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# Peter Thiel Gives Whiz Kids \$100K To Quit College, Start Businesses

BY ANYA KAMENETZ Wed May 25, 2011

It sounds like a reality show pitch: The legendary Facebook investor, PayPal founder, and thorn in the side of college deans everywhere announces what happens when 24 people, picked to live among mentors and innovation experts, stop going to school and start getting real--in business.



One climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. Another started college in third grade. Another opened a business at age 9. And yet another scored 5580 on the SATs (on a total of 5 tests, but still).

Now they're all getting two years of mentoring from a network of tech and entrepreneurial experts and \$100,000 to start a business. The benefactor? PayPal founder, early Facebook investor, and Stanford's least favorite alumnus, Peter Thiel. Least favorite because Thiel has been making waves by arguing that college is an overhyped, overpriced bubble, and that the world needs better ways to recognize young talent. It's all been great fodder for debate, but little more.

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## Why One Teen Dropped Out And Made Paris His Higher Education

BY DALE STEPHENS Wed Nov 9, 2011

A traditional college education--and the thousands of dollars in student debt--may not be for everyone. Thiel Fellow and education disruptor Dale Stephens takes a look at one teen who decided to forgo university and move to France.



While I was in Paris in October, I interviewed Austin Sholwater, a young man who left Michigan State University last semester. He decided that instead of taking on \$20,000 in debt per year, he would move to Paris, learn French, and earn \$20,000 in the process.

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# Silicon Valley's New Hiring Strategy

BY: E.B. BOYD October 03, 2011

In Silicon Valley, some dare to ask: Why hire a PhD, when a self-taught kid is just as good?



**Adam Passey, 28**  
*Medford, Oregon*

— On an August afternoon, Adam Passey, 28, steps up to the front of IGN Entertainment's lunchroom in a rumpled cardigan and hipster glasses, and bounces through a presentation on a hub for mobile games that he spent the summer coding. IGN's engineering managers are impressed. Passey added features that other similar hubs don't have. But they're particularly impressed because, by conventional measures, Passey shouldn't even be here.

Silicon Valley companies have notoriously strict hiring standards for engineers. They want grads from the country's top computer-science programs, like Stanford's and MIT's, or people with sparkling résumés and deep experience. Passey, from Medford, Oregon, didn't even

## Harvard Students Stage Walkout in OWS-Like Protest

Intro econ class walks out, criticizes professor as favoring the rich.

By Will Oremus | Posted Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at 9:39 AM ET



Roughly 70 Harvard students walked out of an introductory economics class last week to protest what they saw as biased teachings.  
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The Occupy Wall Street movement has landed at Harvard University, where some 70 students walked out of an introductory economics class last week to protest what they saw as biased teachings.

The students explained their walkout in an [open letter to professor Greg Mankiw](#) posted on the website of the *Harvard Political Review*.

"Today, we are walking out of your class, Economics 10, in order to express our discontent with the bias inherent in this introductory economics course," they wrote.

"We are deeply concerned about the way that this bias affects students, the University, and our greater society."

NPR's *Morning Edition* [covered the kerfuffle](#), suggesting that the students objected to the class partly because of Mankiw's résumé. He served as an adviser to President George W. Bush and is now advising the campaign of Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney. He has also criticized the Occupy Wall Street protests and warned against the "politics of envy."

Ironically, Mankiw said he was lecturing on income inequality on the day the students walked out.

Students who participated in the walkout wrote in the open letter that they had hoped to be presented with a balanced view of economics in a required introductory course. "Instead, we

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ON THE evening before All Saints' Day in 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of a church in Wittenberg. In those days a thesis was simply a position one wanted to argue. Luther, an Augustinian friar, asserted that Christians could not buy their way to heaven. Today a doctoral thesis is both an idea and an account of a period of original research. Writing one is the aim of the hundreds of thousands of students who embark on a doctorate of philosophy (PhD) every year.

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Brett Ryder

MILLIONS of school-leavers in the rich world are about to bid a tearful goodbye to their parents and start a new life at university. Some are inspired by a pure love of learning. But most also believe that spending three or four years at university—and accumulating huge debts in the process—will boost their chances of landing a well-paid and secure job.

