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**Florida Virtual School® Celebrates CTE Month® with New Career and Technical Education Courses**

**Orlando, FL (Feb. 8, 2017)** – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide public school district in Florida, is currently celebrating CTE Month®, a public awareness campaign that Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) holds each February to celebrate Career and Technical Education and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country.

CTE programs raise awareness of the crucial role in readying our students for careers and our nation for economic success. Recent studies show that employers are focusing less on grades and extracurricular activities, and focusing more on employability skills. Florida Virtual School recently added two new courses to its suite of CTE courses that can help students properly prepare for college success and future careers. These courses are:

- **Digital Information Technology (DIT)** – Teaches students the fundamentals of Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Along with IT essentials, students also learn skills that prepare them for college and careers.
- **Foundations of Programming (FoP)** – Teaches students the fundamentals of programming using the computer language Python. Course provides students with the concepts, techniques, and processes associated with computer programming and software development, along with skills that will prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow.

“We want to help our students at FLVS be prepared and confident on their journey to their future careers. Companies are shifting their focus to employable proficiency, and we want to make sure our students are ready,” said Dr. Jodi Marshall, FLVS executive vice president of Business and School Solutions. “Skills such as adaptability and managing complexities, social and civic responsibility, and interactive communications are all very imperative to any job out there. Above all, FLVS wants to ensure student success, so we designed these courses to meet the needs of industry and academia.”

According to the National Institute for Professional Practice, the following four skill clusters are needed to succeed in the current 21<sup>st</sup>-century workforce:

- Digital-age literacy
- Inventive thinking
- Effective communication
- High productivity

To learn more about the CTE courses FLVS offers, visit [www.flvs.net/courses](http://www.flvs.net/courses). To learn more about CTE Month®, visit the ACTE site at <https://www.acteonline.org/>.

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***About Florida Virtual School***

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual Kindergarten-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the United States and the world. A nationally recognized e-learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, statewide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs. For more information on FLVS, visit [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net).

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