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**COLORADO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY SIOUX FALLS COMMENCEMENT
BECOMES A FAMILY AFFAIR**

Wife Graduates from CTU as Husband Gives the Commencement Speech

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. July 14, 2009 – [Colorado Technical University](#) (CTU) [Sioux Falls](#) celebrated the accomplishments of its graduating class on June 20 at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science in downtown Sioux Falls. Former CTU Sioux Falls professor and recently appointed [American InterContinental University Atlanta](#) (AIU) President [Peter Correa](#) delivered the commencement speech to 110 members of the graduating class. Among those students was his wife, [Charlene](#), who received her master of business administration.

Charlene Correa, a mother of two, went back to school as a personal challenge. “I set a goal, worked very hard and accomplished something I’m very proud of. It’s an empowering feeling that will lift and carry me wherever life takes me.”

For Charlene Correa, listening to her husband deliver the commencement speech while sitting in her cap and gown was a once in a lifetime experience. “It was one of the proudest days of my life! Peter and I shared this day together, yet we stand as individuals who are resolute in the power of learning and positive personal growth that happens as a result.”

While addressing the audience, Peter Correa challenged the graduates to “be intentional.” He encouraged students to invest in everything they do in order to enhance their leadership skills, academic quests and improve their professional life.

The graduating class consisted of six CTU Online students and 104 CTU Sioux Falls students who received degrees varying from associate to master’s in a number of different fields.

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“The opportunity to witness such a unique connection between the graduation speaker and the graduates was quite rewarding,” said David Heflin, CTU Sioux Falls president. “Peter connected to our graduates in so many different ways...as a husband, a former teacher, a university president. This connection confirms the ability we all have to impact the lives of those around us in a meaningful way.”



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

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 percent online. For more information about the online campus, visit www.ctuonline.edu.

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