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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
SPRING COMMENCEMENT - COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
Sunday, April 25, 1993  
Bowen Field House

Assemble in Warner by 9:00 a.m.                      Procession begins at 9:15 a.m.

President:    William E. Shelton

Grand Marshal:    Edward Compere

Marshals of Faculty:                                      Robert Grady, Kate Mehuron

Marshals of Graduates:                                  Charles Anderson, Monroe Friedman, Alexandria Oakes, Jerry O'Dell, David Reid, Barbara Richardson, Jon Wooley, Stewart Work, Zakhour Youssef

Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient:              Thomas A. Fleming

Music:    The EMU Symphonic Concert Winds, David Woike, Conductor

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**DOORS TO BOWEN FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 8:15 A.M.**

**FACULTY** enter by the Southeast door of Warner (ground floor), assemble in Rooms 117, 119 and form the line for the procession at 9:00 a.m. in the adjacent hallway.

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDENTS** enter by the Southeast door of Warner, proceed upstairs and assemble in Warner Gymnasiums B and C (street level).

**HONORS STUDENTS** enter by the Southeast door of Warner, assemble in Room 111.

**MASTER'S DEGREE, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE AND SPECIALIST'S DEGREE STUDENTS** enter by the Northeast door of Warner and assemble in the Dance Studio and Wrestling Room. Specialists and Advanced Graduate Certificate students assemble in the Dance Studio.

**CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, IN ACADEMIC DRESS, WILL FORM A LINE AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PLATFORM PARTICIPANTS** (Regents, Cabinet, etc.) assemble in Room 241 Warner (use front entrance to Warner).

Handicapped seating is available in Bowen. Please call 487-3200 for information.

Public parking is available in the parking structure and all University lots except Snow Health Center Lot.

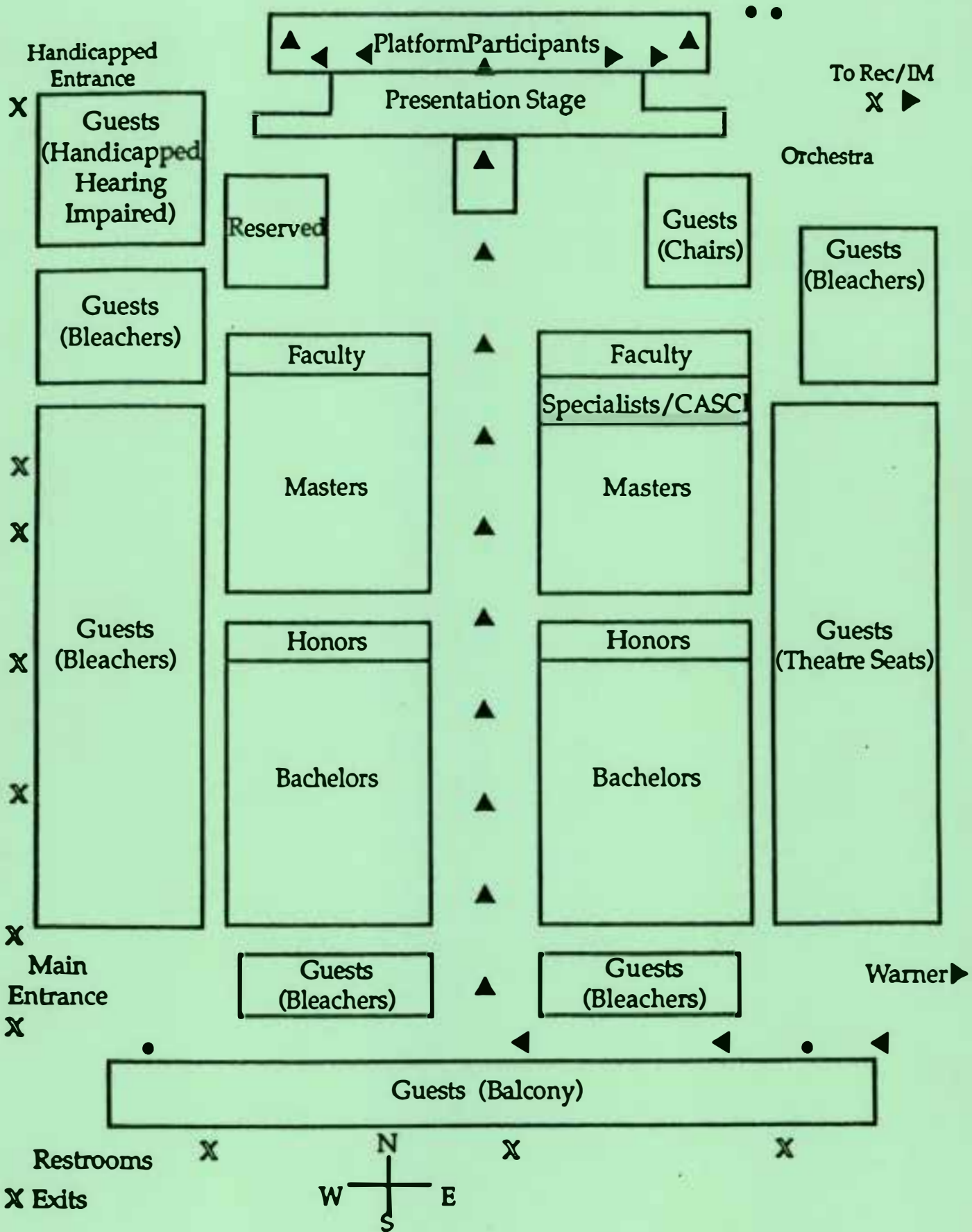
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Questions regarding student records pertaining to graduation should be directed to Graduation Audit, 487-4203 (undergraduates) and Graduate School, 487-0093 (graduates).

