DIMENSIONU LEARNING SYSTEM INCORPORATES SOCIAL NETWORKING FEATURES FOR GREATER COLLABORTIVE LEARNING

Students Can Begin Building Personal Learning Communities
Leading Up To U Games National Scholarship Tournament

New York, Feb. 10, 2011 – With the proliferation of Internet enabled technologies, today’s K-12 students are more connected to the world around them than any generation before. As a result, these digital natives expect and demand social components be a part of their daily activities, including academic studies. To answer this call, Tabula Digita, creator of the multifaceted DimensionU Learning System, has added a hip, new social networking component to its award-winning game-based software that allows students to connect with their friends, family, and supporters to form their own small groups to support their studies.

The new social networking component encourages students who play the DimensionU educational video games to build online “learning communities” comprised of friends, family or community members, even their instructors…anyone who wants to help support the student’s academic efforts in the games. Currently available to students competing in Tabula Digita’s U Games National Scholarship Tournament, the social networking component will be rolled out system wide later this semester.

NT Etuk, Founder and CEO of Tabula Digita, stated, “The rollout of our social network features is just one more step on our path to delivering pedagogical, student-centered learning experiences. Our game-based education model presents rigorous content in an engaging, relevant, multi-user format. This new social element expands on that by giving students an easy way to band together in quasi “study-groups” to expand their learning and connectivity. Besides that, it’s just plain fun.”

In the U Games National Scholarship Tournament, the new feature is being presented as the Social Network Challenge. In this, tournament participants can earn points by adding “Supporters,” “Friends,” and “Extended Network Members” to their network. Participants who earn the highest number of social network points in each tournament round will win prizes separate from those awarded for game play performance. Participants may not earn more than 100,000 points in any round, and only points earned...
in a specific round count towards prizes. More details can be found at:

The U Games National Scholarship Tournament is a virtual video game competition wherein students from grades three-eight play the DimensionU Games for math. Sponsored by Intel and in partnership with Dell, tournament play began in November and the last of 12, two-week rounds will be played in April. Thousands of students have already registered to compete against their peers and demonstrate their winning combination of gaming skills and math mastery for a shot at winning $60,000 in scholarship funds at the final event in New York City on May 21. In the Social Network Challenge, student competitors can win bonus prizes including iPod Touches, iPads, popular gaming consoles, 32” LCD TVs, Razor Electric Bikes, gift cards, and more.

With five rounds remaining, students can still join the action-packed nationwide competition by downloading a free, special tournament version of the DimensionU Learning System for math by going to www.dimensionu.com/UGames. All students interested in registering for the U Games must have their parent’s permission and a computer that meets minimum system requirements which are detailed on the website (Note: DimensionM works on most computers sold since 2005). For more information about the U Games National Scholarship Tournament, please visit www.dimensionu.com/UGames.

About Tabula Digita

Since 2007, Tabula Digita has set a new course in the development of innovative educational video games. Through its collaborative, content-rich, immersive learning environments, Tabula Digita’s DimensionU Learning System offers research-based instructional tools that support math, literacy and science curriculum for elementary, middle and high school students.

Over 200,000 students in 40 school districts across the country are currently using Tabula Digita games including New York City Public Schools, Chicago Public Schools, Broward County Public Schools, and Austin and Ft. Worth Independent School Districts in Texas. For more information, please call 1-877-6-TABULA or 1-877-682-2852 or visit www.DimensionU.com.

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