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Norwegian Cruise Line is proud to announce that Darrell Paul Mount, of Yazoo City, has earned the necessary credits to graduate from its online travel agent university, NCL University. This progressive, state-of-the art online school is geared to deliver an enhanced level of knowledge and insight into Norwegian Cruise Line's unique Freestyle Cruising philosophy, their cruising destinations, ship programs and operations, and many other "behind-the-scenes" elements not available anywhere else. Each graduate is required, within one year, to earn a minimum number of credits through a choice of accredited courses and electives. The rigorous curriculum includes testing at every level in order to move forward.

Norwegian Cruise Line's online university opened its virtual doors in 2008 and is one of the most innovative and award-winning programs available to travel agents today. With thousands of registered students and growing, NCL U has expanded its training from the interactive experience of its online program to a continuing, first-hand educational experience that includes a PhD@ Sea program aboard its ships.

"At Norwegian Cruise Line, we highly recommend the use of a travel professional when booking one of our cruises," says Andy Stuart, Executive Vice President, Global Sales and Passenger Services. "We have invested in NCL U's offerings to insure our travel partners have a thorough knowledge of our Freestyle Cruising product as well as an expertise in marketing and sales skills. In this way, we can be sure our guests will know they are relying on an expert who knows our product inside and out."