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Ceremonial Script, April 20, 1985

Eastern Michigan University

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT
Saturday, April 20, 1985
Bowen Field House

Assemble in Warner Building by 9:30 a.m.
Procession begins at 9:45 a.m.

President:	President John W. Porter
Grand Marshal:	Charles H. Duncan
Marshals of Faculty:	Marjorie Y. Lipson and Ronald M. Scott
Marshals of Graduates:	Charles T. Anderson, Margaret A. Eide, Joanne J. Hansen and Robert J. Willoughby
Speaker:	John A. DiBiaggio, President, The University of Connecticut
Honorary Degree Recipient:	Donald Cameron, Executive Director, National Education Association
Clergy:	Reverend Wayne A. Gadie
Music:	University Symphonic Band, Ronald Fane, Director Glenda Kirkland

ADMISSION TO THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM IS BY TICKET ONLY. Tickets available
April 15-19, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Room 2 Pierce and the Graduate School.

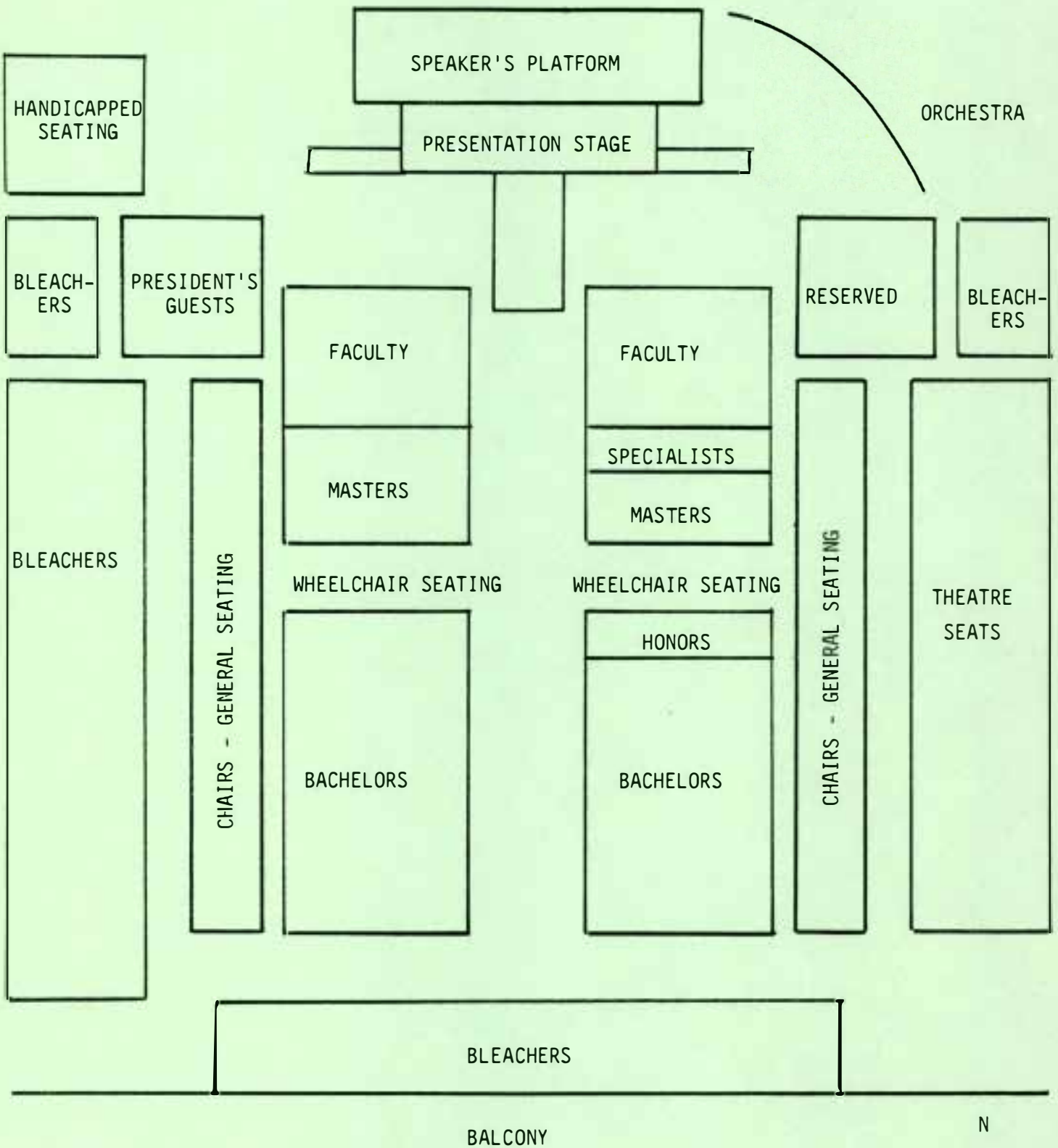
FACULTY robing will be in Room 239, Warner (Use FRONT entrance).
BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDENTS will robe in Room 117, Warner (Use EAST
entrance). HONORS STUDENTS assemble in Room 111, Warner.
MASTER'S AND SPECIALIST'S DEGREE STUDENTS robe in Gym, Second Floor, Warner
(Use EAST entrance).
PLATFORM PARTICIPANTS (President, Regents, etc.) will assemble in Room 241,
Warner (Use FRONT entrance).
Doors to Bowen Field House will open at 8:45 a.m.
Call 487-2237 for information about access and participation for handicapped.
Public parking available on all University lots and the parking structure.

