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**Colorado Technical University Celebrates
Juneteenth Festival with Art Exhibit**

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 2, 2009 – Throughout the month of June, Colorado Technical University (CTU) will celebrate the annual Juneteenth Festival with an art show showcasing the work of local African American artist Jim Wider. The art show is part of this year's Juneteenth Festival hosted by the *African American Voice*. CTU has been a Festival sponsor for the past five years.

The art exhibit will line the walls of the CTU Colorado Springs campus and will feature the work of Wider, a long-time Colorado Springs resident, who is well known for his distinctive realist style using textured surfaces and incorporating such elements as fabrics and sawdust. Wider's work has been exhibited widely throughout the United States, with permanent collections at the National Art Club, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, George Washington Carver Museum and Mann-Simons Museum of African American Art.

"We are honored to celebrate this year's Juneteenth Festival with this exhibit," said Greg Mitchell, president of the CTU Colorado Springs and Pueblo campuses. "We are particularly honored to have the work of a talented local artist, Jim Wider, at the CTU campus as part of this inspiring display."

Mitchell will be recognized at the Festival's VIP Kickoff Reception on June 6 as an honorary chairperson for his ongoing commitment to diversity and community service.

Juneteenth is the oldest African American holiday and commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. In addition to the art show at CTU, the *African American Voice* will celebrate this year's Juneteenth Festival with a variety of exhibits and activities.

The art exhibit will be open to the public throughout June between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday – Thursday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Fridays and between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturdays. It is located at the CTU Colorado Springs campus at 4435 North Chestnut St. Please visit <http://www.africanamericanvoice.net/faq.asp> for additional information about the Juneteenth Festival and the *African American Voice*.

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 toward 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. CTU operates campuses in Colorado Springs, CO; Denver, CO; Pueblo, CO; Kansas City, MO; and Sioux Falls, SD; as well as an internet-based virtual campus that delivers degree programs 100% online. For additional information about online programs, please visit www.ctuonline.edu.

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