

9thPeriod.com receives the Learning Technologies Grant to Transform Social Networking into Academic Networking for Over 35,000 Students and Educators at The University of Georgia

ATLANTA, Georgia (January 2010) – 9thPeriod is the recipient of the Learning Technologies Grant which is administered by the University's Committee for Academic and Instructional Technologies (CAIT). 9thPeriod.com is a global academic network with a new and exciting set of Web 2.0 tools that employs the latest in social networking and social media in an academic network. 9thPeriod.com will connect over 35,000 educators and students together in a community of learning at the University of Georgia, leveraging integration with Facebook®, Twitter®, the iPhone®, and Google®. 9thPeriod.com allows The University of Georgia community to create academic profiles, including their academic interests and class schedules. Academic profiles are then used to connect students and educators with others around campus who have similar interests or are taking the same classes, thereby extending education beyond the walls of the classroom and into the world of academic and social networking. "9thPeriod.com's Web 2.0 tools will exponentially extend the number of learning resources available to students at The University of Georgia," said Tory Jones Co-Founder of 9thPeriod.com. "I'm excited that The University of Georgia has joined 9thPeriod.com in our commitment to integrate social networking and media effectively to enhance learning and ultimately make education social."

9thPeriod.com's Global Academic Network is the Future of Web 2.0 based Education Software

Another major benefit of 9thPeriod.com is the ability to connect not only a single institution with multiple campuses, such as The University of Georgia, but to connect multiple institutions in an online community of learning. 9thPeriod.com offers institutions, such as The University of Georgia, the ability to connect its academic community with other select colleges and universities in Georgia, the United States, as well as other countries. Students and educators can then find and collaborate with others at approved colleges and universities who have either taken the same classes, pursued similar majors and/or minors, as well as with the same academic interests. Allowing colleges and universities to begin connecting campuses in an online community is an unmatched feature by 9thPeriod.com, allowing for a true competitive advantage over other antiquated academic solutions. David Noah, Coordinator of Emerging Technologies at the Center for Teaching and Learning at The University of Georgia adds, "Social media is transforming our culture, opening new ways to connect with others and promoting the growth of communities of interest. Higher education is already feeling the impact of social media, and I think we're just at the beginning of that process. 9thPeriod offers a way for the University to leverage social media for pedagogical ends. I'm happy that the Learning Technologies Grant program has funded this opportunity to explore how social media can help support UGA's mission."

Shifting Students and Educators' Social Networking Time to Their Education While Still Having Fun

Considering the undeniable amount of time both students and educators spend on social networking and social media, 9thPeriod.com has fully integrated the academic experience into these platforms, giving The University of Georgia community the ability to naturally shift some of their social networking time to their education while still having fun. The innovative approach to integrating social networking and social media into the daily lives of students and educators at The University of Georgia is the driving force behind the adoption of 9thPeriod.com. Over 35,000 educators and students at The University of Georgia now have the ability to access the academic community using social networking and social media with 9thPeriod.com which is now available on both Twitter® and Facebook®. 9thPeriod.com allows educators and students at The University of Georgia to integrate their academic experience with Twitter®, a great feature that keeps followers up to date with pertinent academic information as students and educators navigate the 9thPeriod.com academic network, truly making education a social experience. 9thperiod.com is easily accessible from the iPhone®, which many students around campus see as an easy way to access fellow students and educators on the go. Lastly, 9thPeriod.com is currently integrated with Google® giving students the ability to use the 9thPeriod.com Study Group feature to keep study group schedules synched with their Google Calendar® as well as alert other students around campus of study group opportunities.

“Our focus on our goal of making education social in 2010 will include further integration with the iPhone®, Facebook®, Twitter®, Google Wave®, and Google Apps® as well as Android®, BlackBerry®, and Windows Mobile® versions of 9thPeriod.com along with full text messaging integration with the platform.

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“Our official relationship with Google® as a Google Apps for Education® Vendor has opened the door for us and The University of Georgia to do a full implementation of Google Apps® as well,” said Roderick Chambers Co-Founder of 9thPeriod.com. “Receiving the Learning Technologies Grant makes us confident of our ability to aggressively expand our list of partner colleges, universities, and K-12 schools in 2010 and beyond.” For additional information please contact Co-Founders Tory Jones at tjones@9thperiod.com, +1-(888) 496-6674 or Roderick Chambers at rchambers@9thperiod.com, +1-(888) 496-6674.

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About 9thPeriod.com

9thPeriod.com is a new, exciting, and completely unique global social education network and academic platform. 9thPeriod.com Web 2.0 tools bring education outside the walls of the classroom, revolutionizing and enhancing learning by truly Making Education Social™. We currently have students from over 150 academic institutions in 6 countries and our application can be found on [Facebook®](#), [iPhone®](#), [Google Apps Education Edition®](#), [Twitter®](#), as well as 9thPeriod.com.

9thPeriod.com facilitates the building of collaborative learning communities for educators, academic experts, and students. A single user has access to a plethora of effective resources and content. Imagine being able to offer academic institutions a school solution that allows them the ability to connect students, parents, teachers, and community experts not only at their own schools but to others within the district, state, country, and the world.

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