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Reserved Parking in the lot adjacent to McKenny Union will be available to Regents, President, special program participants and their guests attending the President's luncheon. (Reserved parking card included with luncheon invitation.)
2. Platform participants will leave McKenny Union at 9 a.m. for robing and photographs at Warner Gymnasium.
3. University transportation will be provided from McKenny to Bowen for all visiting guests attending the President's luncheon. (Leave for Bowen Field House at 9:15 a.m. and return to McKenny immediately after the program.) Families and guests of platform participants will be seated in a reserved section in Bowen Field House.
4. First Aid Station will be available in Bowen Field House (lower level).

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOWEN FIELD HOUSE
COMMENCEMENT

 HANDICAPPED ENTRANCE



STAGE SEATING CHART

COMMENCEMENT
April 20, 1985

Mace	◦ Robb	◦ Wilbanks	◦ Drummond	
	◦ Ellington	◦ Fountain	◦ Kerby	◦Arts & Sciences Flag
	◦ Titsworth	◦ Romkema	◦ Westerman	
	◦ Cameron	◦ Smith	◦ King	
LEFT	◦ Simmons	◦ Collins	◦ Rudisill	◦Business Flag
		◦ McCloud	◦ McKelvey	
				◦Education Flag
	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	
				◦Health & Human Services Flag
RIGHT	◦ Porter	◦ Duncan	◦ Beagen	
	◦ DiBiaggio	◦ Gadie	◦ McElya	◦Technology Flag
	◦ Burton	◦ Kirkland	◦ Swisher	
	◦ Derezinski	◦ Boone	◦ Aldridge	
	◦ Guastello	◦ White	◦ Stevens	
	◦ Milford	◦ Connell		
		◦ Bennion		

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT SCRIPT

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Saturday, April 20, 1985
Bowen Field House
9:45 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL
(University Symphonic Band)

GRAND MARSHAL Charles Duncan enters center aisle, ascends stage, turns left and remains standing beside the table at the front holding the mace. When the procession is over the Grand Marshal goes to his chair and remains standing.

COLOR GUARD enters center aisle, ascends stage, splits and remains in "hold" position. Flags are posted after the national anthem.

PLATFORM GUESTS enter center aisle, ascend stage and remain standing in front of their chairs.

PRESIDENT enters and assumes the lecturn.

