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Except for the historical and present factual information contained herein, the matters set forth in this slide show, including statements as to the expected date of the closing of the merger, future financial and operating results, expected benefits and synergies of the merger, tax treatment of the merger, future opportunities and any other effect, result or aspect of the proposed transaction and any other statements identified by words such as anticipates, expects, projects, plans, will, and similar expressions are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on information currently available to us and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual growth, results, performance and business prospects and opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by these statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, costs and difficulties related to the integration of acquired businesses, costs, delays, and any other difficulties related to the merger, failure of the parties to satisfy closing conditions, risks and effects of legal and administrative proceedings and governmental regulations, future financial and operational results, competition, general economic conditions, ability to manage and continue growth, and other risk factors relating to our industry and business as detailed in CEC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 and from time to time in each of CEC's and Whitman's reports filed with the SEC. CEC and Whitman disclaim any responsibility to update these forward-looking statements.

CEC and Whitman will file a proxy statement/prospectus concerning the proposed merger transaction with the SEC as soon as practicable. Whitman investors are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they will contain important information. After they have been filed, you will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by CEC free of charge by requesting them in writing from Career Education Corporation, 2895 Greenspoint Parkway, Suite 600 Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195 Attention: Investor Relations Department, or by telephone at (847) 585-3899. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Whitman free of charge by requesting them in writing from Whitman Education Group, Inc., 4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137, or by telephone at (800) 445-6108.

Whitman, and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Whitman in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Whitman and their ownership of Whitman stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Whitman's 2002 annual meeting of shareholders which was filed on July 15, 2002. Investors may obtain additional information regarding such participants' interests in the merger by reading the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

Whitman investors should read the proxy statement/prospectus carefully when they become available before making any voting or investment decisions.

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# **CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION**

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**Jack Larson**

**Chairman, President & CEO**

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

CEC Mission Statement

We are a dynamic educational services company committed to quality, career-focused learning led by passionate professionals who inspire individual worth and life long achievement.

CEC History

Founded in 1994, it has become one of the world's largest and fastest-growing providers of private, for-profit postsecondary education.

Annual internal revenue growth has averaged over 30 percent since the company was founded in 1994.

Since its initial public offering in 1998, the company has set new records for revenues and net income in every quarter

In 2001, CEC became the world's largest provider of culinary education.

During 2002, CEC generated the most revenue from on-campus locations compared to any group in the private, for-profit postsecondary education industry.

CEC's online programs are expanding rapidly, fast becoming another major growth driver for CEC.

In 2002, CEC transplanted 15 new curricular programs to campuses throughout our system.

CEC launched a fifth core curriculum Health Education.

Enhanced CEC s infrastructure, evolving CEC s management into two operating group.

Colleges, Schools, and Universities Group

Online Education Group

Revenue (in millions)

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Net Income (in millions)

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Fall Student Population

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Strategic Growth Goal

[GRAPHICS]

Two Operating Groups

Colleges, Schools and Universities Group

Le Cordon Bleu

International Academy of Design & Technology

Katharine Gibbs

College

American InterContinental University

Health Education

International

Online Education Group

American InterContinental University Online

Global System Onsite & Online

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CEC s Competitive Advantage

Career-oriented curriculum

Diversification creates stable market demands:

Curriculum in multiple high-growth demand areas

Demographics in age and gender

Various

Geography

Strong marketing expertise

Excellent placement success

Technology innovation

Quality name brand institutions

**Jake Gruver**

**President**

**Colleges, Schools & Universities Group**

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CEC Brand Names

[GRAPHICS]



Current Core Curricula

		<b>% Students</b>
[GRAPHICS]	Visual Communication And Design Technologies	41%
[GRAPHICS]	Business Studies	27%
[GRAPHICS]	Information Technology	16%
[GRAPHICS]	Culinary Arts	14%
[GRAPHICS]	Health Education	2%

Diversified Student Demographics

Student Population by Age Group

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**50%/50% Male/Female**

Diversified Degree Offerings

Student Population by degree objective

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\* Culinary Division

\*\* AIU Division

\*\*\* Academy Division

Divisions

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Culinary Division

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AIU Division

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College Division

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IADT Division

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Gibbs Division

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Health Education Division

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**Dr. Jon Coover**

**Senior Vice President of Marketing**

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High Impact Marketing

CEC generated 1.7 million leads in 2002

60% over 2001

Media Source Examples

[GRAPHICS]

Convert Leads to Enrollments

Specialized Admissions Efforts

Approximately 1,000 Professionals

1. Local Area
2. High School
3. Out-of-area
4. International
5. Internet

Automated Enrollment Center

[GRAPHICS]

Branded Enrollment Centers

Virtual Campus Tours/Catalog

Multi-currency & multi-lingual

Enrollment Agreement

Candidate for Acceptance



CEC University  
Staff Development

CEC Online Courses

Faculty Development

Achieve Global/Managing Interpersonal Skills

Training at CEC

Regional, Divisional, Departmental Training

We have 7,000 employees worldwide:

4,000 faculty  
1,000 marketing  
2,000 administration

[GRAPHICS]

**Dr. Pat Kapper**

**Senior Vice President of Education**

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Mission Statement for Learning

Our mission is to serve students from diverse backgrounds, seeking to enhance their individual worth and professional potential, by delivering quality educational programs and services. Our faculty and staff are committed to promoting student success as measured by graduation and career achievement.

The Pride of Our System

18,600 Graduates  
in 2002  
30% Growth

[GRAPHICS]

Our moral report card

Recent placement rate **94.1%**

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Up from 92% in 2001

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Placement for Success

200 Career Service Professionals focused on securing job orders

Students required to take a professional development class or attend seminars that discusses job search skills

Transferred proven marketing discipline to the career services department

Technology

New technologies are changing most Traditional college campuses. The conditions are finally right for these technologies on campus; the traditional classroom has found a powerful companion in Technology.

CEC s Virtual Job Fair

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723 Employers  
4,161 CEC Students/Alumni  
116 Chat Rooms  
2,500 Job posting  
12 Hours



My Campus.Com Login Sample

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**Chairman, President & CEO**

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Reinvestment in Education

Capital Expenditures are expected to be \$75 to \$80 million in 2003

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Words of Wisdom

The student comes first

Ask for help if needed

Work with others

Take responsibility

Have a plan, work your plan

Share good and bad news

Keep moving forward

Quality comes first

Don't take things for granted

Use your resources wisely

Be ethical

How does Whitman compare to CEC?

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Calendar 2002 Revenue (millions) *	\$ 751	\$ 105
Number of Campuses	51	22
Student Population	55,000	9,800
Core Curricula (Approx. % pop.):		
VisCom and Design	41%	NA
Business Studies	27%	12%
Information Technology	16%	19%
Culinary Arts	14%	NA
Health Education	2%	69%
Degrees Offered (Approx. % pop.):		
Diploma/Certificate	14%	70%
Associate s	54%	12%
Bachelor s/Master s/Doctoral	32%	18%

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\* Excludes the Feb. 18, 03 acquisition of the INSEEC Group

Where Do We Go From Here?

This means ...

Working together

Smooth transition

Business as usual

Growth

Opportunities

QUESTIONS

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Turning Dreams Into Futures

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