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### **Florida Virtual School® Offers Four New Courses**

*Electives Include New Venture with Mawi Asgedom's Mawi Learning*

**Orlando, FL (Sept. 24, 2014)** – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®) has launched four new elective courses, now available for Florida students: *Career Research and Decision Making* with Mawi Asgedom; *Criminal Justice Operations 1*; *Theatre, Cinema, & Film Production*; and *M/J Careers in Fashion and Interior Design*.

To build upon the success of the Leadership Development Course developed with Mawi Asgedom, FLVS collaborated, once again, with Asgedom and Mawi Learning to offer *Career Research and Decision Making* to high school students. In this course, students gain insight on college readiness, acceptance and funding. Students explore different career and education pathways, study interview techniques and networking tips, create smart resumes and learn how to plan for a successful future. Throughout the course, students are coached by Asgedom, a Harvard graduate who was the first in his family to attend college and is now a student leadership expert who has trained more than 1 million students worldwide.

In *Criminal Justice Operations 1*, high school students explore the fields of law enforcement, the court system and the correctional system. Students acquire technical skill proficiency, industry knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, general employability skills, and occupation-specific skills needed in all aspects of law, public safety and security careers.

Students in grades 9-12 explore the elements of theater and cinematic techniques used to create performance productions in *Theatre, Cinema, & Film Production*. As students progress through the course, they view the historical development of different genres and the reasons why the genres were used. Students will also be exposed to a detailed view of film and theater backstage operations and asked to speculate on why a director chooses certain perspectives.

For middle school students, *M/J Careers in Fashion and Interior Design* will develop their leadership, communication, and employability skills as they explore design careers. Students work with textiles and elements of design to complete projects related to fashion and interior design. During the course, students learn resource management, basic sewing skills, clothing choices and technology in the design industry.

“We are thrilled to be able to expand our offerings with more courses that meet the diverse interests of our students,” said Jodi Marshall, executive vice president, Business and School Solutions for FLVS. “And, together with Mawi Learning, we have designed a course that will help students learn the skills they need to succeed in today’s world, where competition for jobs is tough and admission to top universities requires extensive preparation.”

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Students completing the *Career Research and Decision Making*, *Criminal Justice Operations 1* and *Theatre, Cinema, & Film Production* courses will be able to fulfill their virtual learning requirement per Florida's Digital Learning Act.

Students interested in registering in one of the new courses or any of the other more than 140 courses FLVS offers should visit [www.flvs.net/fall](http://www.flvs.net/fall).

**About Florida Virtual School**

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual Kindergarten-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the United States and the world. A nationally recognized e-learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, statewide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs. For more information on FLVS, visit [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net).

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