Their elders have always told them that education is the best way to equip themselves to thrive in a globalised world. Blue-collar workers will see their jobs offshored and automated, the familiar argument goes. School dropouts will have to cope with a life of cash-strapped insecurity. But the graduate elite will have the world at its feet. There is some evidence to support this view. A recent study from Georgetown University's Centre on Education and the Workforce argues that "obtaining a post-secondary credential is almost always worth it." Educational qualifications are tightly correlated with earnings: an American with a professional degree can expect to pocket \$3.6m over a lifetime; one with merely a high-school diploma can expect only \$1.3m. The gap between more- and

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## Study calls critical thinking into question

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By Lauren Nisbet  
Thursday, February 3, 2011

A post-secondary education won't necessarily guarantee students the critical thinking skills employers have come to expect from university grads, says a recent study.

Richard Arum of New York University conducted a study of more than 2,300 students between fall 2005 and spring 2009 examining test data and student surveys at 24 U.S. colleges and universities. Results, published in the book *Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses*, revealed 45 per cent of students made no significant improvement in critical thinking, reasoning or writing skills during the first two years, and 36 per cent showed no improvement after four years of schooling.

With such negative results, academic professionals are left to consider whether student apathy is to blame or if the study reflects a fundamental failing in the post-secondary education system.

"For most things in life, you get out of something what you put into it," says John Doerksen, Western's vice provost for academic programs and students. "It's possible for students to find the easiest route to a diploma at the end of the day, but on the whole universities are serving populations well."

Doerksen emphasizes the importance of motivation among students, pointing out that "opportunities are there for students who are willing to learn and develop academically. The environment is very rich on university campuses."

