

University of Phoenix - Des Moines Campus to Hold Commencement

Graduates from Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota will participate in University of Phoenix -Des Moines campus commencement exercises on Saturday, June 27th. The featured speaker is ADP executive and University of Phoenix alumnus Julie Fitzpatrick.

June 17, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- Julie Fitzpatrick knows the ups and downs – the challenges and the successes that are a part of earning a college degree as an adult learner. She knows the frustration of applying for a job, but not being considered for it, because she didn't have a degree. And she knows the self-satisfaction and other rewards that accompany a degree from University of Phoenix. Fitzpatrick, who works for ADP, Inc. as a Human Resources Director-Business Partner, will share her story with the graduates who will participate in this year's commencement ceremonies from University of Phoenix, Des Moines campus on Saturday, June 27, 2009.

More than 81 graduates participating in Saturday's commencement ceremonies are earning associate, bachelors and master's degrees. The event is being held at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Avenue beginning at 10:00 a.m.

"This is a wonderful occasion for our graduates," said Chris Mason, the Campus Director at University of Phoenix Des Moines campus. "Watching individuals who are celebrating a major life accomplishment is one the greatest parts of being involved with this great University."

This graduating class represents residents of the greater Des Moines metropolitan area as well as Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Sioux City, Fort Dodge, among others. A complete listing of the graduates is listed below.

Media Note:

Commencement ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Hoyt Sherman Place, 1501 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines, IA Saturday, June 27, 2009 and is open to the general public.

List of Participants in Saturday's Commencement Ceremonies:

Des Moines, IA– Lindsay Debolt, Melissa Enos, Dora Grote, Susan Harris-Wilkerson, April Schwabe, Melissa Jones, Debbie Remsburg, Lisa Baccam, Jennifer Bellolio, Amanda Brickles, Lashundra Davis, Mayra De Catalan, Robert Hammond, Melissa Parks, Paula Pickens;
West Des Moines - Vicki Dearduff, Nitt Hopes, Kennen Burkhardt, Cynthia Lamb, Katharine Lindgren, Willy Nzimi, Cassandra Parker;
Cedar Rapids, IA – Jessica Haight, Chasity Weeks, Timothy Berchenbriter, Mary Ernzen, Gregory Hopson, Carolyn King, Amy Podzimek, Deborah Toy;
Elsewhere– Adel - Stacy Garrett; Ashland - Jillisa Thompson; Beacon - Davina Wilson; Bondurant - Brian Thommes; Boone - Cynthia Claassen; Cascade - Jennifer Schmitt; Cumming - Tracey McCormick; De Soto - Jaime Forgy; Fairfield - Megan Nelson; Fort Dodge - Renee Jarvis; Gladbrook - Tiana Dorothy;
Greenfield - Rebecca McCann, Tracey Mavis; Grimes - Marsha Aldridge; Hampton - Paula Hoak, Deborah Dvorak; Johnston - Mohan Akella, Cheryl Carter; Leon - Amber Richards; Manning - Abbey Stangl; Marcus - Holly Galles; Marion, IA - Misty Nelson; Marshalltown, IA - Shannon Chyma, Steven Galuhn; Mingo, IA - Lori Reed, Sandra Beard; Murray, IA - Taffy Tracy; Newton, IA - Kimberly Wang, Paul Kasal, Melissa Champoux; North English, IA - Stacey Walden; North Liberty - Courtney Heller; Norwalk, IA - Krista Capp; Osceola, IA - Michele Robbins, Jessica Baldus; Owatonna, MN - Michael Bodenbach; Sioux City, IA - Nickolas Elgert; Sioux Falls, SD - Bobbie Jo Leggett; Slater - Matthew Beglinger; Springfield, IA - Teresa Hanson; Story City - Lora Smith; Swisher, IA - Debra Vega; Toledo - Jessica Gabriel; Urbandale, IA - Linda Cusick, Kevin Lazard; Waterloo, IA - Jay Jefferson, Sr.; Wellman, IA - Cynthia Bright; Williamsburg - Mandy Landuyt; Winterset, IA - Deborah Emerson;

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