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**Colorado Technical University Sioux Falls Celebrates
2010 Summer Commencement**

One graduate traveled more than 1,500 miles to attend ceremony in her mother's honor

SIOUX FALLS, S.D., June 22, 2010 – On June 19 nearly 150 students graduated from Colorado Technical University (CTU) Sioux Falls during its 2010 summer commencement.

The event was held at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science in downtown Sioux Falls. Of the graduates, 61 students received associate degrees, 67 received bachelor's degrees and 21 received master's degrees. Among these degrees, CTU Sioux Falls graduated its first student, Tya Clemenston, from the court reporting program.

Seven of the graduates attended CTU Online, including Jerilyn Ebbole, 50, who traveled more than 1,500 miles from her home in North Port, Fla., to participate in the Sioux Falls commencement ceremony. She has a special connection to the city since her late mother graduated from Washington High School, which is now the Washington Pavilion of Arts, where she walked across the stage to receive her bachelor's degree in business administration.

Ebbole, whose mom passed away in 2000, promised her mom she would graduate from college before she turned 50.

"When I found out there would be a graduation ceremony not only in her hometown but her former high school, I knew I really needed to be there," Ebbole said.

Ebbolle says the flexibility of pursuing an online education through CTU contributed to her success. Her company transferred her across the country, forcing her to start and restart her college education on numerous occasions. When her company moved her to Ft. Lauderdale, she enrolled in CTU Online, where she was able to continue her education even after another job transfer.

Among the other highlights of the graduation ceremony, Kirby Wilcoxson, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, delivered the commencement speech. Wilcoxson recently retired after a 27-year career in higher education, where he served as both a teacher and academic administrator. For the first time, the commencement ceremony also featured a student speaker: Lisa Esser, a candidate for an MBA degree.

CTU Sioux Falls offers degrees in the following areas: business and management, criminal justice and public administration, engineering and computer science, information systems and technology and health sciences.

CTU Online, a completely internet-based approach to learning, allows busy students to pursue a degree at their convenience in fields such as: business and management, criminal justice and public administration, health sciences, information systems and technology and interdepartmental degrees. The faculty and staff of CTU are dedicated to providing its students with the skills they will need to succeed in the real world.

About Colorado Technical University

Founded in 1965, [Colorado Technical University](http://www.coloradotech.edu) (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 [CTU's Institute for Advanced Studies](http://www.coloradotech.edu), 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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