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## **American InterContinental University Houston Hosts Grand Re-opening Ceremony and Celebrates Introduction of Criminal Justice Degree Program**

***Event featured Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia as keynote speaker***

**HOUSTON – February 26, 2009** – On February 19, American InterContinental University Houston (AIU) hosted a post-Hurricane Ike grand re-opening and celebrated the launch of its new criminal justice program with a keynote address by Harris County Sherriff Adrian Garcia.

More than half of the AIU campus was destroyed by Hurricane Ike, and only two classrooms were left functional in its wake. Reconstruction began almost immediately to the 68,000 square foot facility and, on February 19, community leaders celebrated the grand re-opening with tours of the newly rebuilt classrooms, learning facilities and bookstore and entertainment by Westbury High School Jazz Band.

“After the hurricane, it was important for us to quickly rebound and come back stronger than ever,” said Stephen Malutich, president of AIU Houston. “With the launch of our Criminal Justice degree program, we look forward to continuing to provide our students with industry-relevant courses taught by faculty members who have real experience from the field. Today is a true community celebration.”

Garcia, the city’s first Hispanic sheriff and a veteran police officer, praised AIU for recovering so quickly from the hurricane and emphasized the importance of modern criminal justice education programs centered on technology.

“I’m hiring,” said Sherriff Garcia, noting that the opportunities in law enforcement and criminal justice are good, even in troubled economic times.

The new Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ) degree program, with a concentration in general criminal justice, is designed to help students prepare for careers as a:

- Police Officer
- Private Detective
- Director of Security
- Probation or Parole Officer
- Insurance Fraud Investigator

AIU offers a comprehensive approach to general criminal justice to help students acquire a deeper knowledge of the adult and juvenile justice processes, criminology, law enforcement, the court system and corrections. Courses include:

- Drugs and Crime
- Criminal Investigation
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Probation and Parole

In addition to its criminal justice program, AIU Houston offers business degrees at the bachelor's and master's levels, as well as a bachelor's degree in visual communication.

For more information about AIU Houston, visit [www.houston.aiuniv.edu](http://www.houston.aiuniv.edu).

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### **About American InterContinental University**

Established in Europe in 1970, American InterContinental University (AIU) awards associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in a variety of disciplines. The AIU network includes six campuses: AIU Buckhead (Atlanta, GA); AIU Dunwoody (GA); AIU South Florida (Weston, FL); AIU Houston (TX); AIU London (England); and AIU Online (based in Illinois). AIU is a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of universities, colleges and schools. For additional information, please visit [www.aiuniv.edu](http://www.aiuniv.edu).