



COLLEGEBUYS PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS



*Concepción Acevedo, San Jose City College
College Seen Photo Contest 2007 Honorable Mention*

The Foundation for California Community Colleges saves millions of dollars for Community College faculty, staff, and students each year through its CollegeBuys purchasing program. The Foundation has been able to secure the lowest possible prices on software—up to 85 percent off retail price—by representing all 112 colleges, 2.9 million students, and 64,000 faculty and staff in the Community College system, as well as other institutions.

Savings

CollegeBuys was launched in 1999 with the Microsoft Campus Agreement for campus site licenses, and faculty and staff Work-at-Home purchases. In 2003, Microsoft and the Foundation gave students the opportunity to buy discounted software, such as Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office, at a discount price. More than 9,500 Microsoft purchases were made by faculty, staff, and students in 2011.

In 2012, CollegeBuys introduced the Microsoft Student Option, drastically reducing the student price for Microsoft office and making it available to the entire student body for 39.99.

Creativity

In partnership with Adobe, CollegeBuys has been offering state-of-the-art graphics software for campus licensing since 2001. In 2006, CollegeBuys launched a student purchasing program for fully licensed Adobe software at discounts of up to 80 percent. Available software includes the latest versions of Adobe Creative Suite, Acrobat, Dreamweaver, and Photoshop, all for hundreds of dollars off the typical educational discount. In 2011, Adobe introduced its Enterprise License Agreement, which includes a work-at-home component for faculty and staff at participating colleges.

CollegeBuys has also partnered with lynda.com, a leading online software training resource for Adobe and other products. This agreement offers student discounts on 4- and 12- month memberships to the site.

Convenience

Taking advantage of CollegeBuys is easy. Purchases can be made online at www.CollegeBuys.org.

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Highlights

- Faculty, staff, and students have purchased more than 35,000 Microsoft products from CollegeBuys since 2003.
- Last year, more than 3,000 purchases were made through our Adobe student purchasing offer, saving students more than \$600,000.
- Individuals from all 112 colleges have taken advantage of CollegeBuys Microsoft purchasing offers.

Partner Organizations

- Adobe
- lynda.com
- Microsoft

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