**ALL GUESTS MUST HAVE A TICKET TO BE ADMITTED. APRIL, JUNE, AND AUGUST GRADUATES ARE ENTITLED TO FOUR (4) TICKETS. EXTRA TICKETS MAY BE AVAILABLE APRIL 19-23, 1993.**

# Eastern Michigan University Bowen Field House

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**COMMENCEMENT**  
**Sunday, April 25, 1993 9:30 a.m.**

**PROCESSIONAL**

	Compere (Mace) -Color Guard-	Right-Row 2
	Student Marshals	
Main Floor	Anderson Friedman O'Dell Wooley Work	Richardson Oakes Reid Youssef
	Specialist's Graduate Certificates Master's Bachelor's	Main Floor
	Faculty Marshals	
Main Floor Main Floor	Grady Faculty	Mehuron
	Fish Tubbs Robbins King Ristau	Right-Row 3 Right-Row 3 Right-Row 3 Right-Row 3 Right-Row 3
Right-Front Right-Row 3 Right-Row 2 Right-Row 2 Right-Row 2	Pluta McKelvey Bennion Johnson Tammany	White Boone Goldenberg Fovenesi Riccinto
Left-Row 3 Left-Row 3	Beagen Aebersold	Evans Watson
Right-Row 2 Left-Row 1 Right-Row 1 Right-Row 1 Left-Row 1 Right-Row 2 Right-Row 1 Right-Row 1 Right-Row 1	Thomas Pursell	McKanders Doyle - Keys Smith - Colors Wilbanks - Charter Collins - Book Reid - Seal Letica Blackmon
	DeMattia Fleming Shelton	Left-Row 1 Left-Row 1  Left-Row 1 Left-Row 1

"Right" means Stage Right, "Left" means Stage Left.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT  
Sunday, April 25, 1993

STAGE SEATING CHART

Bowen Field House

Mace Table

\* Pluta (signer)

	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
		* Compere	* McKelvey
	* Wilbanks	* McKanders	* Ristau
	* Smith	* Tammany	* King
<b>STAGE RIGHT</b>	* Thomas	* Bennion	* Robbins
	* Pursell	* Johnson	* Tubbs
	* DeMattia	* Reid	* Fish
Lectern			
	* Shelton	* Riccinto	* Beagen
	* Fleming	* Fovenesi	* Aebersold
	* Letica	* Goldenberg	* Evans
<b>STAGE LEFT</b>	* Blackmon	* Boone	* Watson
	* Collins	* White	
	* Doyle		
	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
COMMENCEMENT SCRIPT  
Sunday, April 25, 1993  
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9:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m. PROCESSIONAL  
(University Symphonic Concert Winds)

GRAND MARSHAL EDWARD COMPERE 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 places the mace on the table, goes to his chair and remains standing.

