



## Franklin University and Per Scholas Sign Education Partnership

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Columbus, OH — Franklin University, one of the leading educators of working adults, is pleased to announce its new educational partnership with Per Scholas, a national workforce nonprofit. Through this partnership, the University continues its mission to provide high quality, relevant education to the broadest possible community of learners to achieve their goals and enrich the world.

To mark the new partnership, Franklin and Per Scholas will host an event on Thursday, Dec. 7 during which more than 50 Per Scholas alumni and Per Scholas' Columbus Advisory Board Members will join Franklin University representatives to celebrate.

Per Scholas is a national nonprofit that provides rigorous and tuition-free technology training and professional development in careers such as IT in Atlanta, GA; Cincinnati and Columbus, OH; Dallas, TX; the National Capital Region; and New York.

Through today's announcement, Per Scholas graduates have the opportunity to make the most of their prior learning to position themselves for continued success with a bachelor's degree from Franklin University. Alum can take advantage of a tuition discount and free books for bachelor's degrees in one of Franklin University's computer science and information science majors.

"Per Scholas is thrilled to partner alongside Franklin University, to provide affordable education opportunities to our graduates," says Toni Cunningham, Managing Director, Per Scholas. "Per Scholas alumni will benefit from combined hands-on learning opportunities, professional development as well as certifications and degrees that will make them competitive for the Ohio tech community."

"We are honored to partner with Per Scholas to offer the opportunity for their alumni to continue their education," said Dr. Andy Igonor, Dean, Ross College of Business, Franklin University and Per Scholas Columbus Advisory Board Member. "Through this new academic partnership, Franklin University can help further develop these motivated adults who are often underemployed to hold successful and meaningful careers in a competitive yet growing industry."

For more on Franklin University's educational partnerships, visit: <http://www.franklin.edu/partners>

### About Per Scholas

Per Scholas is a national nonprofit that drives positive and proven social change in communities across the country. Through rigorous and tuition-free technology training and professional development, we prepare motivated and curious adults who are unemployed or underemployed for successful careers as IT professionals, and we create onramps to businesses in need of their talents. Today we provide our solutions in six cities across the country: Atlanta, GA; Greater Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; Dallas, TX; the National Capital Region; and New York. To



date, Per Scholas has trained 7,000 individuals, helping them build lasting, life changing skills and careers in technology.

### **About Franklin University**

Founded in 1902, Franklin University is one of the leading and most experienced educators of adult students. The University offers applied, in-demand undergraduate, master's and doctorate programs that enable adult learners to achieve their educational and professional goals. From entrepreneurs to CEOs, more than 45,000 Franklin alumni can be found around the world contributing to the communities in which they live and work. Students can take classes through Franklin through its Main Campus in downtown Columbus, Ohio, two central Ohio locations, in Beavercreek, at co-locations across Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and online. In addition, the University's MBA program is offered internationally through agreements with institutions in Europe and the Middle East. Further information regarding Franklin University can be found at [www.franklin.edu](http://www.franklin.edu).

Franklin University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).