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TOSS THAT CAP AND PUT ON THE SUNGLASSES, THE FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT FOR MORE THAN 90% OF NEUMONT UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO'VE ALREADY SIGNED HOT JOB OFFERS!

Salt Lake City, June 9, 2010 – *This weekend, as temperatures rise in the Salt Lake Valley, it won't be the sun brightening the futures of graduates from Utah's Neumont University-- it's the hot job opportunities that more than 90% of the graduating class have already accepted.* Friday, June 10, 2010 at the Commencement Ceremony for Neumont University's Class of 2010, students will be feeling grateful about more than just the completion of their degree. They'll also be feeling excited, because the majority of Neumont's June graduates have already accepted well-paying job offers, with average starting salaries of over \$55,000, at a time when the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) reports that only 24% of 2010's job-seeking graduates have a position waiting for them after graduation.

Valedictorian, Laura Gromer, who accepted a position with Blendtech of Utah county, was highly sought after by local and Fortune 500 companies on a national scale, and recently shared with MSNBC reporters that, "Neumont graduates average starting salaries of around \$60,000 and I'm very fortunate to have accepted an offer well above that."

That isn't the case for most of the class of 2010. Nationwide, college graduates are experiencing an alarming trend of unemployment and underemployment, but that isn't the case for Neumont graduates. When Neumont students their tassels on Friday, they will be marking not only the completion of their degree, but also the beginning of their exciting careers in software development and engineering, web development, and IT management.

When asked to explain the phenomenal opportunities for Neumont graduates, Neumont University's Vice President of University Relations, Aaron Reed, stated: "Neumont works with industry leaders to build a curriculum designed around the skills and traits that are in high demand. Then, we couple that core curriculum with an opportunity for students to work with these companies on real-world projects, in a situation that goes well beyond the traditional internship experience. This results in a real win-win for our graduates and the companies hiring them. It provides graduates the equivalent of six to eight months of actual work experience, and gives our employer partners an opportunity to conduct a ten week on-the-job interview while watching the students in action, performing the actual tasks they will perform during their career."

Neumont University has long been praised by industry leaders such as IBM, Microsoft, and even the Department of Educationⁱ for an innovative, paradigm-shifting approach to computer science education. Unlike traditional programs, Neumont University students are immersed in an intense, 30-month series of increasingly more complex real world, enterprise-level projects for companies like IBM, eBay, and Nike. During their final quarters, students spend up to eight hours per day working in project teams to take on real project roles and build software solutions that companies can use in their daily operations.

Commencement exercises will be held at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center in Salt Lake City.

EVENT INFORMATION

Location: Rose Wagner Theater, 138 W. Broadway, Salt Lake City, UT

Time: 2:00 pm, photo and interview opportunities 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

ABOUT NEUMONT UNIVERSITY

Neumont University's accelerated, 30-month Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS) program distinguishes itself with an integrated, project-based curriculum, focusing on the skills most valued by today's employers. Computer science projects and coursework are designed to provide Neumont University graduates with a strong foundation in technical skills and standards, an understanding of the business environment, and the ability to communicate and function well as members of teams. Upon completing instructional and project hours, Neumont University graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree and have a portfolio of project work.

In addition to Neumont's Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program they also offer a Master of Science in Computer Science degree in a one and two-year format.

More information is available at www.neumont.edu.

ⁱ www.neumont.edu/news: 2006 Spellings Report: Commission on Higher Education, and 2010 Chronicle of Higher Education "Career Colleges Deserve a Say."