PRESIDENT PORTER: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, DISTINGUISHED FACULTY, GRADUATES, PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WELCOME TO EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S 1985 SPRING COMMENCEMENT.

PLEASE JOIN GLENDA KIRKLAND, AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, IN SINGING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND, CONDUCTED BY RONALD FANE, VISITING LECTURER IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

(Men remove caps. Ms. Kirkland assumes the lecturn. Colors are dipped - held - during the National Anthem.)

MS. KIRKLAND: (National Anthem)

(Remain standing. After the National Anthem, ROTC Color Guard posts flags and leaves stage. Ms. Kirkland returns to her chair and remains standing. President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: REVEREND WAYNE GADIE WILL OFFER THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING. REVEREND GADIE IS DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND AN EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTER.

(President Porter steps back. Reverend Gadie assumes the lecturn.)

REVEREND GADIE: (Invocation)

(Reverend Gadie returns to his chair. President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: PLEASE BE SEATED. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY

TO INTRODUCE THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF REGENTS ON WHOSE AUTHORITY DEGREES ARE GRANTED. PLEASE HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.

(Regents, rise as your name is called.)

CHAIRPERSON WILLIAM SIMMONS OF WAYNE

VICE CHAIRPERSON GENEVA TITSWORTH OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS

JOHN BURTON OF YPSILANTI

ANTHONY DEREZINSKI OF GRAND RAPIDS

GERALDINE ELLINGTON OF DETROIT

THOMAS GUASTELLO OF MOUNT CLEMENS

BETH WHARTON MILFORD OF YPSILANTI

RICHARD ROBB OF YPSILANTI

(Regents, please be seated.)

AND, AT THIS TIME, WOULD THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCILS PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause.)

LEADING OUR PROCESSION TODAY IS GRAND MARSHAL CHARLES H.

DUNCAN. (Charles H. Duncan stands.) CHARLES DUNCAN JOINED

THE EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY IN 1970. HE RETIRED

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN

DECEMBER WITH THE RANK OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS. WE THANK

YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

(C. Duncan sits down. Marshals, stand as your name is called.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: OUR FACULTY MARSHALS ARE MARJORIE Y. LIPSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN TEACHER EDUCATION, AND DR. RONALD M. SCOTT, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY. OUR STUDENT MARSHALS ARE DR. CHARLES ANDERSON, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY, MARGARET EIDE, COORDINATOR OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES UNIT OF THE CENTER OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, JOANNE HANSEN, COORDINATOR OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIT, AND ROBERT WILLOUGHBY, A PROFESSOR IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND DANCE.

AND NOW, MAY I INTRODUCE YOU TO MEMBERS OF OUR FACULTY WHO REPRESENT THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY ON WHOSE RECOMMENDATION CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ARE PRESENTED. FACULTY MEMBERS, PLEASE RISE AND BE RECOGNIZED.

(Faculty rise and sit down.)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY EMPHASIZES SIX AREAS OF STUDY: THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY. TODAY, AT THIS SPRING COMMENCEMENT WE ARE SALUTING OUR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THOSE OF US AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS WHICH CARRY ON THE FINE TRADITION OF LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED AS THE MICHIGAN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL IN 1849, THE FIRST TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTION WEST OF THE ALLEGHENY MOUNTAINS.

PRESIDENT PORTER: TODAY EMU ENROLLS MORE TEACHER CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES THAN ANY OTHER UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN MICHIGAN. THE COLLEGE CONSISTS OF DEPARTMENTS IN TEACHER EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING, AND HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND DANCE.

I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS. A SPECIAL BROCHURE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS OCCASION AND HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE AUDIENCE.
(Pause.)

TODAY I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR SPEAKER AND HONORED GUESTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENTS TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION THROUGH THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND BOTH ARE GRADUATES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN.

TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER IS JOHN A. DIBIAGGIO. DR. DIBIAGGIO BECAME THE TENTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT IN JUNE, 1979. IN JULY HE WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY'S HEALTH CENTER IN FARMINGTON, A POSITION HE ASSUMED IN 1976. HE SERVED AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY OF VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, AS AN ASSISTANT DEAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT BEFORE JOINING THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. HE HELD ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AT EACH OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND IS A FULL PROFESSOR BOTH IN HIGHER, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION AND IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

PRESIDENT PORTER: DR. DIBIAGGIO EARNED HIS BACHELORS DEGREE FROM EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, A DENTAL DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT, AND A GRADUATE DEGREE IN UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

HE IS ENGAGED IN A NUMBER OF EDUCATION-RELATED NATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SERVICE ON PEER REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, AND THE BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES. HE ALSO IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF ITS COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT, THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND THE NEW ENGLAND BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

DR. DIBIAGGIO ALSO IS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S HIGH TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, CHAIRING ITS TRAINING AND JOB RETENTION SUBCOMMITTEE. HE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLONIAL BANK, THE HARTFORD HOSPITAL, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, AND THE MARCH OF DIMES.

HE ALSO HAS SERVED ON NUMEROUS OTHER COMMUNITY BOARDS, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE UNITED FOUNDATION AND THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN.

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I WELCOME BACK TO THE CAMPUS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, TO DELIVER OUR COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS, JOHN DIBIAGGIO.

(President Porter is seated. Mr. DiBiaggio assumes the lecturn.)

MR. DIBIAGGIO: (Commencement Address)

(Mr. DiBiaggio returns to his chair. President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE. WE ARE CONTINUING THE TRADITION OF HONORING THOSE PERSONS WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE OR OTHER NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO THE HIGH ESTEEM OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO HONOR TWO SUCH INDIVIDUALS TODAY WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

(Dr. Collins picks up hoods under his chair, Dean Drummond picks up the certificate and diploma from under his chair. Both rise with Don Cameron and escort him to a position three feet to the right and one foot back of President Porter.)

DON CAMERON ASSUMED THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE 1.7 MILLION-MEMBER NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ON JUNE 1, 1983, AFTER A 20-YEAR CAREER WITH THE ORGANIZATION AT VARIOUS LEVELS AND IN A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAM AREAS.

A STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MR. CAMERON HAS SPOKEN OUT ON MANY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR HIGHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS, BETTER AND TOUGHER TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION STUDENTS IN THE NATION'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, THE ELIMINATION OF SEX AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND THE NEED FOR REALISTIC FUNDING OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PRIOR TO ASSUMING THE POST OF NEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAMERON SERVED AS NEA'S ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE MYRIAD PROGRAMS OF THE ASSOCIATION. HE HAS ALSO BEEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEA'S FLORIDA STATE AFFILIATE AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. HIS FIRST ASSOCIATION STAFF POSITION WAS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT PORTER: MR. CAMERON BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A HISTORY TEACHER IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF BIRMINGHAM. EDUCATED IN THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND MASTERS DEGREES AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. IN ADDITION, HE HAS COMPLETED POST-GRADUATE WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. HE IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME AND SCHOOL INSTITUTE. HE IS ALSO A DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, AND A MEMBER OF THE FORUM OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION LEADERS.

THE RECIPIENT OF MANY HONORS AND AWARDS, HE IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MR. CAMERON HAS MADE TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AWARDS HIM AN HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE.

TO CONFER THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION UPON DON CAMERON, I CALL UPON REGENT GENEVA TITSWORTH.

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, DR. RONALD COLLINS AND DR. DONALD DRUMMOND, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, WILL ASSIST REGENT TITSWORTH.

(President Porter steps to his left and Regent Titsworth assumes the lecturn.)

(Dean Drummond hands the citation to Regent Titsworth. At the appropriate time, Dr. Collins assists with the hooding and Dean Drummond hands the diploma to Mr. Cameron.)

