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Colorado Student Veteran Receives Surprise \$10,000 Scholarship During Colorado Technical University Fall Commencement

At the ceremony, more than 120 students graduated in front of record-breaking attendance

Denver, Colo. (October 20, 2011) – Colorado Technical University (CTU), a leading provider of education for career-motivated students, has named Cyrell Johnson the recipient of a \$10,000 CTU President’s Scholarship. Johnson, who is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Management at CTU in Denver, was awarded the scholarship for his outstanding contributions to the community and campus life. The scholarship, which was awarded as a surprise to Johnson at the fall commencement ceremony, provides an opportunity for Johnson to complete his degree by fully covering his remaining CTU tuition. The award was presented to Johnson by Dr. Mark Pieffer, CTU Denver Campus President and Jeremy Wheaton, CEO of CTU.

Johnson is the State Director of the Colorado Student Veterans Organization (SVO), a group that supports members as they transition from military to civilian life. Johnson also founded the CTU Chapter of the SVO, where he supports veteran students based on his first-hand experience in overcoming obstacles and challenges, ranging from a loss of camaraderie to struggles with the visible and invisible wounds of war.

“The scholarship is certainly an honor. Growing up, I never thought I’d have the opportunity to even attend college, so I feel as though I’ve achieved an impossible dream,” said Johnson. “One of the things that I love about CTU is that they help students realize their dreams and they recognize you for your efforts.”

“We’re proud to be able to celebrate Cyrell and offer support as he seeks higher education,” said CTU Denver President Mark Pieffer. “Cyrell has made outstanding contributions as a student, as well as in his personal and professional life. At CTU, we’re proud to provide students, like Cyrell, with the education, knowledge and skills” that could help them reach their goals.

In addition to Johnson’s surprise scholarship, CTU Denver honored 121 graduates during the fall commencement on Saturday, Sept. 17. More than 850 people attended the event, setting a record attendance for the campus. Of the 121 graduates, 23 students received associate degrees, 50 received bachelor’s degrees and 48 received master’s degrees. Thirty-eight of the 121 graduates pursued their degrees 100 percent online through the school’s virtual campus.

Jeremy Wheaton delivered the commencement speech. Wheaton, a 17-year veteran of higher education, has also served as a member of the CTU Board of Trustees for the past six years.

The CTU Denver campus offers degrees in business and management, criminal justice and legal studies, engineering and computer science, information systems and technology and health sciences.

For more information about CTU, 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 support, flexibility and resources to help students pursue new opportunities. CTU's industry-focused curriculum has courses taught by instructors, many with experience in the fields that they teach. Students can collaborate with people from all over the country via the CTU award-winning [Virtual Campus](#), which was recognized as the "Best of the Best" in the Education and Academia category of the 2009 Computerworld Honors program. Students can also connect on campuses in [multiple cities](#). CTU students can choose from more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs. For more information, please visit www.coloradotech.edu.

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