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CLTCC Graduation Set for Thursday at Rapides Parish Coliseum

Cenla Realtor and Radio Talk Show Host Trish Leleux to Deliver Commencement Address

Alexandria, La., May 16, 2022 — Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) will hold its 2022 graduation ceremony at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the Rapides Parish Coliseum. The ceremony will honor the 311 members of the Class of 2022 representing all eight CLTCC campuses, as well as 136 HiSET high school equivalency graduates.

Keynote speaker for the ceremony is local realtor and radio talk show host Trish Leleux. “I was speechless when Chancellor Sawtelle and Dr. Poole asked me to deliver the keynote address, ironic as that is,” Leleux said. “I am honored to be listed amongst the names of the distinguished and highly achieving people whose footsteps I am following. As I reflect on my own journey, I see this as
an opportunity to hopefully inspire these graduates and champion this incredible institution that we are so fortunate to have right here in Central Louisiana.”

Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle, CLTCC Chancellor, said Leleux, “exemplifies what individuals can achieve professionally through education, hard work, and dedication. And, even with all of her success, she takes time to give back to our community. She is a great role model for students and we are pleased she will be able to share her insights with our graduates.”

Leleux, a native of Ohio, received her B.A. in Criminology with a minor in Environmental Science from Auburn University where she was a member of various campus organizations and President of The Mariners, the auxiliary to the Navy & Marine ROTC Units.

She opted to stay in the southern states after college, living in Savannah, Georgia, for 10 years before making Alexandria her home 19 years ago. Since that time, she has been a prominent REALTOR® in Central Louisiana, serving as a Broker and CEO of The Trish Leleux Group, LLC, as well as a committed community volunteer.

She is a past President of The Junior League of Alexandria, has served on the Board of Directors for Fit Families for Cenla, The Alexandria Museum of Art, Family Counseling Agency, Turning Point Women's Shelter and is a current member of The Central Louisiana Regional
Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, The Louisiana State University of Alexandria Foundation Board of Directors, Louisiana Women LEAD Board of Directors and is the current Membership Chair for the Alexandria Rotary Club.

She has chaired numerous events including the Art Museum's Dragon Boat Races, supported The American Cancer Society as a "Power in Purple" Leader, ran a half marathon in support of St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and is a graduate of the prestigious Leadership Louisiana series.

She is a powerful advocate for the Central Louisiana community and has been awarded the Hometown Hero Award, The Giordano Hope and Peace Award, The Junior League of Alexandria Provisional of the Year and Sustainer of the Year Awards and most recently the YWCA Decades of Women 40’s Honoree and was named Best Real Estate Agent in the Best of Cenla. Since April 2021, she has been co-host of “KSYL’s Talk Back with Al & Trish,” a radio program the keeps the community informed on local topics and events.

Trish and her husband Todd have four children and she loves to spend her spare time watching them in their respective sporting events and traveling, especially to visit her family in the DC area and her oldest two children, her daughter who is also an Auburn Graduate and lives in Chicago and her son who is a student at Georgia Tech.
For information about enrollment visit www.cltcc.edu/apply. For more information, contact the school via email at info@cltcc.edu or call (800) 278-9855.

Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) is a two-year technical and community college offering associate degrees, technical diplomas, industry certificates, and customized training in more than 20 disciplines to support local workforce development and prepare students for high-demand and high wage careers. CLTCC serves 10 parishes in Central Louisiana through its eight campuses and provides instruction in one state prison and one federal correctional institution. For more information, visit. www.CLTCC.edu.

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