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## **LSU AgCenter Partners with Regents in Statewide Adult Learning Initiative**

LSU AgCenter's Extension Service is partnering with the Louisiana Board of Regents in a statewide effort to promote Louisiana's *CALL* adult learning initiative. **CALL**, the *Consortium for All Louisiana Learners*, makes it possible for Louisiana adults without a college degree to enroll at a Louisiana public college or university and earn a degree or other college credential through one of several complete online degree programs that offer accelerated courses, as well as course credit for prior college-level learning gained through job training and other means.

The LSU AgCenter's Extension Service will distribute CALL informational brochures and post CALL registration information at its offices in all 64 parishes.

"The LSU AgCenter has long recognized the need for and value of adult learning opportunities such as those made available through Louisiana's CALL program," said Paul Coreil, Vice-Chancellor and Director, LSU AgCenter Extension Service. "Because we have a high-profile presence in every parish across the state, our offices offer an ideal distribution point for information about this excellent program, especially in the rural parishes."

"We are delighted that the LSU AgCenter has come forward to assist in getting the word out on the CALL program," said Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Savoie. "Their offices statewide are visited thousands of times each month by a broad cross section of Louisiana citizens, many of whom stand to benefit from the CALL program but who might not otherwise be exposed to the CALL message."

CALL was piloted initially in the northern third of the state. Beginning in Fall 2008, six institutions across the state will be offering a total of eight accelerated, online programs as part of the **CALL** expansion.

The goal of **CALL** is to expand adult participation in postsecondary education by:

- better understanding the needs of adult learners in Louisiana
  
- establishing innovative programming to respond to those needs

- aggressively promoting adult learning services and programming
- creating convenient pathways to postsecondary certificates and degrees.

The CALL initiative is part of the Louisiana Board of Regents' "Education...Go for more!" campaign, being implemented in cooperation with the Southern Regional Education Board's Adult Learning Campaign.

For more detailed information on the CALL initiative, log on to the CALL web site:  
**[www.yourCALLla.org](http://www.yourCALLla.org)**.