REGENT TITSWORTH: DISTINGUISHED LEADER AND ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, THROUGH YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE REVITALIZATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, YOU ARE MAKING A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY, ITS CITIZENS AND ITS WAY OF LIFE.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS THUS PROUD TO CONFER UPON DON CAMERON THE DEGREE, DOCTOR OF EDUCATION, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. IN TOKEN THEREOF, I CAUSE YOU TO BE VESTED WITH THE HOOD OF THIS DEGREE AND PRESENT YOU WITH THIS DIPLOMA.

(Regent Titsworth then hands the citation to Mr. Cameron. Dr. Collins and Dean Drummond escort Mr. Cameron to his chair. Dean Drummond and Regent Titsworth return to their chairs. President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

(Dr. Collins picks up second hood. Dean Westerman picks up the certificate and diploma under his chair. Both rise and escort Dr. DiBiaggio to the right of President Porter.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: TO CONFER THE DEGREE, DOCTOR OF EDUCATION, UPON TODAY'S SPEAKER, JOHN DIBIAGGIO, I CALL UPON THE HONORABLE JOHN BURTON. REGENT BURTON WILL BE ASSISTED BY DR. COLLINS AND DR. SCOTT WESTERMAN, DEAN OF OUR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

(President Porter steps to his left and Regent Burton assumes the lecturn.)

(Dean Westerman hands the citation to Regent Burton. At the appropriate time, Dr. Collins assists with the hooding and Dean Westerman hands the diploma to Dr. DiBiaggio.)

REGENT BURTON: RESPECTED EDUCATOR, WRITER AND ADMINISTRATOR, THROUGH YOUR WORK IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES ACROSS THE NATION AND YOUR TIRELESS INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS, YOU HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HEALTH, DENTISTRY AND HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS THUS PROUD TO CONFER UPON JOHN DIBIAGGIO, THE DEGREE, DOCTOR OF EDUCATION, WITH THE RIGHTS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. IN TOKEN THEREOF, I CAUSE YOU TO BE VESTED WITH THE HOOD OF THIS DEGREE AND PRESENT YOU THIS DIPLOMA.

(Regent Burton then hands the citation to Dr. DiBiaggio. Dr. Collins and Dean Westerman escort Dr. DiBiaggio to his chair. Dean Westerman, Regent Burton and Dr. Collins are seated. Dr. Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIALIST'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DR. GEORGE MCCLOUD, ACTING DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL. THE SPECIALIST'S DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENT GERALDINE ELLINGTON. THE MASTER'S DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENT ANTHONY DEREZINSKI AND REGENT ELLINGTON.

(President Porter is seated. Dr. McCloud assumes the lecturn. Regent Ellington comes forward and stands at the left of Dr. McCloud.)

DR. MCCLOUD: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIALIST'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE.

(Candidates rise.)

REGENT ELLINGTON, EACH OF THESE PERSONS HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF ADVANCED STUDIES. THE FACULTY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDS THEM FOR SPECIALIST'S DEGREES.

(Dr. McCloud steps back and Regent Ellington assumes the lecturn.)

REGENT ELLINGTON: IN-AS-MUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS, FOR THE SPECIALIST'S DEGREE, AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I CONFER UPON YOU, THE SPECIALIST'S DEGREE TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WITH ALL OF THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA APPROPRIATE TO THE DEGREE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED UPON YOU.

(Regent Ellington proceeds to lower platform left side to distribute diplomas. Candidates are led to the stage by the marshal. Candidates present their name card to the reader who reads the name and any honors listed for the candidate.)

(Regent Ellington remains on lower stage.)

(Signal for seating - - - if needed.)

(Regent Derezinski approaches the lecturn.)

DR. MCCLOUD: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE.

(Candidates rise.)