COLOR GUARD enter center aisle, ascend stage, split and post flags.

PLATFORM PARTICIPANTS enter center aisle, ascend stage and remain standing in front of their chairs. PRESIDENT SHELTON enters and assumes the lectern.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, DISTINGUISHED FACULTY, GRADUATES, PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, WELCOME TO EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S 1993 SPRING COMMENCEMENT. (Pause) PLEASE JOIN LEONARD RICCINTO, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, IN SINGING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC CONCERT WINDS, CONDUCTED BY DAVID WOIKE.

(Men remove caps. Professor Riccinto assumes the lectern. Colors are dipped during the National Anthem.)

PROFESSOR RICCINTO: (National Anthem)

(Remain standing. Professor Riccinto returns to his chair and remains standing. President Shelton assumes the lectern.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: 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 THEY ALL HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.

(Regents, rise as your name is called.)



PRESIDENT SHELTON: CHAIRMAN ROBERT DE MATTIA OF PLYMOUTH

FREDERICK BLACKMON OF FARMINGTON HILLS

MARA LETICA OF ROCHESTER

CARL PURSELL OF PLYMOUTH

GAYLE THOMAS OF DEARBORN

(Regents, please be seated.)

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE CABINET MEMBERS, ACADEMIC OFFICERS,  
DEANS AND AN E.M.U. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE. PLEASE STAND.

(Cabinet Members, Officers, Deans, and Alumni Representative please stand briefly.)

LEADING OUR PROCESSION TODAY IS GRAND MARSHAL EDWARD COMPERE. (Dr.  
Compere stands.) DR. COMPERE RETIRED LAST YEAR AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY. HE WAS AWARDED THE TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN  
CHEMISTRY.

(Dr. Compere sits down.)

OUR FACULTY MARSHALS ARE ROBERT GRADY, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,  
AND KATE MEHURON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY.

(Faculty marshals rise and sit down as their names are called.)

OUR STUDENT MARSHALS ARE CHARLES ANDERSON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF  
CHEMISTRY; MONROE FRIEDMAN, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY; ALEXANDRIA OAKES,  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY; JERRY O'DELL, PROFESSOR OF  
PSYCHOLOGY; DAVID REID, INSTRUCTOR OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY; BARBARA  
RICHARDSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND PROFESSOR  
OF SOCIOLOGY; JON WOOLEY, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY; STEWART WORK,  
PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AND ZAKHOUR YOUSSEF, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY.

(Marshals rise and sit down as their names are called.)

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PRESIDENT SHELTON: REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND BILINGUAL STUDIES ARE THE FACULTY MEMBERS WHO WILL BE PERFORMING POSSIBLY THE MOST DIFFICULT JOB TODAY --- THE READING OF OUR GRADUATES' NAMES AS THEY ARE PRESENTED.

(Readers rise and sit down.)

SEATED BEFORE YOU ARE THE 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.)

AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MR. JEFF PLUTA WHO WILL SERVE AS A SIGNER FOR OUR HEARING IMPAIRED GUESTS. (Mr. Pluta stands and is seated.)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS AN OUTSTANDING INSTITUTION WHOSE ROOTS DATE BACK TO 1849, WHEN THE STATE LEGISLATURE DESIGNATED IT AS MICHIGAN'S FIRST INSTITUTION TO EDUCATE TEACHERS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. EASTERN MICHIGAN EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS INTO A COMPREHENSIVE, DOCTORAL-GRANTING UNIVERSITY, ADAPTING AND DEVELOPING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS TO MEET THE EVER-CHANGING AND EXPANDING NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS AND THE WORLD AROUND US. EASTERN IS NOW RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FACULTY, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI WORLD-WIDE.

