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### **POST UNIVERSITY® CELEBRATES 85 YEAR-OLD GRADUATE**

*Charlotte Butler Exemplifies University Focus on Personalized Degrees*

**WATERBURY, Conn. – (May 10, 2017)** – When you’re a 127 year-old university, like [Post University®](#), you don’t expect one of your graduates to have been around for 85 of those years. But, among the excited smiles during Post’s 127th Commencement exercises on May 13 will be the beaming face of **Charlotte Butler**, who will celebrate her college graduation this month...and her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in June.

“Charlotte is a very special person and, at the time of her enrollment, we invited her to the University’s 125th anniversary celebration to honor our ‘most senior student.’ We’re thrilled that she’ll be joining us at our 127th Commencement as this year’s ‘most senior graduate,’” says Donald W. Mroz, Ph.D., President of Post University. “Everyone who meets Charlotte loves her. She’ll be a special grad!”

Charlotte will be part of the undergraduate commencement at **3 p.m. Saturday, May 13**, on the University’s great lawn.

The Naugatuck resident’s journey began with a thought that came to her in the middle of the night when she was 80: “A smarter America is a stronger America. And, a stronger America uses brain power.” She wrote it down. The more she thought about it, she asked herself, “Why not go back to school and finish my degree?”

A visit to Post sold her on the University and, soon, she was enrolled as an online student so she could proceed at her own pace and would be able to take classes even on days when she couldn’t get to campus. Everything worked out well for Charlotte and she will graduate alongside students who could be her grandchildren with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.

If you think Charlotte’s degree is a “gift” ... think again. Her thesis on whether violent video games cause depression in children (she says “yes”) was thoroughly researched, well-thought out, and studiously presented.

In light of her age, Charlotte didn’t go back to school to launch a new career, but for personal reasons. “My goal was to try to strengthen what’s up here,” she said, pointing to her head.

In that, she has definitely succeeded.

Both Post's graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies will be carried live on live on [www.post.edu/livestream](http://www.post.edu/livestream) at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively. For more information on Post University's 127th Commencement, visit [www.post.edu/graduation](http://www.post.edu/graduation).

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