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MAJOR GENERAL BENTLEY RAYBURN ADDRESSES GRADUATES AT COLORADO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY COLORADO SPRINGS COMMENCEMENT

Retired Air Force Commander Shares Words of Wisdom with Graduating Class

COLORADO SPRINGS, July 09, 2009 – Graduates from [Colorado Technical University](#) (CTU) Colorado Springs and [CTU Online](#) came together at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on June 19 to take part in the commencement ceremony. [Major General Bentley Rayburn](#), a highly decorated Air Force commander, delivered the commencement speech and encouraged students to use their education to approach life in new ways.

“Major General Rayburn has not only proven himself as an exemplary leader as evidence by his distinguished military accomplishments,” said [Greg Mitchell](#), president of CTU Colorado Springs, “but also has been a significant contributor to the betterment of the communities within which he has resided.”

Rayburn, who retired from the Air Force in 2006, began his education in Colorado Springs at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1975. Since then Rayburn has risen through the ranks of the U.S. Air Force and held positions on the personal staffs of the Secretary of the Air Force and of the Commander of Air Combat Command as well as many other positions.

“I was honored to play a small part in a wonderfully fitting ceremony marking the conclusion of a demanding academic program for the graduates,” said Rayburn when asked about speaking at the CTU commencement ceremony. “CTU is doing a tremendous job preparing its students for an extremely competitive job market.”

This year’s graduating class had 138 members with 63 students from CTU Colorado Springs and 75 from CTU Online. Seven doctorate’s, 51 master’s, 60 bachelor’s and 20 associate degrees were awarded.

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CTU Online student Jan Gunnells made the journey from Savannah, Georgia to Colorado Springs to attend graduation. "Graduation was nothing short of fabulous. I love the virtual campus atmosphere, but it was indeed special to take part in the graduation ceremony and realize that there was a tangible home."

CTU Colorado Springs offers degrees in the following areas: business and management, criminal justice and public administration, engineering and computer science, and information systems and technology. CTU Online, a completely internet-based approach to learning, allows busy students to pursue a degree at their convenience in fields such as: business and management, criminal justice and public administration, health sciences, information systems and technology and interdepartmental degrees. The faculty and staff of CTU are dedicated to providing its students with the skills they will need to succeed in the real world.

About Colorado Technical University

Since 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU), an institution of higher learning that provides career-oriented education by teaching applied industry programs, has provided students with a pathway towards personal, academic, and professional advancement. CTU offers degree-track programs at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels in a variety of disciplines. For more information about Colorado Technical University, please visit www.coloradotech.edu.

Through its internet-based channel, CTU Online, the university offers degree programs that are delivered 100 percent online. For more information about the online campus, visit www.ctuonline.edu.

Colorado Technical University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahlc.org). The University is also a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of colleges, universities and schools.