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Colorado Technical University Kansas City Celebrates Graduation
Student Speaker Changes Career and Pursues his Dream

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 04, 2009— With the current condition of the economy and high-rate of unemployment, more adults have been turning to education to assist them in changing their careers. This can often be seen as a scary time in life, but recently graduates of [Colorado Technical University](#) (CTU) Kansas City and CTU Online received inspiration and anticipation for life changes ahead from student speaker Tim Snyder.

Snyder, previously a factory supervisor in Kansas City, received his associate degree in surgical technology and is making the move to his dream destination – Alaska— where he has secured a job at Ketchikan General Hospital. Snyder shared with fellow graduates that his education helped empower him to change careers and pursue his dream of moving to Alaska.

This graduation was an especially exciting event for both Tim Gramling, CTU Kansas City president and Mark Kerckhoff, CTU Kansas City director of education. As recent additions to the CTU staff, this was their first graduation.

“CTU Kansas City is dedicated to providing students with the skills they need to pursue success in the real world,” said Tim Gramling, CTU Kansas City president. “We’re proud to see our students graduate and go through an important and impactful rite of passage. Witnessing these individuals reach their personal goals and achieve success, reaffirms why I decided to become involved in the education process—to make a difference in people’s lives.”

The keynote speaker was Pam Whiting, vice president of communications and media relations for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. A career changer herself, Whiting began in the broadcasting before switching over to public relations and communications in 1994. Throughout her speech, Whiting discussed the importance of life milestones and accomplishments. She encouraged students to continue setting new goals for themselves and enjoying what they have accomplished so far.

The graduating class was composed of CTU Kansas City students as well as CTU Online students. Online students came from 14 states to attend graduation with some travelling from as far as Florida and Maine.

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. 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.

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