



Neumont University's Commencement Keynote Addresses Feature IBM Executive Vice President and Utah Governor

100 Percent of Graduates Accept Jobs before Ceremony

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Neumont University, offering Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Master of Business Administration degrees, today announced that commencement ceremonies will be held on May 26. Keynote addresses to feature Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. and IBM Executive Vice President for Innovation and Technology, Nicholas M. Donofrio.

"America can compete in the global marketplace, especially in technology-related fields," stated Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. "Neumont University is demonstrating that committed students matched with excellent preparation are in demand in the workforce. We applaud their direction."

IBM is looking to Neumont to provide highly-skilled Web developers and software engineers in an area where the U.S. has demonstrated it has a significant competitive advantage. According to U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, computer software engineers, such as Neumont University graduates, are expected to experience one of the fastest-growing occupations through 2014.

"Many students are choosing non IT-related degrees because of the erroneous assumption that computer science jobs are being shipped outside the United States," remarked Nick Donofrio, IBM executive vice president, Innovation and Technology. "In truth, well-prepared computer software engineers are in great demand across our country. And Neumont's model for project-based learning and enterprise involvement is greatly facilitating IBM's search for the best and brightest software developers."

The commencement honors the University's first graduates. One hundred percent of graduates accepted job offers before the commencement ceremonies with average starting salaries of \$58,646*, 15% above the national average for new graduates in Computer Science (National Association of Colleges and Employers Spring 2006 Salary Survey).

While enrollment is down nationwide in college and university computer science programs, Neumont University's enrollment is growing because it's curriculum focuses on skills that have been proven difficult to send offshore. The school prepares in-demand computer science graduates with advanced technical and business skills that greatly reduce the on-the-job training now required for graduates from other programs.

"Neumont University honors its graduates who are all great achievers and set the bar high for others to follow," said Graham Doxey, Neumont University president. "Employer response to these graduates and the school's direction indicates that our new model for educating the talented young men and women in software development is timely and on target."

Commencement exercises begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, 138 West 300 South in Salt Lake City.

The Degrees

Neumont University's accelerated 30-month Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS) distinguishes itself with an integrated, project-based curriculum that focuses 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 the instructional and project hours, Neumont University graduates earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and a portfolio of project work.

In addition to the BSCS degree, the University offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree with an emphasis in IT.

About Neumont University

Neumont University is educating the most sought-after software developers. The Salt Lake City campus offers accelerated 30-month Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degrees, and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees in one- and two-year formats. Neumont University is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Some of the careers in software development include software engineer, systems architect, web development, systems analyst, data modeler, and programmer/analyst. www.neumont.edu

* 3/06 graduate salary data; The University does not guarantee salaries for future graduates; Detailed graduate placement information is available from the Office of Admissions.

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