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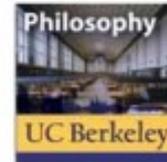
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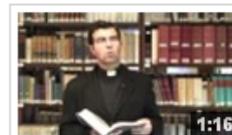
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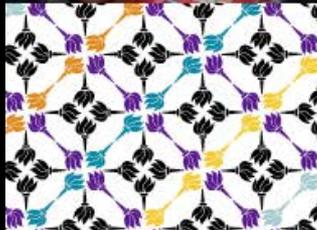
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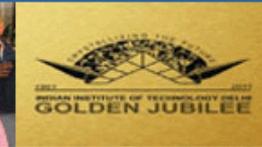
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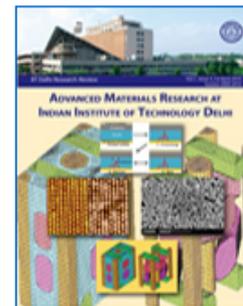
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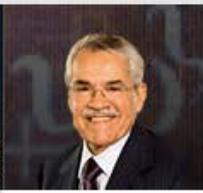
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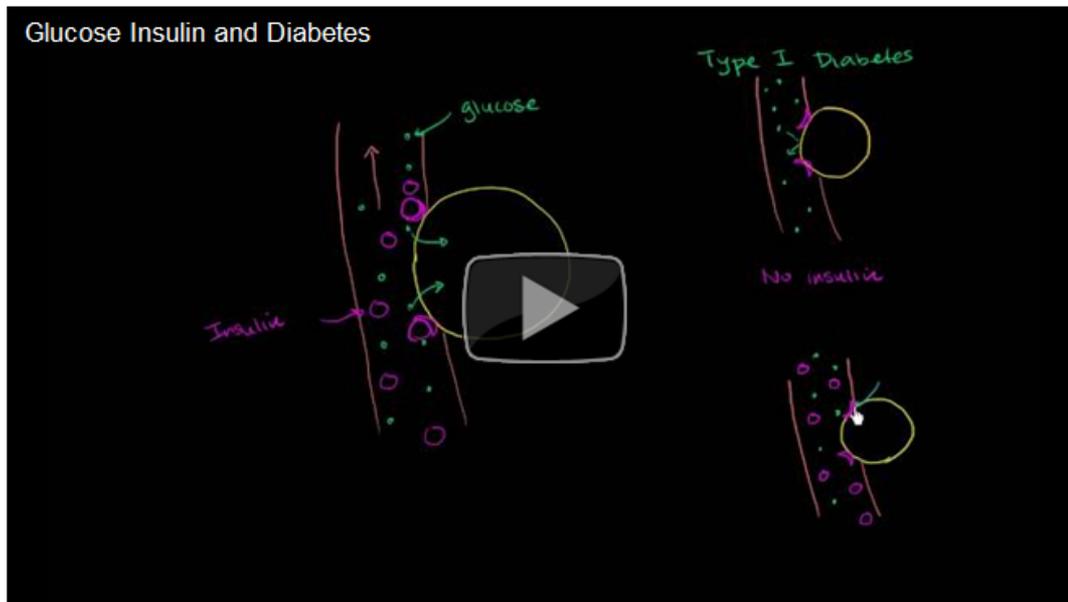
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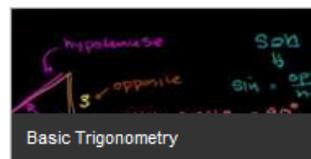
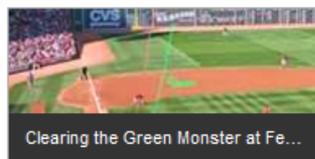
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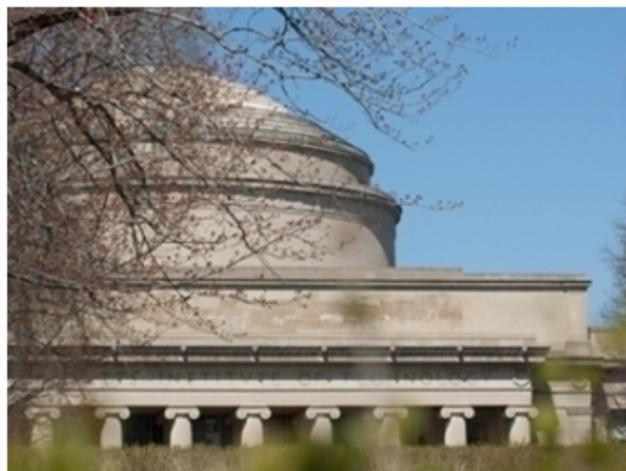
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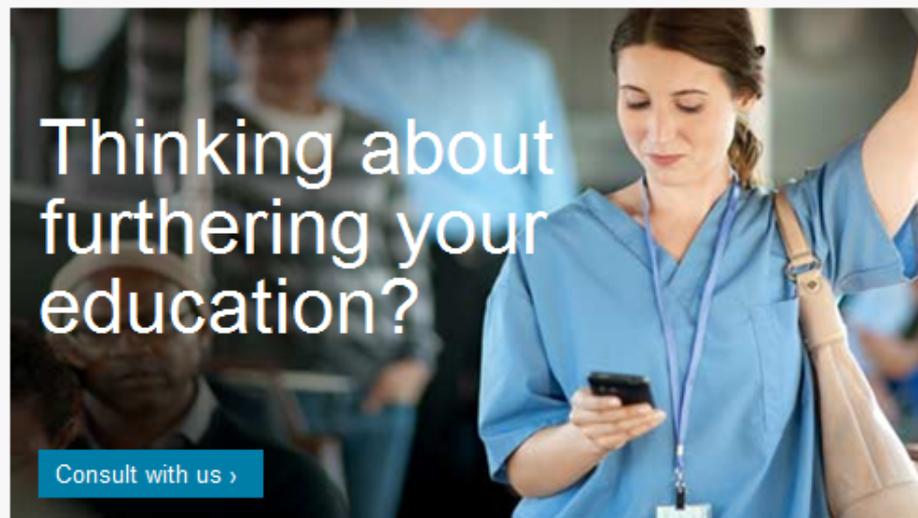


