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Anderson to serve as OC commencement speaker Friday, May 13

ODESSA (May 9, 2011) – Odessa College will honor more than 227 graduate candidates in 37-degree programs at the spring 2011 graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13 at the OC Sports Center. Guest speaker, Greg T. Anderson, author, radio show host and speaker, will address the graduates.

Anderson is considered to be a dynamic speaker because he is passionate about helping others. He has spoken to business leaders, civic organizations, athletes, non-profit organizations and all-levels of students on the topic of “Never Giving Up.” His style can be categorized as teaching lessons through laughter while entertaining his audience.

When he speaks, he focuses on helping others reach their goals, dreams and aspirations. He hopes by revealing true elements of his own life that he can encourage others to go over, under or around life’s obstacles. Anderson has been invited to share the message of Never Give Up to churches, television/radio audiences, students as well as civic organizations because as he puts it, “Everyone has obstacles in their life of some form and those roadblocks can hinder their realization of the goal they’re trying to reach. My job is not to give people the answer but engage them enough that they will look deeper for a remedy that is closer than they realize ... within themselves.”

Anderson, a graduate of Permian High School, was a member of the state championship football team during his junior year in 1984. He was awarded numerous honors and received a scholarship to Baylor University. During his college career, he was a three-year starter at receiver. After graduating from Baylor University with a degree in Telecommunications, Anderson decided to return to Odessa where his “faith in God became stronger” and he married and started a family of his own. Anderson also is an ordained minister and his background in working with youth as well as teaching adults Bible study helps him relate to people from all walks of life.

Anderson is married to Terri and they have four sons. For more information contact the media relations department at 335-6416.