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### NASA Astronaut Commander John Herrington Welcomes National Science Foundation participants to UVU and the CAM Center with Message of Inspiration and Possibility

*Sponsors From Public and Private Sector Collaborate to Welcome Participants to the Online Digital*

*Learning Programs at UVU and Courage Above Mountains (CAM) Foundation Center This Week*

**Orem, Utah, February 28, 2011**—“*With courage and perseverance anyone can accomplish impossible dreams,*” NASA astronaut Commander John Herrington told students and community members at Utah Valley University and at the Courage Above Mountains (CAM) Center at Fishbowl headquarters in Orem, Utah today.

Commander Herrington provided a keynote address at UVU and in an evening community event at Fishbowl to welcome Native American and Utah participants entering the newest round of online digital learning programs through funding provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Since 2006, partners including DirectPointe, Kelly Services, Certiport, the State of Utah and Utah Valley University have joined to provide computer training and job education program offerings that help to elevate underserved individuals such as single moms with digital learning programs to provide them with self-sustaining employability skills and certification. The National Science Foundation helped to align this collaboration to produce funds to provide these current and relevant skills to prepare its participants for a stronger future in the digital economy.

Most recently, sponsors including UVU, Fishbowl, Canyon Park, Certiport, Certification Partners, SnapConner PR, Think Atomic, Voonami and Kelly Services have joined to provide an additional facility, the CAM Center at 1600 N. Canyon Technology Park in Orem, to administer this certification and training to an even larger field of single moms and other underserved individuals. Prospective participants can apply to enter the programs through Dr. Richard Mosholder, UVU NSF grant director at mosholri@uvu.edu.

At the events, Commander Herrington shared education, inspiration and humor with community members as he recounted his experiences as the first Native American astronaut to fly in outer space, in a

*“What I share is that you can have a dream, you can have struggles, you can overcome those struggles through perseverance and the right mentors in your lives and by making good decisions.”*

**John Herrington**



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NASA career that ultimately included three Space Shuttle Missions. Commander Herrington used these experiences as a chance to honor his heritage as a member of the Chickasaw Nation, and currently spends his time in public speaking and programs to support his strong interest in math, science and space education.

**Courage Above Mountains (The CAM Center)** is a business incubator launched by Fishbowl in conjunction with leading industry partners to support small to medium businesses and entrepreneurs. The CAM Center is also the home of the CAM Foundation, which is the social responsibility arm that is the heart and the inspiration for CAM LLC.

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