THE UNIVERSITY IS COMPRISED OF FIVE ACADEMIC COLLEGES: ARTS AND SCIENCES, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND TECHNOLOGY. TODAY WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO SALUTE THE STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM THESE DISCIPLINES. THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AT EASTERN STRIVE TO FULFILL THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION TO PROMOTE AN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, EXPAND KNOWLEDGE THROUGH RESEARCH AND TEACHING, AND EXHIBIT LEADERSHIP THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE.



PRESIDENT SHELTON:       ALTHOUGH WIDE RANGING IN CONTENT, ALL DEPARTMENTS SHARE COMMON GOALS TO DEVELOP PROBLEM SOLVING, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND INDEPENDENT THINKING SKILLS AMONG ALL STUDENTS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH SUPERIOR PREPARATION FOR REWARDING CAREERS.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY SALUTES THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS GATHERED HERE TODAY, AND COMMENDS THE DEDICATION OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

WE ARE HONORED TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH THOMAS FLEMING, OUR ESTEEMED GUEST SPEAKER.

SINCE 1952, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS HONORED ONE INDIVIDUAL AS THE NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR. IN 1992, THOMAS FLEMING, A TEACHER AT THE WASHTENAW COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IN ANN ARBOR, WAS CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THESE OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS. FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS, MR. FLEMING HAS SERVED AS TEACHER, MENTOR, PARENT AND FRIEND TO TROUBLED ADOLESCENTS AWAITING RESOLUTIONS TO THEIR JUVENILE COURT CASES. HIS PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING REVOLVES AROUND THE SAYING, "IF YOU GIVE A HUNGRY PERSON A FISH, THAT PERSON WILL COME LOOKING FOR YOU EACH TIME THE HUNGER RETURNS. IF YOU TEACH A HUNGRY PERSON TO FISH, YOU HAVE SOLVED THEIR HUNGER PROBLEMS FOR LIFE." THOMAS FLEMING'S METHOD OF TEACHING HIS STUDENTS TO "FISH" IS BOTH PERSONAL AND INTENSE AND FOCUSES ON MOVING INDIVIDUALS FROM A FRAMEWORK OF NEGATIVISM TO CREATIVE EXCITEMENT.

THOMAS FLEMING'S POSITIVE FOCUS IS APPARENT IN EVERYTHING HE DOES BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. THIRTY YEARS AGO, HE WAS CONSIDERED AN UNLIKELY CANDIDATE FOR ANY AWARD IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. THIS SELF-DESCRIBED "BAD KID" WAS LABELED A SLOW LEARNER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SPENT A FEW YEARS IN

PRESIDENT SHELTON: A REFORM SCHOOL. HE DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN TO JOIN THE NATIONAL GUARD. IT WAS IN THE MILITARY THAT THOMAS FLEMING LEARNED TO READ AND IT WAS THERE THAT HE REALIZED HIS DESIRE TO TEACH. UPON HIS RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE, THOMAS FLEMING ATTENDED NIGHT SCHOOL, RECEIVED HIS EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA AND BECAME A FULL TIME STUDENT AT THE DETROIT BIBLE COLLEGE, NOW KNOWN AS WILLIAM TYNDALE COLLEGE. HE GRADUATED IN 1964 WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND A MINISTER'S LICENSE. IN 1968, HE WAS AWARDED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND A TEACHING CERTIFICATE FROM EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

AFTER GRADUATION, MR. FLEMING WAS EMPLOYED AS A TEACHER AT THE W.J. MAXEY BOYS TRAINING SCHOOL IN WHITMORE LAKE AND AN EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S COMPENSATORY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN CHICAGO. HE HAS SERVED AS A SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER IN THE WASHTENAW COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S JUVENILE DETENTION PROGRAM SINCE 1971.

SINCE BECOMING THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN MICHIGAN AND THE NATION, THOMAS FLEMING HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY AND SPOKEN BEFORE EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. WHEN HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS IT, HE SERVES AS A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONSULTANT WITH VARIOUS MICHIGAN AREA CHURCHES AND YOUTH MINISTRIES. THOMAS FLEMING HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TO THE STUDENTS IN HIS CLASSROOM. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING THROUGH THE LIVES OF THE STUDENTS HE HAS TOUCHED AND THROUGH THE SUCCESSES HE HAS ENCOUNTERED FOR HIMSELF. AN INSPIRATION TO ALL PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, THOMAS FLEMING, IN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH, IS ". .A HERO, A MAN OF GREAT STRENGTH, COURAGE, AND GREAT HEART."

