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PRICEWATERHOUSE COOPERS SELECTS JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOR DIGITAL ENABLEMENT AWARD

HAWKINS, **TX** – Jarvis Christian College (JCC) received the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) 2021 Digital Enablement Award of \$15,000 to invest in technology and software training for faculty and students.

The award will be used to launch the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Training and Certification Center on the JCC campus to provide students intermediate and advanced Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Access training, along with industry-leading assessments of skills and knowledge. Through this training, certified users will be able demonstrate that they have the ability to command the full features and functionality of Microsoft Office, preparing them to successfully apply MOS capabilities both in future academic and workforce opportunities.

Students can digitally broadcast their MOS accomplishments with online badges. These micro credentials contain verifiable data that tell employers and admissions committees what the students did and why it matters. In other words, digital badges give instant credibility of confirmable skills.

"Microsoft Office Specialist Certification empowers both students and educators. For students, it boosts academic performance and preps them for a professional career, for educators Microsoft Office Specialist courses provide targeted training, and for Administrators, it improves institutional results." Said Career Services Center Director, Mr. Chestley Talley.

"We are excited about this great opportunity for our faculty and students," stated Dr. Lester C. Newman, President of Jarvis Christian College. "It is one more avenue to decrease the digital divide faced by small, private institutions of higher learning."

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Jarvis Christian College (JCC) is a historically Black liberal arts, baccalaureate degree-granting institution affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The College is a member of the United Negro College Fund and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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