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**SPECIAL MAKE-UP EFFECTS MASTER GREG NICOTERO
MENTORS DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER STUDENTS**

MONESSEN, PA., May 6, 2010 – For the past two years, Greg Nicotero and Howard Berger of KNB EFX Group have joined forces with Tom Savini to bring their knowledge and expertise in special make-up effects and the film industry to students in Tom Savini’s Special Make-Up Effects Program.

Nicotero flew cross-country from California for a three-day workshop. His time at DEC was spent providing a multitude of interactive events including a seminar, portfolios reviews, and providing insight into the industry.

“I genuinely enjoy coming to Douglas Education Center and meeting up and coming make-up effects artists,” noted Nicotero. “Not only am I able to offer students some insight into the make-up effects industry, but I am able to act as a mentor and really help these students pin point their strengths.”

Nicotero, a Pittsburgh native who has worked in the movie industry since 1984, met Tom Savini at an early age when the two worked together on horror films. They have kept in touch throughout their careers. Nicotero and Savini teamed up once more as they met one-on-one with third and fourth semester DEC students to review and critique their portfolios.

“The industry isn’t just movies. It is prop making. It is mask making. It is amusement park and Halloween stuff. People that come out of Douglas Education Center have a really broad knowledge of a lot of different techniques,” said Nicotero.

DEC is unique. The facilities replicate a real world environment within the special make-up effects industry. All instructors are industry professionals with experience and knowledge in the field, giving students a competitive edge upon graduation. Teaming up with KNB EFX Group is another example of DEC’s commitment to providing its students with cutting-edge technology and education. Students who enroll in Tom Savini’s Special Make-Up Effects Program earn a degree upon graduation.

Classes Are Enrolling Now For A June 8th Start! For more information, please visit www.dec.edu, or call 1-800-413-6013.

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ABOUT DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER

Established in 1904, Douglas Education Center (DEC) is the premier creative career institution located in Monessen, PA. DEC creates an educational atmosphere that not only fosters the highest standards of excellence in all students, but also helps these students develop an awareness of social responsibility and ethical behavior. DEC offers programs in special make-up effects, digital film, illustration, graphic design, cosmetology, medical and business. DEC instructors are industry professionals who have actual working knowledge and experience in the programs in which they teach.