THUS, IT IS TRULY FITTING THAT WE SHARE OUR CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM

PRESIDENT SHELTON: PROUD TO PRESENT THOMAS FLEMING.

(President Shelton is seated. Mr. Fleming assumes the lectern.)

MR. FLEMING: (Commencement Address)

(Following the Commencement Address, Mr. Fleming returns to his chair. President Shelton assumes the lectern.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THANK YOU MR. FLEMING FOR YOUR MOST APPROPRIATE MESSAGE.

(Pause) IT IS THE TRADITION OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TO BESTOW AN HONORARY DEGREE UPON THOSE PERSONS WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE OR OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BROUGHT THEM THE HIGH ESTEEM OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO CONFER UPON THOMAS FLEMING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION. TO CONFER THE DEGREE UPON MR. FLEMING I CALL UPON THE HONORABLE ROBERT DE MATTIA. REGENT DE MATTIA WILL BE ASSISTED BY DR. RONALD COLLINS, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND DR. BARRY FISH, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

(President Shelton steps to his left and Regent DeMattia assumes the lectern. Dr. Collins picks up the hood from under his chair. Dean Fish picks up the certificate and diploma from under his chair. Both escort Mr. Fleming to a position three feet to the right and one foot back of President Shelton. Dean Fish hands the citation to Regent DeMattia. At the appropriate time, Dr. Collins assists with the hooding, Dean Fish hands the diploma to Mr. Fleming.)

REGENT DE MATTIA: BY BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, YOU HAVE EARNED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR PROFESSION AND TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES YOU HAVE TOUCHED. BY DEMONSTRATING HOW EDUCATION HAS CHANGED YOUR LIFE, YOU HAVE BROUGHT HOPE AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE TO STUDENTS ACROSS THE NATION.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS THUS PROUD TO CONFER UPON THOMAS FLEMING THE HONORARY 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 A DIPLOMA AND A CITATION.

(Regent DeMattia then hands the citation to Mr. Fleming. Mr. Fleming may make a few remarks before returning to his seat. Regent DeMattia and President Shelton return to their chairs. Dr. Collins and Dean Fish escort Mr. Fleming to his chair and Dean Fish and Mr. Fleming are seated. Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)

PROVOST COLLINS: PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIALIST'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY RONALD GOLDENBERG, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL. THE DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENTS THOMAS, BLACKMON, AND LETICA ASSISTED BY THE ACADEMIC OFFICERS AND DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Provost Collins is seated. Dean Goldenberg assumes the lectern. Regent Thomas comes forward and stands to the left of Dean Goldenberg.)

DEAN GOLDENBERG: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIALIST'S DEGREE AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES PLEASE RISE. (Candidates rise.) REGENT THOMAS, EACH OF THESE PERSONS HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF ADVANCED STUDIES. THE FACULTY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDS THEM FOR SPECIALIST'S DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES. I PRESENT THEM TO YOU NOW FOR THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

(Dean Goldenberg steps back and Regent Thomas assumes the lectern.)

REGENT THOMAS: INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS, 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 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA.

(Dean Goldenberg is seated. Regent Thomas and Dean Boone go down the stairs to the presentation stage. Candidates are led to the stage by the marshals. Candidates present their name card to the reader who reads the name of the candidate. Dean Boone hands Regent Thomas the diplomas for the students. Regent Thomas shakes their hands and hands them their diplomas.)

(When all Specialist and Certificate candidates have walked across the stage, Regent Thomas and Dean Boone are seated. Dean Goldenberg assumes the lectern. Regent Letica approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage left. Regent Blackmon stands slightly behind the lectern on stage right.)

DEAN GOLDENBERG: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE.

(Candidates rise.) REGENTS LETICA AND BLACKMON, I HEREBY PRESENT THE CANDIDATES FOR THE 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 NOW FOR THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

(Dean Goldenberg steps back and Regent Letica assumes the lectern.)

REGENT LETICA: INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS, 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 THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA APPROPRIATE TO THE DEGREE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED UPON YOU.