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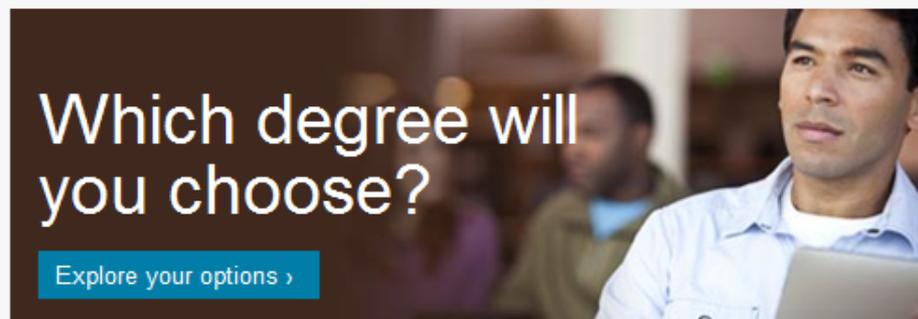
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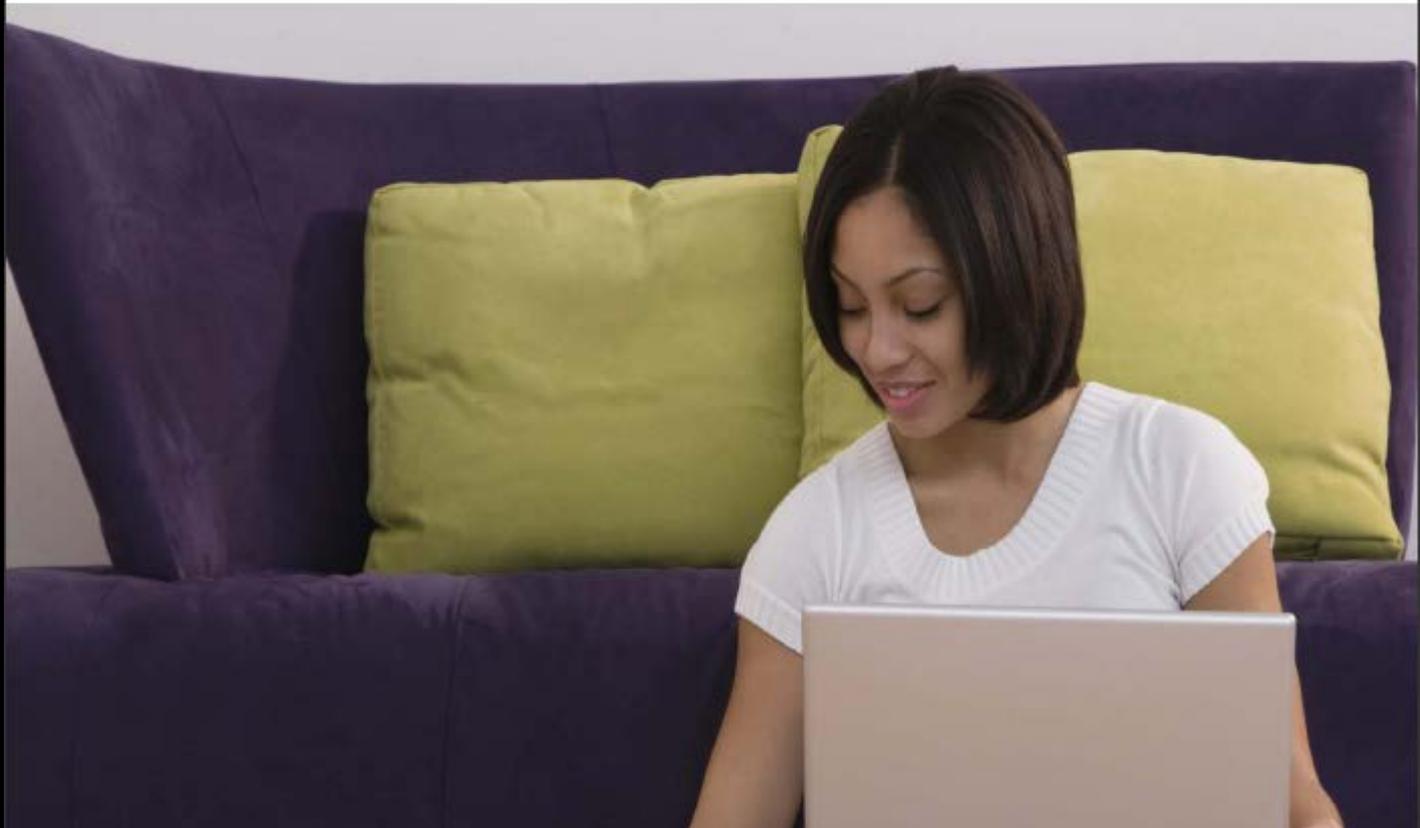
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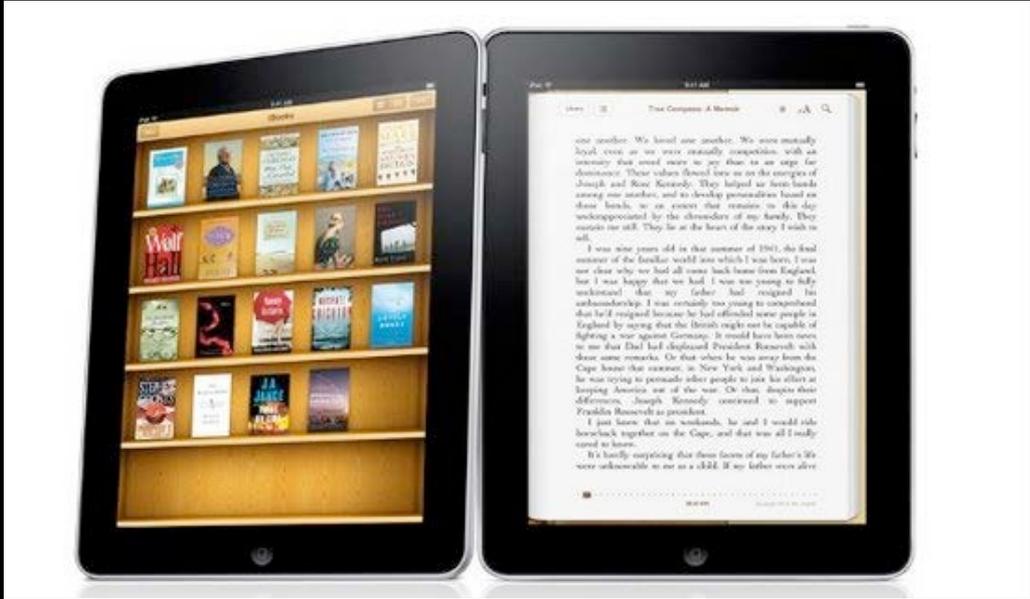
