Central State University’s 125th commencement exercise presents largest class in five years

(Wilberforce, OH) Central State University will hold its 125th commencement exercise and the last official presidential ceremony for John W. Garland:

Saturday, May 5, 2012
10am – 12:00 noon
McPherson Memorial Stadium (Central State University campus)
Media passes available by contacting the university Office of Public Relations.

This commencement represents one of the largest graduating classes in more than five years with 319 students receiving diplomas:

7 of 319 are receiving a Masters in Education
Business Administration majors – 102
Education majors – 52 (majority in Early Childhood Education -22)
Psychology majors – 27
Broadcast Media majors - 24
STEM majors - 33

The May 2012 commencement will also be the last officiated by President John W. Garland. President Garland will retire from the university June 30th after a 15 year leadership role.

Patricia Russell-McCloud, J.D. will deliver the commencement address. Ms. Russell-McCloud has been named one of the top five business motivators in the country.

About Central State University

Central State University is a key contributor to the production of leaders who serve in the fields of teaching, science, law, business, and the arts. The University, celebrating its 125th anniversary is committed to supporting Ohio’s efforts to increase the number of citizens with baccalaureate degrees in the knowledge-based fields of the twenty-first century. Central State University has been designated by the State of Ohio as a Center of Excellence in Emerging Technologies and Fine and Performing Arts. Central State University is Ohio’s only publically supported Historically Black University.