REGENT DEREZINSKI, I HEREBY PRESENT THE CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES. EACH OF THESE PERSONS HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF ADVANCED STUDIES. THE FACULTY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDS THEM FOR MASTER'S DEGREES. I PRESENT THEM TO YOU FOR THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

(Dr. McCloud steps back and Regent Derezinski assumes the lecturn.)

REGENT DEREZINSKI: IN-AS-MUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS, FOR THE PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S DEGREES, AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I CONFER UPON YOU THE MASTER'S DEGREE TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WITH ALL OF THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD NOW TO RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA APPROPRIATE TO THE DEGREE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED UPON YOU.

(Regent Derezinski proceeds to lower platform, right side, to distribute diplomas. Candidates are lead to the stage by the marshal. Candidates present name card to the reader, who reads the name and any honors listed for the candidate.)

(Signal for seating - - - if needed.)

(Regents Derezinski and Ellington return to their chairs. President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: WE AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WORK VERY HARD TO CREATE AN "HONORS ENVIRONMENT" THAT WILL MAXIMIZE OUR STUDENTS' CHANCES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS. FOR YEARS WE HAVE MAINTAINED A STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATION OF TWENTY-TO-ONE. NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF OUR FACULTY HAVE EARNED DOCTORAL DEGREES IN THEIR FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION, AND THESE FACULTY COMMONLY TEACH INTRODUCTORY FRESHMEN CLASSES.

I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HAS INTRODUCED AN EXCITING NEW COMPONENT OF THE "HONORS ENVIRONMENT" -- A UNIVERSITY-WIDE HONORS PROGRAM.

PRESIDENT PORTER: STUDENTS SEEKING AN EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE HAVE ACCESS TO SMALL SECTIONS OF ENRICHED BASIC STUDIES COURSES TAUGHT BY DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTORS, WHILE UPPER-DIVISION HONORS STUDENTS PURSUE INDIVIDUALIZED COURSEWORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FACULTY MENTOR. HONOR STUDENTS DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMUNITY THROUGH A PROGRAM OF INTELLECTUAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE FIRST GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM. WILL JEFFREY WILLETS PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

NEXT, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS. THEY ARE SEATED TOGETHER AND WILL BE COMING FIRST TO THE STAGE TO RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS.

STUDENTS GRADUATING CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause.) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED A THREE POINT FIVE TO THREE POINT SIX-NINE AVERAGE. PLEASE BE SEATED.

STUDENTS GRADUATING MAGNA CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause.) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED A THREE POINT SEVEN TO THREE POINT EIGHT-NINE AVERAGE. PLEASE BE SEATED.

STUDENTS GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause.) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATAINED A THREE POINT NINE TO A PERFECT FOUR POINT AVERAGE. PLEASE BE SEATED.

(For each category, honor students rise and sit down.)

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT RONALD COLLINS WILL PRESENT THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREES. THE DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENTS THOMAS GUASTELLO, BETH WHARTON MILFORD, RICHARD ROBB, AND WILLIAM SIMMONS.

(President Porter steps back. Dr. Collins assumes the lecturn. Regent Robb comes forward.)

DR. COLLINS: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREES PLEASE RISE.

(Candidates rise.)

REGENTS GUASTELLO, MILFORD, ROBB AND SIMMONS, IT IS INDEED A HIGH HONOR AND DISTINCT PRIVILEGE, ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, TO PRESENT TO YOU MEMBERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS FOR THE CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES TO WHICH THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY ENTITLED.

(Dr. Collins steps back and Regent Robb assumes the lecturn.)

REGENT ROBB: IN-AS-MUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS, FOR THE PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES, AND BY THE VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, I CONFER UPON YOU THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WITH ALL OF THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE DIPLOMA APPROPRIATE TO THE DEGREE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED UPON YOU ...GRADUATES PLEASE BE SEATED UNTIL THE MARSHALS DIRECT YOU TO COME FORWARD.

