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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Eger Challenges Beckfield Graduates: “Move Forward to Your Next Dream and Do Good!”**

Florence, KY (August 17, 2009) Jeff Eger, general manager of Sanitation District 1 (SD1), spoke to a full crowd of Beckfield College graduates and their families and friends at the school’s annual Commencement ceremony on Saturday, August 15 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. “Move forward to your next dream and do good!” Eger challenged. He could relate to the more than 100 graduates of varying ages and those starting a first or second career later in life, as he did so as well.

Following his high school graduation, Jeff Eger married his high school sweetheart, started a family, owned a tennis pro shop, was a plumbing and hardware sales representative and served as Executive Vice President of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. In 1992, he decided to go back to college and in 1994 he graduated with a Bachelors degree in Communication from Northern Kentucky University, 15 years later than most of his peers. His career has been spent developing and implementing strategic initiatives to continue Northern Kentucky’s growth and community offerings. This rang loudly with the graduates, as they are focused individuals, passionate about their field of choice and ready to make a difference themselves.

The ceremony celebrated graduates of the following programs: Business & Technology, Criminal Justice, Health Information Technology, Medical Assisting, Nursing, and Paralegal Studies. There was 158 Bachelor and Associate of Science degrees conferred this year, along with 14 certificates and diplomas. Nearly 19% of the 174 students obtained Cum Laude Honors (3.5- 3.74), with 21 students receiving the Magna Cum Laude Honor (3.75 – 3.99) and 7 students receiving the highest academic honor, Summa Cum Laude (4.0), a sign of the engaged learner that is the norm in this career college setting.

“Commencement is the best time of the year at Beckfield College,” explained Dr. Ronald Swanson, president of the school. “We are focused on each student and his/her individual success. There is no better celebration of success than graduation and the opening of a new chapter for adults who have made a leap of faith to start a new life.”

Beckfield College is a career college based in Florence, Kentucky with a branch campus in Springdale, Ohio. As many people turn to education to begin a new career or retrain in a field of passionate interest, Beckfield College meets their diverse needs. The school’s enrollment is at 875, 50% higher than in 2007, and serves students throughout Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Students of diverse backgrounds and ranging in age from 19 to mid-60’s have found a home at the College, which celebrates 25 years of academic excellence this year.

Beckfield College is a career college accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) that has, since 1984, been evolving to meet the educational needs of its learners while meeting the demands of the community and area businesses. Beckfield College is focused on, and dedicated to, a personalized teaching and learning environment designed to support the personal and professional career development of quality students. Instructors bring years of real-world, practical experience and education into the classrooms to enhance the students’ education. With its philosophy that “Success in College brings Success in Life,” Beckfield College celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2009. For further information, visit [www.beckfield.edu](http://www.beckfield.edu).

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