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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mayor Cranley to give Cincinnati State commencement address May 4

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley will be the featured speaker at Cincinnati State's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 4.

The event will be held at the Cintas Center at Xavier University, beginning at 3 p.m.

This year 1,228 students are scheduled to graduate from Cincinnati State. The Business Technologies Division accounts for the greatest number, 368, followed by Health and Public Safety with 332, the Center for Innovative Technologies with 276 and the Humanities and Sciences Division with 252.

Among the highlights of the event:

- Honorary degrees will be awarded to John Pepper, former CEO of Procter & Gamble; and Alfonso Cornejo, president of the Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA.
- Laura Johnson, who will graduate Summa Cum Laude with an associate degree in Health and Fitness Technology, will give the student address. Johnson, who already holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in anthropology and political science, was motivated by her father's debilitating spinal cord injury to enroll at Cincinnati State to pursue her interest in promoting health, wellness and the benefits of exercise throughout life.
- Recognition will be given to the 2014 recipients of the House/Bruckmann Awards for Faculty Excellence, Amy Richardson, a licensed engineer who is co-chair of the Mathematics Department, and Peggy Rolfsen, a Biology professor in the Division of Health and Public Safety.
- The Distinguished Alumni Award for 2014 will be presented to Kenneth Stoll, a member of the first class enrolled at what is now Cincinnati State and valedictorian of its first graduating class in

1968. Stoll, a life-long West Side resident, went on to become a faculty member and eventually Dean of the Engineering Technologies Division.

- Among the graduates is Antrece Morgan, who participated in the Higher Education Mentoring Initiative (HEMI), an award-winning collaboration designed to assist youth who age out of foster care. After graduating from Woodward High School, Antrece student at Wright State University before transferring to Cincinnati State, where she will graduate with an associate of arts degree and gained experience working in the college's Disabilities Services Office. Antrece plans to transfer to the University of Cincinnati this fall. HEMI is a partnership involving Cincinnati State, UC, Great Oaks; Hamilton County Job and Family Services; and the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners.

The ceremony will be broadcast live via streaming video at www.cintascenter.com

ABOUT CINCINNATI STATE

Cincinnati State (www.cincinnati-state.edu) offers more than 100 associate degree and certificate programs in business technologies, health and public safety, engineering technologies, humanities and sciences and information technologies. Cincinnati State has one of the most comprehensive co-op programs among two-year colleges in the U.S.