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Local University Names New President

Tim Gramling chosen to lead Colorado Technical University in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 18, 2009) – Tim Gramling, a Harvard-educated leader with more than 19 years of consulting, business and educational experience, has been named president of the Kansas City campus of Colorado Technical University (CTU).

“Tim Gramling will sustain and enhance our commitment to student service,” said Dr. Wallace Pond, CEO and president of Colorado Technical University. “He understands implicitly the connection between classroom education and the real-world needs of workers and employers, and will be focused on ensuring that students graduate from CTU-KC fully prepared for today’s business challenges.”

Gramling is no stranger to Kansas City. He was a group manager for Sprint in the mid-1990s. Later, Gramling worked in the financial services industry implementing off-shore marketing operations serving U.S. customers.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in computer science from Harvard and a master’s degree in the same discipline from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. “I used my formal education to guide my early career on how technology is reformulating 21st century business and industry,” Gramling said. “I was deeply involved in the worker-bee part of the economy.”

Five years ago, Gramling shifted to higher education and held leadership positions at a technology university in Florida. “It’s been rewarding to leverage my global business experience to help educate the American workforce,” Gramling said. “I look forward to helping CTU students obtain the education they need to be successful, and to sustain the technological and economic prominence of our community and our nation.”

Gramling said he expects that employers will appreciate the fact that CTU-KC graduates bring a tangible, career-focused education to the job. “Our students learn on the same type of equipment and in similar situations to which they’ll encounter on the job,” he said. “They are expected to know how to analyze, synthesize and solve problems, and how to improve effectiveness and efficiency.”

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“A committee that included CTU-KC executive leaders and students selected Gramling through an extensive search process,” said Dr. Scott Van Tonningen, the university’s vice president of educational quality, who was a selection committee member as well as the campus’s interim president since January.

“The CTU campuses in Colorado Springs, Denver and Pueblo, Colo., and Sioux Falls, S.D., set the benchmark for computer science training in their respective communities,” Van Tonningen said. “Tim is the right person to ensure that the Kansas City campus performs at that same high-level and sustains our service to students in all academic disciplines.”

CTU-KC offers degree granting programs in the disciplines of business and management, criminal justice, and the health sciences, as well as diploma programs in Medical Assisting and Practical Nursing. Courses are available at the campus at 520 E. 19th St., North Kansas City, via the CTU online campus, and through a unique hybrid experience combining traditional classroom interaction with online flexibility, accessibility and convenience.

Gramling, a self-proclaimed “city guy,” resides in a condominium in Downtown Kansas City and often rides the Metro to work. He and his wife, Charlene, a financial services specialist, have one son.

Gramling succeeds Peter C. Correa, who in January was named president of the Atlanta campuses of American InterContinental University, part of the parent organization of CTU, Career Education Corporation.

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 towards 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. Through its internet-based channel, CTU Online, the university offers degree programs that are delivered 100% online. For more information about the online campus, visit www.ctuonline.edu. The Kansas City campus is located at 520 E. 19th Ave., North Kansas City. For further information, call 816-472-7400 or visit www.kc.coloradotech.edu.

Colorado Technical University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The University is also a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of colleges, universities and schools.

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