400 each for reaching individual achievement. Total program bonus payout was a record \$143,050. This month, ten CRCP students graduated from Chicago State University including Ojevwe Omene, who graduated cum laude, earning her bachelors of science degree in nursing. Cedric Sterling, B.S. in psychology, plans to continue in the CRCP to earn his masters degree. Since the program's launch in July 2003, eighty two students have completed their studies through the CRCP; 46 additional students will transfer to other universities to continue their education. Determination pays off!

Through the CRCP, students receive the following benefits to assist them in reaching their educational and ultimately, career goals.

- Paid tuition, books and fees
- A weekly paycheck

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- Up to \$4,000 annually for program-eligible housing
- Transportation assistance
- Mentoring support on campus and on the job
- Health insurance
- Weekends and holidays off
- Paid vacations
- 401 (k)/stock purchase program

Currently, approximately 400 students are enrolled in the CRCP with more than 100 more expected to join our ranks to continue their education fall 2008.

To learn more about the CRCP and to begin your road to a debt-free education, visit [www.crcprogram.com](http://www.crcprogram.com) or call 1-866-501-CRCP.

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[Editor's note: More information about the Chicagoland Regional College Program is available at <http://www.crcprogram.com>]