(Regent Letica and Mr. Tammany go to presentation stage left. Regent Blackmon and Dr. Johnson go to presentation stage right. Candidates are led to the stage by the marshals. Candidates present their name card to the reader who reads the name of the candidate. Mr. Tammany hands Regent Letica and Dr. Johnson hands Regent Blackmon the diplomas for the students. Regents Letica and Blackmon shake the students hands and hand them their diplomas. When all Masters candidates have walked across the stage, all presenters are seated and Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)



PROVOST COLLINS: WE AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WORK VERY HARD TO CREATE AN "HONORS ENVIRONMENT" THAT WILL MAXIMIZE OUR STUDENTS' CHANCES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS. NEARLY 80 PERCENT OF OUR FACULTY HAVE EARNED DOCTORAL OR TERMINAL DEGREES IN THEIR FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION, AND THESE FACULTY REGULARLY TEACH INTRODUCTORY CLASSES. THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE FALL OF 1984 TO ATTRACT GIFTED STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND PROVIDE THEM WITH SPECIAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL.

SEVENTY-ONE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM THIS SEMESTER. IN ADDITION TO COMPLETING THEIR UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL GRADE POINT AVERAGE, THESE STUDENTS HAVE ALSO UNDERTAKEN THE SPECIAL CHALLENGE OF HONORS WORK WHICH INCLUDES A MAJOR PROJECT, THE SENIOR HONORS THESIS.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. WILL THE GRADUATES FROM THIS PROGRAM STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause) PLEASE BE SEATED.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THIS GRADUATING CLASS HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED COURSES IN MILITARY SCIENCE, AND THROUGH THE R.O.T.C., HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR COMMISSIONS AS SECOND LIEUTENANTS. THEIR NAMES AND RANKS ARE NOTED IN THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM. WILL THE R.O.T.C. GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause) PLEASE BE SEATED.

NOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC HONORS. MANY OF THESE STUDENTS 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 3.5 TO 3.69 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. PLEASE BE SEATED. STUDENTS GRADUATING MAGNA CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED A 3.7 TO 3.89 GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

PROVOST COLLINS: PLEASE BE SEATED. STUDENTS GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED A 3.9 TO 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. PLEASE BE SEATED.

THE BACHELOR'S DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENTS PURSELL, DE MATTIA, AND THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENTS DOYLE, SMITH AND WILBANKS ASSISTED BY THE DEANS AND ACADEMIC OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Regent Pursell approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage right. Regent Thomas approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage left. Regent DeMattia and Vice Presidents Doyle, Smith and Wilbanks stand at their chairs.)

PROVOST COLLINS: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE.

(Candidates rise.) REGENT PURSELL, IT IS INDEED A HIGH HONOR AND DISTINCT PRIVILEGE, ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, TO PRESENT TO YOU MEMBERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS FOR THE CONFERRING OF THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES TO WHICH THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY ENTITLED.

(Provost Collins steps back and Regent Pursell assumes the lectern.)

REGENT PURSELL: INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE, AND BY THE 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 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 AS YOU ARE DIRECTED BY THE MARSHALS.

(Regent Pursell and Dean Robbins go to presentation stage right. Regent Thomas and Dr. Bennion go to presentation stage left. All others are seated. 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 candidates. Readers please read only University academic honors - not program or college designations. Please read, where appropriate, summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude. After the candidates receive their diplomas, they return to their seats where they remain standing until their entire row has returned, whereupon the marshals give the signal to be seated.)

(Dean Robbins hands Regent Pursell and Dr. Bennion hands Regent Thomas the diplomas for the students. Regents Pursell and Thomas shake the students hands and hand them their diplomas.)

(When needed - about one-fourth of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Regent DeMattia and Dean Ristau will relieve Regent Pursell and Dean Robbins and Provost Collins and Dean King will relieve Regent Thomas and Dr. Bennion.)

(When needed - about one-half way through the Bachelor candidates - Vice President Doyle and Dean McKelvey will relieve Regent DeMattia and Dean Ristau and Vice President Smith and Dean Tubbs will relieve Provost Collins and Dean King.)

