

# eLearning in Higher Education: 2017 Top Stories

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The past year has seen eLearning grow in leaps and bounds, especially in higher education. From surprising mergers between private online companies and public universities to bold experiments in blended learning to innovative global partnerships, eLearning in higher education has repeatedly made headlines. In this article, eLearningInside News recaps the top 2017 eLearning in higher education stories.



## Top 2017 eLearning in Higher Education Stories

### **eLearning Helps Migrants and Refugees Pursue Degree Programs**

Throughout 2017, the plight of migrants and refugees remained a top news story around the world. In June, eLearningInside News reported on how Italy's Università Telematica Internazionale UNINETTUNO is now helping migrants and refugees continue their educations, even as they seek a permanent home in a new nation. The university's mission is clear: "Acknowledging the sharpening of the immigration emergency that involves the Arabian countries and the Sub-Saharan countries, as well as the whole Europe as to the reception of the migrants, the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO contrived a web portal, Education Without Boundaries." UNINETTUNO is the only university in the world where students can learn in five languages (Italian, French, English, Arabian, or Greek). Currently, students attending UNINETTUNO come from 140 different countries. Some of the university's faculty also are migrants and refugees and on this level, the new online university is also helping to find viable employment for displaced scholars.

### **Demand for Online and Blended Programs Surges**

As reported in this year's ECAR Study of Undergraduate Students and Information Technology, .....[read more](#)

### **Purdue Purchases of Kaplan**

In April, Purdue University, which has long been a major player in online education, purchased Kaplan University....[read more](#)

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