Carl Bridges Ed.d Joins Empire Education Group As Chief Academic Officer

Empire Education Group, the largest cosmetology school system in North America, announces the appointment of Carl Bridges, chief academic officer and vice president of education.

June 19, 2008 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Pottsville, PA -- Empire Education Group announces the appointment of Carl Bridges, chief academic officer and vice president of education.

Bridges has an impressive background in directing programs for curriculum development, academic operations, student retention, academic policies and faculty development. He has earned numerous honors for teaching and service, published several articles on organizational development topics and conducted professional seminars on teaching, organizational behavior and leadership. He earned his Doctorate from Northern Illinois University, his MBA from Bradley University and BS from the University of Illinois. A Chicago native, Bridges will be relocating from New Jersey to Pottsville, PA.

"Having spent the last 18 years in education, Carl comes to Empire with a vast knowledge of and passion for the education field. The commitment we have to providing the highest quality education possible in the field of cosmetology is what sets Empire apart and that is why we couldn't be more pleased about the appointment of such an accomplished educational leader," says Franklin K. Schoeneman, CEO and Chairman. "In this position we know he will continually raise the bar in implementing the highest quality in education for all Empire schools."

Bridges' previously held leadership roles as vice president of education, Lincoln Education Services; vice president of academic affairs, for Career Education Corporation; dean of business programs, DeVry Institute of Technology; director of student affairs, College of Business, Ohio University. He brings valuable and extensive experience in both the proprietary and traditional education fields.

Empire Education Group

Empire Education Group provides quality in cosmetology education, offering students the finest training tools and facilities. For the past 70 years, Empire has grown to become one of the largest providers of beauty and cosmetology education in North America. With 86 accredited cosmetology schools in 18 states Empire graduates over 8,000 students annually. All locations use exclusive Certified Learning in Cosmetology (CLiC) education curriculum; the company prepares students for successful careers in cosmetology (hair care, skin care, and nail care.)

Schools accredited under Empire Education Group include: Empire Beauty Schools, A Cut Above, Arthur Angelo, Artistic Beauty Colleges, Blaine, Chic University of Cosmetology, Concorde Academy, European Academy, The Hair Design School, Martin's College of Cosmetology, Natural Motion Institute, Pierre's School of Cosmetology, and Scot Lewis. For more information and a complete listing of all schools under the Empire Education Group name, please visit: www.empire.edu

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