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## **Black Diamond Video's IDSS Streams Live Surgeries to High School Students**

**Point Richmond, California, May 19, 2014** – On Tuesday, May 6, 2014, The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio used Black Diamond Video (BDV) integrated operating room video systems to conduct a large educational webcast as part of its community education program. The live surgery experience, presented by The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, gave students interested in careers in healthcare a chance to see first-hand the varied professionals who work in the operating room.

Using Black Diamond Video's Integrated Digital Surgical Suites, The Christ Hospital broadcasted live HD surgical video and audio to hundreds of local high school students. Students from 31 area high schools observed two surgeries this year—a total knee replacement and a total hip replacement, via a video feed to the hospital auditorium. The students had an opportunity to interact with operating room personnel through a moderator during the procedure and ask the surgeon, Michael Swank, M.D., questions at the conclusion of both procedures.

"The Christ College was pleased to have offered this live surgery experience to students across the Greater Cincinnati region," said Nathan Long, Ed. D., President, The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences. "What made the event truly spectacular was the outstanding video feed provided by the BDV system, which enabled the surgical team to do its job while offering up a first-rate educational experience for the learners in attendance."

The Integrated Digital Surgical Suites (IDSS) used by The Christ Hospital are HD video routing and display solutions for operating rooms. Designed to enhance visualization, communication and collaboration inside and outside the surgical environment, the IDSS' powerful streaming engine securely broadcasts video from endoscopes, cameras, and other connected sources live in HD to remote destinations. The IDSS' streaming feature is often used for instant consultation between surgical staff and remote specialists, as well as for teaching applications.

"Our Integrated Digital Surgical Suite enhances communication for so many of our customers," said Edward Priest, Founder and CEO of Black Diamond Video. "HD video streaming is integral to the functions of the hospital: sending live video to a pathologist for immediate consultation or to a classroom of students. We're thrilled to be able to support these efforts."

### **About Black Diamond Video, Inc.**

Black Diamond Video is a leading manufacturer and integrator of high-resolution digital video processing solutions for mission-critical medical, federal and commercial applications. The company manufactures a



complete product line of 4K matrix switches, processors, scalers, signal conditioners, converters, extenders, system controllers, digital recorders, and H.264 streaming and conferencing technology.

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