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Two Cadets Commissioned as U.S. Army Second Lieutenants

Raleigh, NC- Close to 100 people gathered for the annual United States Army Contracting and Commissioning Ceremony on Friday, May 9, 2008, on the campus of Saint Augustine's College.

Cadets Terrence Robinson and Charles O. Vandyke received words of encouragement from guest speaker Maj. Gen. W. Montague Winfield, Commanding General, United States Army Cadet Command. Winfield stressed the importance of leadership. "Everyone is impacted by what a leader decides to do and leaders are expected to accomplish more," Winfield said. His 20 minute speech allowed him to reminisce about his childhood and the lessons he learned from his mother. He encouraged them to listen to the people they look up to because one day they will be able to see how their influence has shaped their lives for the better. Following the speaker, Robinson and Vandyke took the oath of office and their parents pinned on their gold bars.

"This ceremony is very emotional each year because the young men and women commissioned must now go out into the world to walk the walk and defend this nation," President Dianne Boardley Suber said. "As we celebrate their success, this is much like turning loose your own children."

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, both men received their Bachelor of Science degrees during commencement exercises held on campus for the first time in 30 years. 2LT Robinson will be commissioned into the Adjutant General Corps and 2LT Vandyke will be commissioned in to the Transportation Corps for the United States Army.

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