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Tony Hughes, CPCU, AIC, AU Chosen as 2009 CPCU Class Spokesperson

MALVERN, Pa.—Tony Hughes, CPCU, AIC, AU, has been selected as a spokesperson for the 2009 class of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU®) designees. He is a product underwriter at Great American Insurance Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hughes addressed his fellow CPCUs at the CPCU conferment ceremony held on August 29, 2009, at the Colorado Convention Center. During his speech, he shared his journey from emigrating to the U.S. to earning the CPCU designation.

He emigrated to the U.S. about six years ago from Scotland with no real idea of what to do with the rest of his life. Prior to emigrating, he worked as a traffic engineer for 12 years, but realized he needed a change. He was offered a position with Great American Insurance and decided to pursue a career in the insurance industry. "Obtaining the CPCU designation makes me feel more at home in this country and it provides me with a feeling of inclusion in a place so different to where I've spent most of my life," he said. "I belong here. This is where I'm meant to be, doing what I'm meant to do."

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