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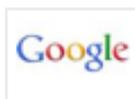
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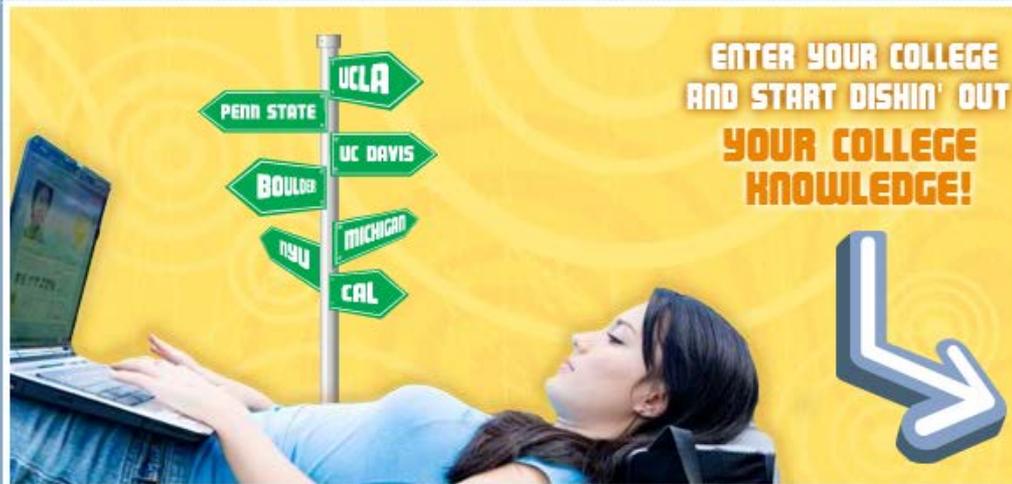
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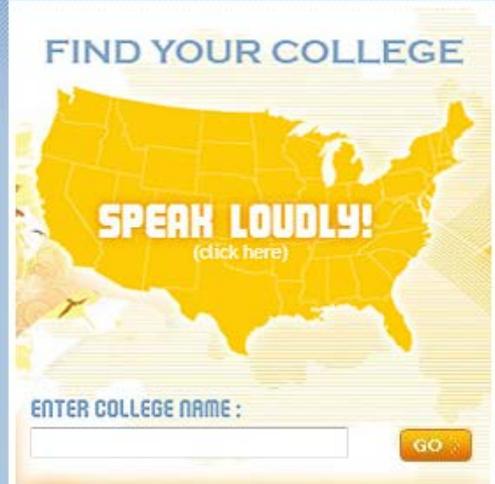
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Chapter 6

