Colorado Technical University and McDonald’s Honor Legacy Archways to Opportunity Program Graduate

CTU and McDonald’s celebrate a student milestone as a second-generation Archways to Opportunity™ funding recipient achieves her personal goal of earning a college degree.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (PRWEB) May 01, 2019 -- On April 8, Colorado Technical University (CTU) and McDonald’s celebrated the graduation of Kay-Cee Antill, a second-generation McDonald’s student and recipient of Archways to Opportunity tuition assistance. Kay-Cee utilized her McDonald’s funding and resources from CTU to earn a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management. The Golden, Colo. celebration marks another educational achievement for a McDonald’s student who utilized employment as a means to pursue career and academic goals.

Kay-Cee is the daughter of Sharna Flores, the General Manager at McDonald’s in Lakewood, Colo. Over 20 years ago, Sharna put her academic goals on hold as she became a young mother and withdrew from high school. Through her employment at McDonald’s, Sharna was able to earn a high school diploma by enrolling in Archways to Opportunity, a McDonald’s-funded program offering employees access to tuition assistance, English language courses, high school diplomas and educational planning.

In 2018, inspired by her mother, Kay-Cee became a second-generation McDonald’s student to benefit from Archways to Opportunity. “It brings me great excitement and a strong sense of pride to follow in my mother’s footsteps, using my employment at McDonald’s as the key to unlocking my academic abilities,” shares Kay-Cee Antill, CTU graduate.

Kay-Cee’s first job was working at the Lakewood McDonald’s in 2014 where she received valuable customer service training. She is currently a Department Manager in Lakewood and will be able to carry her experience and skills from McDonald’s into a new industry.

Kay-Cee looks forward to pursuing a future in healthcare management, and McDonald’s supports her ambitions. “As an owner operator, it gives me a great sense of pride watching employees continue to reach new heights in their educational and professional aspirations through the McDonald’s Archways to Opportunity program,” says Mike Sandoval, McDonald’s Owner Operator.

CTU President Andrew H. Hurst echoes the excitement and offers his congratulations. “Our University is extremely proud that Kay-Cee graduated with a bachelor’s degree from CTU and was able to utilize her education benefits offered by McDonald’s. Kay-Cee and her mother are both inspirational examples of how, through utilizing an opportunity and hard work in the classroom, students can reach their goals,” shares President Hurst.

In 2014, CTU and McDonald’s formed an educational alliance to help make pursuing a college degree financially achievable. McDonald’s students have the opportunity to earn college credit for their Hamburger University® training and pursue a degree with as little as $0 out-of-pocket.

Through this educational alliance, students can attend classes 100% online and have 24/7 access to the CTU Virtual Campus. Additionally, CTU offers personalized learning technology to help students control what, how and where they learn; faculty with real-world experience; and industry-focused curricula.
For more information on educational alliances with Colorado Technical University, visit www.coloradotech.edu/about/educational-alliances.

About Colorado Technical University
Since 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU) has helped students fit a real-world education into their busy daily lives. With more than 100 degree programs and concentrations available, students can pursue a variety of degrees at the associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral level. CTU offers flexible online courses, accessible through the University’s Virtual Campus or the innovative CTU Mobile app. CTU also maintains two ground campus locations in Colorado Springs and Aurora, Colo. For more information about CTU, visit www.coloradotech.edu.
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