Excelsior University signs its first partnership serving international students

The cross-continental collaboration with the Virtual University of Côte d'Ivoire opens new pathways for business students .



Excelsior University President David Schejbal (left) and Kouamé N'guessan, Côte d'Ivoire economic advisor in charge of attractiveness and investment (right) sign a partnership agreement between Excelsior University and UVCI.

ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 21, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Excelsior University welcomed representatives from the Virtual University of Côte d'Ivoire (UVCI) to its Albany headquarters to sign a historic global partnership agreement. The two institutions formally established their international collaboration with a signing ceremony.

Excelsior's first partnership serving international students, the collaboration with UVCI reflects a shared commitment to expanding access to higher education and creating new opportunities for students across borders. Graduates of UVCI's database license program— the equivalent of a bachelor's degree— will have access to a seamless pathway to earn an MBA at Excelsior.

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Based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire's largest city, UVCI was established in 2015 to expand access to quality postsecondary education while addressing capacity constraints at traditional universities in the West African country. Like Excelsior University, UVCI's mission is based on providing accessible education through digital innovation.

"Our commitment is to use digital technology to train young people capable of innovating and launching ventures directly in the field, without being held back by physical or geographical

barriers," said UVCI President Tiémoman Kone. "By partnering with Excelsior University, an institution with a long history of online education innovation, we can create even more opportunities for learners through advanced degrees grounded in practical, workforce-ready knowledge."

"From West Africa to the American Northeast, UVCI and Excelsior share a mission that unites us across oceans and borders," said Excelsior University President David Schejbal. "This partnership will establish new educational pathways for UVCI learners, supporting their pursuit of personal and professional goals anywhere in the world."

For more information on this partnership, visit: excelsior.edu/partner/universite-virtuelle-de-cote-divorie-virtual-university-of-the-ivory-coast

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Virtual University of Côte d'Ivoire President Tiémoman Kone (left) and Excelsior University President David Schejbal shake hands.



L to R: UVCI President Tiémoman Kone, Excelsior University President David Schejbal, Kouamé N'guessan, Côte d'Ivoire economic advisor in charge of attractiveness and investment, and Excelsior University Board Chair Kent Clark.

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