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Colorado Technical University Names Recipients of 50 Full Scholarships for Wounded Warriors and Spouses

Students also receive laptop computers to pursue online education during recovery

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 8, 2009 – According to the [Department of Defense](#)¹, more than 36,000 soldiers have been wounded in conflicts in Iraq and in and around Afghanistan. Many of these service members and their spouses face an unknown future. But for 25 wounded service members, along with 25 spouses, one thing is certain: the gift of education. [Colorado Technical University](#) (CTU) announces the 2009 recipients of the CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship and Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship programs.

The CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship program is a partnership between CTU and the non-profit [Yellow Ribbon Fund](#) to offer educational assistance to wounded service men and women and spouses of wounded heroes as they recover from their injuries. In addition to a full scholarship, students also receive a laptop computer to pursue an online education during their or their spouse's recovery. This year marks the first time that spouses of wounded service members were also eligible for scholarships.

"We developed the CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship program in 2008 to provide an opportunity through education to a population with uncertain futures--those whose lives are forever altered by a debilitating physical injury while serving their country," said James Hendrickson, vice president of military education at CTU. "As far as we know, we are one of the few, if only, universities to provide full scholarships to those recovering from their war wounds, or their spouses. We hope to inspire the scholarship recipients to pursue their dreams, and others in higher education to give back to our servicemen and women and their families."

To date, CTU has provided 100 scholarships worth nearly \$2 million through the school's Wounded Warrior Scholarship program. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition, course materials and fees, as well as a new laptop computer courtesy of [Career Education Corporation](#), the parent company of CTU. [Pearson Learning Solutions](#), a division of Pearson Education, underwrites the education material costs of any course taken through CTU that uses Pearson text books or e-books.

¹ 2009 Department of Defense Casualty Report, <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf>

Of the 25 CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship recipients, 22 are expected to pursue associate degrees, two will pursue a bachelor's degree and one will enter a master's program. Twenty of the CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship winners will be pursuing associate degrees, with three pursuing a bachelor's degree and two seeking a master's degree.

CTU founded the Wounded Warrior Scholarship program in an effort to positively impact extraordinary Americans who have sacrificed to serve their country, while helping to set an example for other corporate, educational and private institutions.

"Each Wounded Warrior scholarship recipient is an American hero," said Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, a member of the seven-person CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship selection board. "They willingly served to defend our nation and along with their loved ones, they have given so much to our country. In return, Colorado Technical University is giving them the gift of education. As their wounds heal, CTU will assist America's heroes to find hope and to discover opportunities through education they may never have thought possible. The power of knowledge through education can make a big difference in their altered lives. It is an honor to be a part of this college scholarship program that recognizes the recipients' service to our nation and celebrates all that they can become."

New Scholarship Recognizes Spouses of Wounded Warriors for Their Daily Sacrifices

Similar to the CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarships, the 25 CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship winners were selected by an eight person board.

"Too often we lose sight of the husbands and wives of wounded service members who are so deserving of our support and recognition for the daily sacrifices they make," said Marie Tillman, chair of the CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship selection board and chair of the Pat Tillman Foundation board. "I'm proud that Colorado Technical University is rewarding their strength and bravery by providing scholarships to further their education and to create a better life for themselves and their families."

CTU Online Offers Flexible Learning Environment For Scholarship Recipients

All CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship and CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship recipients complete their degrees via the Internet through [CTU Online](#), allowing students to take classes from anywhere in the world. The award-winning virtual campus at CTU Online offers an ideal environment for recovering service members to begin and continue their education as they receive rehabilitation services. Additionally, the virtual campus provides an opportunity for CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship recipients to visit and care for their spouses as they recover without interrupting their studies.

The CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship program is just one part of the overall commitment CTU has made to serve active military, veterans and their families. Currently, one-third – or about 8,000 – of CTU ground and online students are active military, reservists, National Guard, veterans and their spouses. Through the CTU [department of military education](#), these students have access to military admissions officers, who help expedite the enrollment process, as well as to military education benefits specialists who help military students and their families obtain their maximum, eligible, benefits. CTU also participates in the new Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program. For more information, visit www.coloradotech.edu.

About Colorado Technical University

Founded in 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU) provides higher education for today's career-focused students by teaching applied industry programs and offering students 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, Mo.; 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.

CTU is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For more info visit <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. CTU does not guarantee employment or salary.

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