At Full Steam

**AT THIS SHOUT** the entire crew rushed toward the harpooner—commander, officers, mates, sailors, cabin boys, down to engineers leaving their machinery and stokers neglecting their furnaces. The order was given to stop, and the frigate merely coasted.

By then the darkness was profound, and as good as the Canadian's eyes were, I still wondered how he could see—and what he had seen. My heart was pounding fit to burst.

But Ned Land was not mistaken, and we all spotted the object his hand was indicating.

Two cable lengths off the *Abraham Lincoln's* starboard quarter, the sea seemed to be lit up from underneath. This was no mere phosphorescent phenomenon, that much was unmistakable. Submerged that several captains had mentioned in their reports. This magnificent radiance had to come from some force with a great illuminating capacity. The edge of its light swept over the sea in an immense, highly elongated oval, condensing at the center into a blazing core whose unbearable glow diminished by outward.

"It's only a cluster of phosphorescent particles!" exclaimed one of the officers.

"No, sir," I answered with conviction. "Not even angel-wing clams or salps have ever given off such a powerful light. That glow is basically electric in nature. Besides . . . look, look! It's shifting! It's moving back and forth! It's darting at us!"

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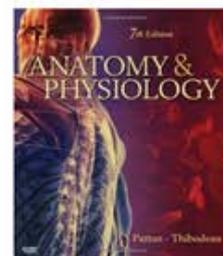
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**Enzi's founder Ashni Mohnot is selected as 2010 Echoing Green Fellow!**

Enzi was also featured in a write-up on Echoing Green in [Forbes](#) and [Philanthrocapitalism](#), a blog by the NY Bureau Chief of The Economist.

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## Our First Class of Enzi Fellows Graduated

**Enzi closed a pilot fund at Stanford in March 2010, funding two students for their last quarters.**

The pilot was supported by university administration, including Stanford's Director of Financial Aid, the Vice Provost and Dean of Research, and the Electrical Engineering department. Our first two Enzi Fellows received their MS in EE degrees at Stanford's commencement on June 13, 2010. Graduation pictures and profiles of the Fellows coming soon!

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## Kiva.org Extends Its Global Microlending Marketplace to Education by Adding Student Microloans

Posted by John on Sep 20, 2010



Starting today, Kiva is offering a pilot of student microloans on its site. Kiva lenders can now make loans to students in three countries: Paraguay, Bolivia, and Lebanon:

### **Kiva.org Extends Its Global Microlending Marketplace to Education by Adding Student Microloans**

*Microfinance Leader Aims to Demonstrate That Students in Developing Nations Will Repay Loans if Given The Opportunity, Helping Open The Door For Higher Education Around The World*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – September 20, 2010 – Kiva.org, the world's first personal micro-lending website, has announced a pilot of Student Microloans on Kiva.org. Beginning today on Kiva.org, anyone can lend as little as \$25 to students in three countries around the world. Founded as a means to combine the impact of microfinance with the utility of technology, Kiva is in a unique position to help lenders make a personal difference – easily, quickly and effectively – first with small business microloans and now with student microloans.

