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World Renowned Technology Expert Dr. Andres Fortino Joins the Westchester Campus of Polytechnic University

Westchester, New York – November 14, 2006 – Polytechnic University, based in New York City, has named Dr. Andres Fortino, a world-renowned specialist in information technology and technology management, as associate provost and dean of the University’s Westchester campus. In his new role, Dr. Fortino intends to leverage his expertise in engineering and technology to support the university’s new initiatives as well as develop the Westchester campus as a center of excellence and a resource for the Hudson Valley.

“We are excited to have Dr. Fortino join the Polytechnic family,” says Jerry M. Hultin, President of Polytechnic University. “His previous work in technology and academics demonstrates his passion for encouraging students to reach and achieve their goals. His initiatives to build programs and curricula exemplify his dedication to enhancing the education experience for our future engineers.”

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Fortino has developed a well-rounded background in both the academic and business sectors of information technology and technology management. Most recently, he served as Dean of the School of Management at Marist College. Prior to joining Marist in 2004, Dr. Fortino established innovative curriculums, including Masters programs in Bioscience Management and in Technology Management at George Mason University in Virginia and an online MBA program for Northrop Grumman Executives. In utilizing his experience with developing new programs, Polytechnic University’s Graduate Center is expected to expand significantly.

Dr. Fortino has lectured on technology throughout the world and has delivered over 180 high technology seminars for Learning Tree International. While at the IBM Corporation, in addition to filing several patents and numerous invention disclosures, Dr. Fortino was honored with IBM’s First Invention Level Award for his efforts in semiconductor research.

“I look forward to forming new relationships at Polytechnic University as well as with the Westchester community and establish programs that will promote interest in the sciences and technology fields, bringing the high quality Poly education to the Hudson Valley,” comments Dr. Fortino.

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The author of eight information technology and network management books, Fortino holds a Bachelor's and a Master's in Electrical Engineering, from City College of New York and completed his academic studies by earning a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the City University of New York. Dr. Fortino's continuous dedication to the academy has resulted in his membership of the Academy of Management and IEEE Engineering Management Society where he is a Senior Member. Additionally, he is a Fulbright Scholar, a Visiting Professor at Cambridge University and is currently serving as President of the Technology Management Educational Association.

About Polytechnic University

Polytechnic University, one of the nation's oldest private engineering universities, was founded in 1854 in Brooklyn, New York. Today, it is the New York metropolitan area's preeminent resource in science and technology education and research. In addition to its main campus at MetroTech Center in Brooklyn, Polytechnic offers programs at sites throughout the region, including Long Island, Manhattan and Westchester. Additionally, the University offers several programs in Israel.

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