(Candidates are led to the stage one row at a time by the marshals. Candidates present their name cards to the readers, who read the name and any honors listed on the card of the candidate.)

(Two Regents serve at one time - - - relieved by alternates.)

(There are two chairs on the lower platform for Regents to sit in while the other two are distributing the diplomas.)

(After the candidates receive their diplomas they return to their seats where they remain standing until their entire row has returned, whereupon marshals give the signal to be seated.)

(Regents are seated. President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THIS

GRADUATING CLASS HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED COURSES IN MILITARY SCIENCE AND HAVE BEEN SELECTED, THROUGH THE ARMY ROTC PROGRAM, FOR COMMISSIONS AS SECOND LIEUTENANTS. WILL JEFFREY AUSTIN, CHRISTA GORDON, AUBREY LEWIS, LEANN MCKENZIE, LAURENCE ROSS, JOHN SHAUGHNESSY, CHRISTOPHER SHEMWELL AND MICHAEL WARD PLEASE RISE AND BE RECOGNIZED.

TO ALL OF THE 1,300 GRADUATES LEAVING OUR HALLOWED HALLS THIS SPRING I EXPRESS, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY, OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS.

THE REGENTS AND FACULTY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FAMILIES OF OUR GRADUATES. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, GUIDANCE AND LOVE HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE GRADUATES TO EARN THEIR DEGREES. WOULD THE PARENTS OF THE GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause.) PLEASE BE SEATED. AND, WOULD THE SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF THE GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause.) PLEASE BE SEATED.

I NOW PRESENT THE HONORABLE WILLIAM SIMMONS, WHO, AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, WILL BRING GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATES.

(President Porter returns to his chair. Regent Simmons assumes the lectern.)

REGENT SIMMONS: (Greetings to the graduates.)

(Regent Simmons returns to his seat. President Porter assumes the lectern.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: MS. GLENDA KIRKLAND WILL NOW LEAD US IN SINGING OUR PLEDGE, EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S ALMA MATER. THE WORDS WILL BE FOUND ON THE BACK COVER OF YOUR PROGRAM.

(President Porter steps back. Ms. Kirkland assumes the lecturn.)

MS. KIRKLAND: OUR PLEDGE (Alma Mater)

Eastern, sacred alma mater, to your name we shall be true,
Ever marching on to victory, we'll stand by to see you through.
Softly floating on the breeze, verdant green with white of snow.
This our banner we will carry in our hearts where'er we go.

(President Porter assumes the lecturn.)

PRESIDENT PORTER: I WISH TO THANK THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND, CONDUCTOR RONALD FANE AND MS. KIRKLAND FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES HERE TODAY.

COMMENCEMENT IS A TIME FOR ENDINGS AND A TIME FOR BEGINNINGS, A TIME FOR SADNESS AND A TIME FOR CELEBRATION. AS YOU GRADUATE, I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED TO EXCEL IN OUR MODERN, COMPLEX WORLD, AS WELL AS WARM PERSONAL FRIENDSHIPS TO LAST THROUGH THE YEARS.

WE AT EASTERN MICHIGAN TAKE SPECIAL PRIDE IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WISH YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS WE PREPARE TO CONCLUDE THIS COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM, WE REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION. IN ORDER NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE FORMAL RECESSION, PLEASE REMAIN AT YOUR SEATS SO THAT YOU DO NOT BLOCK THE AISLES . . . PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE RECESSIONAL IS ENTIRELY COMPLETED BEFORE LEAVING YOUR SEATS.

AND NOW, REVEREND GADIE WILL OFFER THE BENEDICTION.

(President Porter steps back. Reverend Gadie assumes the lecturn.)

REVEREND GADIE: (Benediction)

(After Benediction, REPLACE CAP.)

(WAIT UNTIL ROTC COLOR GUARD IS IN PLACE.)

(Recessional is led by the Grand Marshal, followed next by the Color Guard, and then the President leading the stage participants . . . Return to Warner.)

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