The pilot was born as a natural extension of Kiva's mission to connect people, through lending, to alleviate poverty. Kiva Student Microloans give recipients the opportunity to gain new knowledge and skills through higher education or vocational training. As a result, these individuals will be better positioned to find jobs, support their families and grow their communities – and ultimately make a real difference in the relief of global poverty.

"In developing countries, access to funding for education doesn't exist like it does in the United States," said Premal Shah, president of Kiva.org. "Without being given the opportunity, students don't have the chance to demonstrate fiscal responsibility. We believe the internet community is in a unique position to share the risk of student lending in the developing world and if these students repay their loans – as we believe they will – it could be the very impetus needed to make education accessible for everyone around the world."

More here: <http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kivaorg-Extends-Its-Global-Microlending-Marketplace-Education-Adding-Student-Microloans-1321348.htm>

Many thanks to our field partners in Fundación Paraguaya, IMPRO, and Ameen s.a.l. for their hard work in making this pilot a reality!

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By NATASHA SINGER

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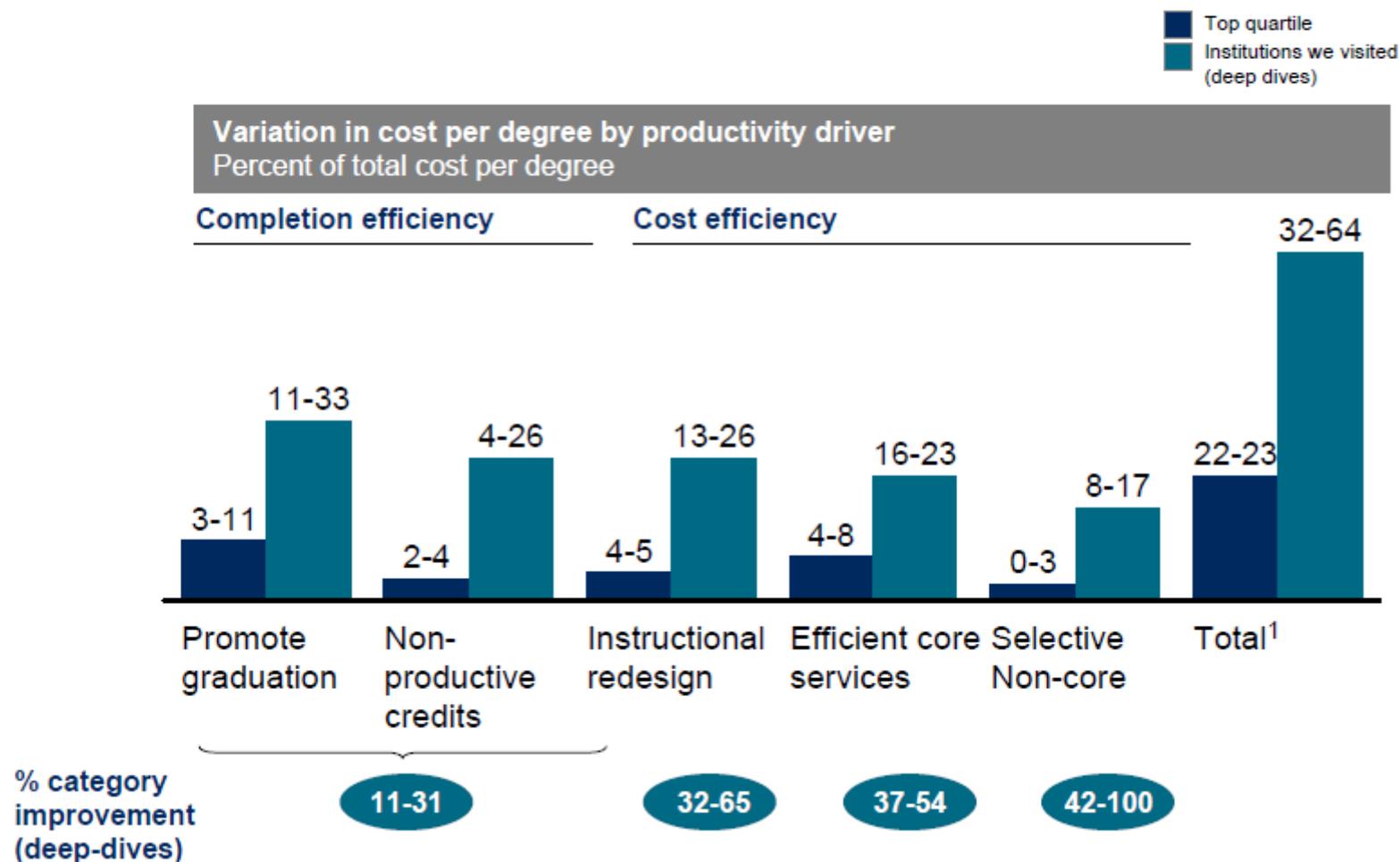
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	Southern New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A private nonprofit institution that offers associate, bachelors, and masters degrees</li> </ul>	52,285	5,370
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	Indiana Wesleyan University-CAPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A private nonprofit faith-based institution that awards associates, bachelors, and graduate degrees. For this study, the research focused primarily on bachelors degree programs offered on-site and online via the College of Adult &amp; Professional Studies</li> </ul>	40,851	14,233
Associates	Valencia Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A public, two-year community college, that awards both associates degrees and certificates</li> </ul>	22,311	19,934
Certificates	Rio Salado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A public community college that awards primarily certificates. Delivery is through unbundled online instruction</li> </ul>	32,043	10,224
	Tennessee Technical Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A public vocational training school with 23 campuses across the state</li> </ul>	21,053	9,125

