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#### \$400,000 for Online Degree Programs for Teachers

EMPORIA - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced new funding to improve the technology used for the online education of teachers as well as students. ESU will receive \$400,000 through the final spending agreement for the 2003 fiscal year.

"Emporia State University has long been a leader in teacher preparation and professional development," Moran said. "At a time when Kansas is facing a shortage of teachers, it is imperative that access to advanced learning and specialized training is available to teachers in rural communities. This funding will allow the university to upgrade its technology infrastructure and improve education and training opportunities."

ESU offers more online programs than any other university in Kansas, including nearly 300 courses, seven Masters Degree Programs and two Bachelors Degree Programs. Emporia State University's online programs serve nearly 600 teachers working toward their graduate degrees.

"Emporia State University is deeply indebted to Representative Moran for his efforts to support our online degree opportunities for teachers throughout Kansas," University President Dr. Kay Schallenkamp said. "Online degree options address the needs of place-bound individuals. The news of this funding could not have come at a better time as we face budget reductions throughout the University."

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