

**Special Guest from Cisco Systems Visits Liberty University
Lynchburg, VA, February 22, 2012**

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, Dave West, Director of Systems Engineering for Cisco Systems' Public Sector, visited Liberty University to address students of the School of Business and the School of Engineering as well as IT administrators. He spoke to students about current changes in the information technology industry and how they will impact their future careers. Marketing was the focal point of West's message, but he also discussed topics such as cloud computing, video and mobility in the workplace. Following his lecture, a question and answer session took place where students asked a variety of questions, some relating to working remotely and how it impacts team building, and how Cisco views its competitors.

West's visit also allowed Cisco's leadership to witness the university's campus life and academic experience. Following his visit with residential students, he also met with senior IT administrators at Liberty to discuss strategic partnership opportunities.

West leads a team of 400 engineers supporting Federal, State, and Local Government, Education, and the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community with the design and deployment of integrated end-to-end, enterprise network solutions. His primary role is to support Public Sector customers by matching their business requirements to scalable, secure, resilient solutions. A ten-year Cisco employee, West is a former Marine Officer and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. He holds a Master of Science in Information Systems from the Naval Postgraduate School.

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Liberty University, located in Lynchburg, Va., is the world's largest Christian university. More than 12,500 students attend classes on its 6700-acre residential campus and more than 70,000 study in its thriving online education program.

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