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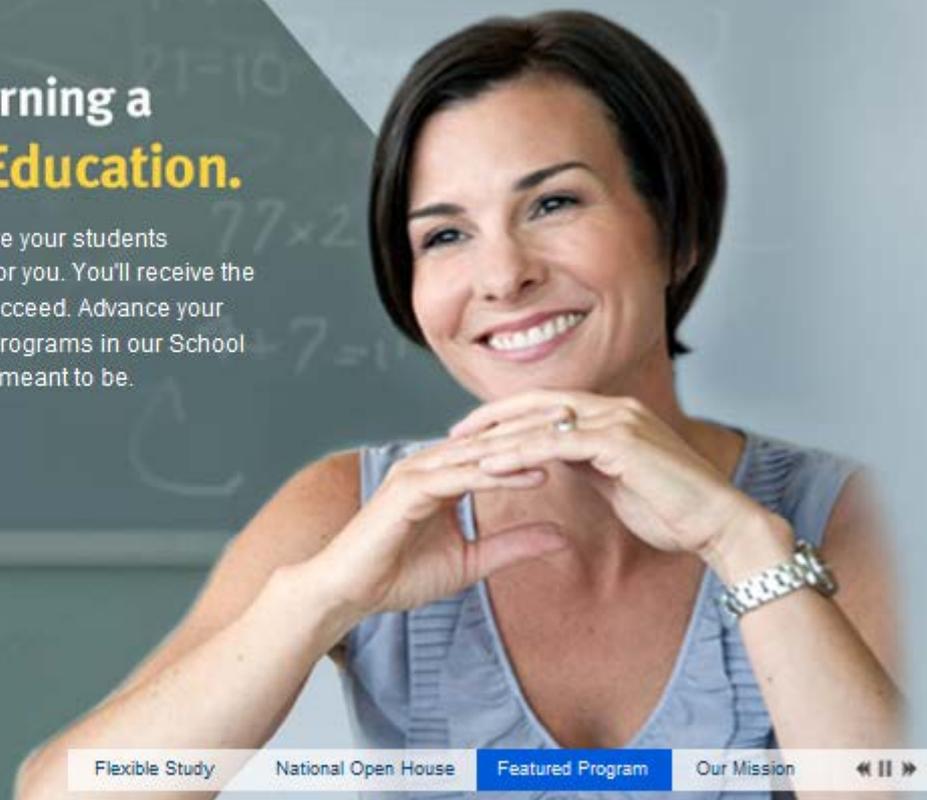
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