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Since 1983, the National University Technology Network (NUTN) has served as a consortium of higher education institutions which provided networking and professional development opportunities focused on technology-enhanced teaching and learning. On August 31, 2018 NUTN will be incorporated into WCET – the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies.

“The evolution of Higher Education and the role of technology-enhanced education has been led by many pioneers. NUTN has been such a pioneer for more than three decades,” said Mike Abbiatti, WCET’s Executive Director. “WCET is honored to welcome current NUTN members to carry on their dedication to student success by accepting our invitation to become valued members of the WCET family. The expertise, passion, and professionalism that is resident with our NUTN colleagues will integrate well into the unique WCET organization and will allow us to continue the vision that led to the creation and success of NUTN. This year is the 30th Anniversary of WCET and integration of former NUTN members brings a wonderful opportunity for all of us to continue focusing on student success through continuous efforts in the areas of practice, policy, and advocacy for technology-enhanced learning in higher education. Welcome aboard to our new family members! The next 30 years will truly be exciting!”

“Dating back to its origins in 1983, NUTN has always been an organization of distance education pioneers focused on serving its members,” explained Pam Quinn, an attendee at the conference that founded NUTN, past NUTN chair, and current Provost of the LeCroy Center, Dallas County Community Colleges. “While technologies have changed from satellites to the internet, NUTN has always been run ‘by institutions for institutions.’ As NUTN joins with WCET, its members will continue to be enriched by professional development services for educators leading efforts in the ever-evolving use of technology in teaching and learning.”

NUTN will continue to offer member benefits until the end of this membership year (August 31, 2018), including the NUTN Network News Digest (every other week) and several members only webinars.

WCET will continue to offer several benefits that will honor NUTN traditions, including:

- hosting NUTN alumni gatherings at WCET’s 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings,
- maintaining a NUTN member email list for a limited time,
- showcasing past NUTN award winners (via the WCET website).

“NUTN has been a driving force in online and distance education for over 35 years working with a diverse group of leaders from around the world to promote innovative educational practices,” said Justin Louder, Associate Vice Provost at Texas Tech University and the NUTN Advisory Board Chair. “As the NUTN board looked at what the next phase for NUTN would be the board made the decision that NUTN needed to merge with another organization aimed at enhancing educational technology and education in general. WCET is an outstanding organization, one whose mission is very near to NUTNs and by merging NUTN with WCET the two organizations will be that much stronger in advocating for innovative higher education practices. I look forward to continuing to work with Mike, Mollie, Russ, and the entire WCET staff and membership as we take the NUTN network forward as a part of WCET.”

Institutions that were NUTN members (but not WCET members) will receive a discounted membership rate for the 2018-2019 membership year. Please contact [wcetinfo@wiche.edu](mailto:wcetinfo@wiche.edu) for more information.

### **A Brief History of NUTN**

NUTN was started as the National University Teleconferencing Network at Oklahoma State University in 1983 following a conference in Kansas City to promote the use of satellite technology for teaching across wide distances. Over time, several hundred colleges and universities using satellite technology helped pioneer the teaching of students in multiple locations and states simultaneously. In 1993, NUTN moved its headquarters to Old Dominion University, and in the early 2000s changed its name from a teleconferencing network to a technology network to keep pace with the rapid expansion of the internet. From 2007 to the present, NUTN has been hosted by the Dallas County Community College District.

NUTN members give their sincere thanks to Pam Quinn for her organizational leadership from day one and her willingness to host NUTN at Dallas County Community College for more than a decade. NUTN members also recognize the dedication of Robert Rosenbalm in directing day-to-day operations and for Justin Louder, Texas Tech University, for his leadership as chair of the NUTN Advisory Board during this transition.

### **About WCET**

**WCET – the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies** - is the leader in the practice, policy, & advocacy of technology-enhanced learning in higher education. WCET is a national, member-driven, non-profit which brings together colleges and universities, higher education organizations and companies to collectively improve the quality and reach of e-learning programs. WICHE, WCET's parent organization, is the leading agency serving states, students and institutions throughout and beyond the American West, and is one of four U.S. regional interstate compacts. Learn more: <http://wcet.wiche.edu>