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**Decorated Army Veteran Speaks at Colorado Technical University  
Southern Colorado Graduation**

*Maj. Gen. Alan Johnson delivers commencement speech*

**Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 11, 2010-** [Colorado Technical University \(CTU\) Southern Colorado](#) recently celebrated a new class of graduates. Students from the CTU Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Online campuses took part in a graduation ceremony on Friday, Dec. 18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs.

The ceremony featured a commencement speech delivered by U.S. Army veteran Maj. Gen. Alan Johnson. Johnson joined the U.S. Army in 1969 as a draftee and continued to serve for 33 years. His time in the military led him around the world serving in a variety of roles that also presented him with opportunities to expand his education at the U.S. Naval War College and Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Today, Johnson serves as the corporate vice president and operations manager of the space and missile defense operation at SPARTA Inc., a U.S. defense contractor.

“CTU is very proud of our graduates and all they have accomplished,” said Greg Mitchell, president of CTU Southern Colorado. “As they enter the job market or continue their education, I hope their time at CTU has given them the skills and confidence to succeed in whatever path they take.”

The graduating class had 172 members composed of 110 students from CTU Southern Colorado and 62 from CTU Online. 55 master’s, 65 bachelor’s and 52 associate degrees were awarded.

**[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.

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In addition to degree-track programs at the associate and bachelor's levels, CTU offers master's and doctoral degrees through the [CTU Institute of 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 is 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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