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Glen Oaks among fastest growing community colleges

CENTREVILLE---Glen Oaks Community College is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation, according to a ranking compiled in late 2009 by the U.S. Department of Education and reported in Community College Week magazine. The magazine's report compares fall 2007 against fall 2008 data. "Since the fall of 2007, Glen Oaks head count has grown by 22 percent," said Dr. Gary Wheeler, President of Glen Oaks Community College.

The results were reported in the annual "Special Report: Fastest Growing Community Colleges" in the November 30, 2009 issue. The article named the top 50 in four categories ranging from "fewer than 2,500 students" to "10,000 or more students."



Glen Oaks ranked 45th among the Top 50 Fastest Growing Community Colleges in the under 2,500 student category. Rankings are based on the percentage change in head count at each college. Enrollment at GOCC rose from 1,383 in the fall 2007 to 1,567 by the fall 2008. That represented an increase of 184 students or 13.3 percent. A report for fall 2009 shows the enrollment is near 1,700. Only one other Michigan community college showed faster growth. Bay Mills Community College, with 500 students reported a 17 percent increase.

"It is exciting to see Glen Oaks among the top fifty community colleges in the United States with enrollments in the under 2,500 category. This says a lot about the demand for the quality education provided at Glen Oaks. Our mission is to meet the life-long learning needs of our students and the community. In this unprecedented period of changing local needs and a challenging global economy, the Glen Oaks faculty and staff work hard to provide dynamic and relevant curriculum," said Dr. Wheeler.

Community College Week magazine is the independent voice for community, technical and junior colleges. Since 1988, the biweekly publication offers news, features, academic trends, issues and vital statistics.