(When needed - about three-fourths of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Executive Vice President Wilbanks and Dean Boone will relieve Vice President Doyle and Dean McKelvey and Dean Goldenberg and Dean Fish will relieve Vice President Smith and Dean Tubbs.)

(When all Bachelor candidates have walked across the stage, all presenters are seated and Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)

PROVOST COLLINS: TO ALL OF THE GRADUATES LEAVING OUR HALLOWED HALLS, I EXPRESS, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY, OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS. THE REGENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE FAMILIES OF OUR GRADUATES. WOULD THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF THE GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause) PLEASE BE SEATED.

WOULD THE SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF THE GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause) PLEASE BE SEATED. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, GUIDANCE AND LOVE HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE GRADUATES TO EARN THEIR DEGREES.

I NOW PRESENT THE HONORABLE ROBERT DE MATTIA, WHO, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, WILL ADDRESS THE GRADUATES.

(Provost Collins returns to his chair. Regent DeMattia assumes the lectern and reads the Charge to the Graduates.)

REGENT DE MATTIA: ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT TODAY. WE ARE ESPECIALLY GLAD THAT YOU WILL BE REPRESENTING US AS LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS IN ALL THE FIELDS REPRESENTED BY YOUR DEGREES. WE NEED YOU. THE WORLD NEEDS YOU TO HELP MAKE THIS A SAFER, MORE EQUITABLE AND MORE EFFECTIVE PLACE FOR YOURSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. GO FORTH AND MAKE YOURSELVES PROUD AND YOU WILL MAKE US PROUD IN THE PROCESS.

(Regent DeMattia returns to his seat. Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)

PROVOST COLLINS: MR. JOHN FOVENESI OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE RANKS OF OUR DISTINGUISHED EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI.

(Provost Collins is seated. Mr. Fovenesi assumes the lectern.)

MR. FOVENESI: I BRING GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE EASTERN MICHIGAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MORE THAN 80,000 ALUMS, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS AS YOU MAKE THIS TRANSITION FROM BLUE JEANS TO BLUE SUITS, FROM CLASSROOM TO BOARD ROOM, AND FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS ALUMS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY:

1. MR. THOMAS FLEMING, THE 1992 NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2. A 1991 PULITZER PRIZE WINNER IN JOURNALISM
3. AN ASSISTANT TO THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
4. A PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEE FOR MATH AND SCIENCE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE
5. THE PRESIDENT OF J.L. HUDSON'S
6. THE CFO OF THE DETROIT PISTONS
7. THE PRESIDENT OF FRANK B. HALL INSURANCE COMPANY
8. THE PRESIDENT OF FIRST OF AMERICA BANK

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNI ACTIVITIES, THE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU A ONE-YEAR COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FINE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

(Mr. Fovenesi is seated. Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)

PROVOST COLLINS: LEONARD RICCINTO WILL NOW LEAD US IN SINGING OUR PLEDGE, EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S ALMA MATER. THE WORDS MAY BE FOUND ON THE BACK OF YOUR PROGRAM. PLEASE RISE.

(Provost Collins steps back to his seat. Professor Riccinto assumes the lectern.)

PROFESSOR RICCINTO: 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.

(Professor Riccinto returns to his seat and remains standing. President Shelton assumes the lectern. Participants are seated.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: I WISH TO THANK THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC CONCERT WINDS, CONDUCTOR DAVID WOIKE AND LEONARD RICCINTO FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES HERE TODAY. (Pause) 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 UNIVERSITY TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WISH YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS WE PREPARE TO CONCLUDE THIS COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM, WE REQUEST THAT YOU ASSIST WITH AN ORDERLY RECESSION BY REMAINING IN YOUR SEATS UNTIL THE RECESSIONAL IS ENTIRELY COMPLETED. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THE MANY GUESTS HERE TODAY CELEBRATING THIS MOST IMPORTANT EVENT. THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS.

(Participants stand and replace caps. Wait until the ROTC color guard are in place. Recessional is led by the Grand Marshal, followed next by the Color Guard and then the President leading the stage participants in the reverse order of the procession-al. Return to Warner where you may disrobe.)

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