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## **Annual Employer Satisfaction Survey Gives High Marks to Colorado Technical University Graduates**

*Results Show Most Employers Would Hire Another CTU Graduate*

Colorado Springs, Colo. (June 16, 2010) –[Colorado Technical University](http://www.coloradotech.edu), a leading provider of education for career-motivated students, today announced findings from its annual employer satisfaction survey that showed 82 percent of respondents said they would be likely or extremely likely to hire another CTU graduate.

The survey, commissioned by CTU and conducted by The Analytical Group, gathered information from 494 employers across the U.S. who hired CTU graduates in 2009. The survey measures employer satisfaction with CTU graduates and identifies specific employee skills that are important to their organizations.

“Not only do these survey findings help demonstrate the ways in which CTU helps prepare students for today’s workforce through a focus on career-relevant degree programs, but they also play a role in helping us shape future programs,” said Wallace Pond, chief executive officer for CTU. “We are always working to refine our programs and develop new programs to provide students with the education and skills necessary to meet employer expectations, and the high level of employer satisfaction reported through this survey shows that we are on the right path.”

In addition to being likely to hire another CTU graduate, the survey also found that a majority of employers (97 percent) believe CTU graduates working for them perform as well as or better than other employees.

The survey also explored employer satisfaction as related to a variety of skill sets. Among these findings from surveyed employers:

- **An overwhelming majority of respondents feel that CTU graduates have good analytical skills.** Eighty-seven percent of employers surveyed rated analytical skills of CTU graduates as either good or very good, while 89 percent of those surveyed agree or strongly agree that their CTU graduate employees have the necessary information technology skills to fulfill the requirements of this position.
- **Most employers rate CTU graduates’ communications skills as good or very good.** When asked to provide an overall rating of communication skills, 85 percent of employees surveyed gave a good or very good rating based on their experience with 2009 CTU graduates. Additionally, 84 percent of respondents agree or strongly agree that the CTU graduates they hired in 2009 have appropriate written communication skills, while 86 percent agree or strongly agree that graduates have appropriate verbal communication skills.

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- **A large majority of employers surveyed believe CTU graduates have good or very good interpersonal skills.** Specifically, eighty-six percent of respondents rate CTU graduates as having good or very good interpersonal skills. As for particular working environments, 88 percent of employers surveyed agree or strongly agree that CTU graduates work effectively in a team environment and 88 percent agree or strongly agree that CTU graduates are able to work effectively in a diverse environment.

For more information about CTU, please visit [www.coloradotech.edu](http://www.coloradotech.edu).

### **About Colorado Technical University**

Founded in 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU) provides higher education for today's career-focused students and offers them support, flexibility and resources to advance personally and professionally. In addition to degree-track programs at the associate and bachelor's levels, CTU offers master's and doctoral degrees through the CTU Institute for Advanced Studies -- an innovative approach to graduate degrees for career-motivated professionals.

CTU campuses include ground schools in Denver; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pueblo, Colo.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Kansas City and an internet based division that delivers degree programs 100 percent online. In fact, the award-winning CTU Online Virtual Campus was recognized as "Best of the Best" in the 2009 Computerworld Honors Program. For more information, please visit [www.coloradotech.edu](http://www.coloradotech.edu).

[CTU is accredited](#) by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For more info visit [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org) or call 312-263-0456. CTU is also a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of universities, colleges and schools. For more information, visit [www.careered.com](http://www.careered.com). CTU does not guarantee employment or salary.

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