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

Service members and spouses receive gift of education to support their transition and recovery

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 11, 2010 – This Veterans Day, as Americans honor those who serve our country, Colorado Technical University (CTU) is recognizing the sacrifices of 25 wounded service members and 25 spouses of wounded service members with the gift of education.

CTU today announced the 2011 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 warriors as they recover from their injuries and rebuild their lives. To date, CTU has provided 150 scholarships worth nearly $3 million.

"The CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship program helps better prepare our wounded service members and their families as they face an uncertain future," said James Hendrickson, vice president of military education at CTU. "With nearly 40,000 military members injured in conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, we're proud to help positively impact the lives of these extraordinary men and women and their spouses through higher education."

CTU is one of the few universities offering such a scholarship program to this worthy group. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition, course materials and fees, as well as a new laptop computer.

Scholarship Recipients to Pursue Undergraduate and Advanced Degrees
Of the 25 CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship recipients, 24 are in the Army and one is serving in the Air Force.

"Our wounded warriors are true American heroes who have given so much, so selflessly, to serve our country," said retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, a member of the CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship selection board. "While the scholarship recipients may face challenges in their future, education has the power to build successful futures. I'm honored to be part of something that gives our wounded military members the support and encouragement they need to pursue the next chapter in their lives."

The 2011 Wounded Warrior Scholarship recipients are:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Spc. Marie Caudill, Army
Cpl. Jefferson Davis, Army
Staff Sgt. Jon Hawke, Army
Sgt. Rebecca Manda, Army
Sgt. 1st Class Frances Montes-Crawford, Army
Sgt. Jody Piercy, Army
Sgt. Daryl Shaw, Army

Fort Carson, Colorado
Sgt. Robert Armstrong, Army
Spc. William Dale Ballard, Army
Spc. Victor Favero, Army
Spc. Danielle Friedericksen, Army
Staff Sgt. Robert Kinnon, Army
Spc. James Lindsey, Army
Spc. Mark Paszkowski, Army
Staff Sgt. Ralph Topps, Army

Fort Meade, Maryland
Staff Sgt. Nicole Belgrave, Army
Spc. Richard Kelly, Army
Sgt. 1st Class Neville King, Army
Chief Warrant Officer Ed Rivas, Army
Sgt. Brandon Williamson, Army

Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Spc. Brittani Lowery, Army
Staff Sgt. Domingo Soto-Santana, Army

Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Barker, Air Force

Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington D.C.
Sgt. Rafael Delgado, Army
Spc. Walter Lester, Army

Spouses of Wounded Warriors Recognized for Their Support
The 25 CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship winners were selected by a six-person selection board led by Marie Tillman, board chair of the Pat Tillman Foundation. Twenty-one are wives and four are husbands of wounded service members.

Six of the spouses also have husbands or wives who received a Wounded Warrior Scholarship this year – meaning they will be attending CTU at the same time as their spouse.

"The strength, commitment and inspiration of the husbands and wives of our wounded service members often go unnoticed," said Marie Tillman, board chair of the Pat Tillman Foundation and chair of the CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship selection board. "I'm proud that Colorado Technical University is recognizing their support by granting scholarships that will help them further their education or pursue new careers at a critical time in their family's lives."

The 2011 Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship recipients are:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Christopher Caudill
Jessica Copare
Kedlin Delauder
Tracy Mauro
Preston Miller

Fort Carson, Colorado
Kimberly Sue Ballard
Amber Bowker
Melissa Favero
Travis Grizzard
Amber Guerrero
Nishoro Kinnon
Mary Elizabeth Mathis
Michelle Paszkowski
Gina Rinder
Joshaua Rowe

Fort Hood, Texas
Gina Yances Redondo

Fort Meade, Maryland
Kendra Bennett
Jasmine Tejada

Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Mary Lou Copper

Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas
Trish Barker

Wounded Warrior Veteran Spouse Recipients:
Kathryn Aldrich, Colorado
Dawn Calin, Maryland
Amanda Cameron, Washington
Lisa Ripley, Illinois
Juliet Grecco Santiago, Florida

CTU Degrees Offer Convenient, Flexible Learning Environment For Recipients
All CTU Wounded Warrior Scholarship and CTU Wounded Warrior Spouse Scholarship recipients pursue their degrees online, allowing students to take classes from anywhere in the world. The award-winning virtual campus at CTU offers an ideal environment for recovering service members to begin and continue their education as they recover. 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, approximately one-third of CTU students are active military, reservists, National Guard, veterans and their spouses. Through the CTU Department of Military Education, these students have access to military advisors and specialists, many of whom are veterans and can help students transition to academic life. CTU also participates in the 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 and offers students support, flexibility and resources to advance personally and professionally. CTU offers associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. CTU campuses include ground schools in Denver, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pueblo, Colo.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Kansas City. The school also delivers degree programs 100 percent online via its award-winning virtual campus, which 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 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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