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## **Winter Ceremonial Script, December 19, 1993**

Eastern Michigan University

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
**WINTER COMMENCEMENT**  
Sunday, December 19, 1993  
Bowen Field House

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| Assemble in Warner by 1:00 p.m.        | Procession begins at 1:45 p.m.  |
| President:                             | William E. Shelton  |
| Grand Marshal:                         | Alethea K. Helbig   |
| Marshals of Faculty:                   | Richard Henry Abbott, Anne G. Nerenz  |
| Marshals of Graduates:                 | Charles Anderson, Marylyn Lake, Emily Jean McFadden, Gayle Nash, Dale Rice, Marguerite Smith, Leroy Watts, Stewart Work |
| Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient: | Richard N. Robb   |
| Music:                                 | The EMU Symphonic Concert Winds, Max Plank, Conductor   |

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**DOORS TO BOWEN FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 12:45 P.M.**

**FACULTY** enter by the Southeast door of Warner (ground floor), assemble in Rooms 117, 119 at 1:00 and form the line for the procession at 1:30 p.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 BY 1:30 P.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. 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. GRADUATES ARE ENTITLED TO FOUR (4) TICKETS. EXTRA TICKETS MAY BE AVAILABLE DECEMBER 10 (UNDERGRADUATES)/DECEMBER 17 (GRADUATES).**

Approximately 18 Specialists, 425 Masters/Graduate Certificate and 1,250 Undergraduate students are eligible to participate in the December Commencement.

**COMMENCEMENT**  
 Sunday, December 19, 1993 2:00 p.m.

**PROCESSIONAL**

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|  | Helbig (Mace)<br>-Color Guard-   | Right-Row 2  |
|  | Student Marshals   |  |
| Main Floor   | Anderson            Rice<br>Lake                 Smith<br>McFadden           Watts<br>Nash                 Work  | Main Floor   |
|  | Specialists<br>Graduate Certificates<br>Masters<br>Bachelors   |  |
|  | Faculty Marshals   |  |
| Main Floor<br>Main Floor   | Abbott                Nerenz<br>Faculty  | Main Floor<br>Main Floor   |
|  | Fish<br>Tubbs<br>Robbins<br>Harden   | Right-Row 3<br>Right-Row 3<br>Right-Row 3<br>Right-Row 3           |
| Right-Front<br>Right-Row 3<br>Right-Row 2<br>Right-Row 2<br>Right-Row 2  | Pluta                 White<br>McKelvey            Boone<br>Bennion             Goldenberg<br>Johnson            Fovenesi<br>Tammany             Brandon | Left-Row 2<br>Left-Row 2<br>Left-Row 2<br>Left-Row 2<br>Left-Row 2 |
| Left-Row 3<br>Left-Row 3<br>Left-Row 3   | Beagen               Aldridge<br>Hubbard             Day<br>Evans                 McCracken  | Left-Row 3<br>Left-Row 3<br>Left-Row 3                             |
| Right-Row 2<br>Left-Row 1<br>Right-Row 1<br>Left-Row 1<br>Right-Row 2<br>Right-Row 1<br>Right-Row 1<br>Right-Row 1 | McKanders<br>Doyle - Keys<br>Smith - Colors<br>Collins - Book<br>Reid - Seal   |  |
|  | Pursell               Blackmon<br>Letica                 Derezinski<br>Incarnati             DeMattia  | Left-Row 1<br>Left-Row 1<br>Right-Row 1                            |
|  | Robb<br>Shelton  | Left-Row 1<br>Left-Row 1   |

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

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STAGE SEATING CHART

Bowen Field House

Mace Table

\* Pluta (signer)

|             | Row 1       | Row 2       | Row 3      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|             |             | * Helbig    |            |
|             | * Smith     | * McKanders | * McKelvey |
| STAGE RIGHT | * Pursell   | * Tammany   | * Harden   |
|             | * Letica    | * Bennion   | * Robbins  |
|             | * Incarnati | * Johnson   | * Tubbs    |
|             | * DeMattia  | * Reid      | * Fish     |

Lectern

|            |              |              |             |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|            | * Shelton    | * Brandon    | * Aldridge  |
|            | * Robb       | * Fovenesi   | * Beagen    |
| STAGE LEFT | * Derezinski | * Goldenberg | * Hubbard   |
|            | * Blackmon   | * Boone      | * Day       |
|            | * Collins    | * White      | * Evans     |
|            | * Doyle      |              | * McCracken |

Row 1

Row 2

Row 3

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
COMMENCEMENT SCRIPT  
Sunday, December 19, 1993  
Bowen Field House  
2:00 p.m.

1:45 p.m. PROCESSIONAL  
(University Symphonic Concert Winds)

GRAND MARSHAL ALETHEA HELBIG 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 her 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 WINTER COMMENCEMENT. (Pause) PLEASE JOIN ERNEST BRANDON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, IN SINGING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC CONCERT WINDS, CONDUCTED BY MAX PLANK. (Men remove caps. Professor Brandon assumes the lectern. Colors are dipped during the National Anthem.)

PROFESSOR BRANDON: (National Anthem)

(Platform participant remain standing. Professor Brandon 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.

Please note: Due to unexpected circumstances, Dr. Robbie Johnson, Associate Dean of the College of Education will assume the role of Dean Jerry Robbins during the commencement ceremony.

(Regents, rise as your name is called.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: CHAIRMAN ROBERT DE MATTIA OF PLYMOUTH

FREDERICK BLACKMON OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

ANTHONY DEREZINSKI OF ANN ARBOR

PHILIP INCARNATI OF LINDEN

MARA LETICA OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

CARL PURSELL OF PLYMOUTH

(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 ALETHEA HELBIG. (Prof. Helbig stands.) PROFESSOR HELBIG RETIRED THIS SEMESTER AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY. SHE RECEIVED A DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION IN 1984 AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING THE CHILDREN'S LITERATURE PROGRAM AND NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE COURSES AT EASTERN. (Prof. Helbig sits down.)

OUR FACULTY MARSHALS ARE RICHARD HENRY ABBOTT, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY, AND ANNE NERENZ, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND BILINGUAL STUDIES.

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

OUR STUDENT MARSHALS ARE CHARLES ANDERSON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF CHEMISTRY; MARYLYN LAKE, PROFESSOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION; EMILY JEAN MCFADDEN, PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK; GAYLE NASH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION; DALE RICE, PROFESSOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION; MARGUERITE SMITH,

PRESIDENT SHELTON: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF SOCIAL WORK; LEROY WATTS,  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK; AND STEWART WORK, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY.

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

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: UNIVERSITY'S MISSION TO PROMOTE AN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, EXPAND KNOWLEDGE THROUGH RESEARCH AND TEACHING, AND EXHIBIT LEADERSHIP THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE.

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. (pause)

WE ARE HONORED TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH DR. RICHARD ROBB, OUR ESTEEMED GUEST SPEAKER.

DR. ROBB IS NO STRANGER TO THIS STAGE AND THIS CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AS A MEMBER OF THE EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS, HE PARTICIPATED IN ALMOST FIFTY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES, LISTENED TO A VARIETY OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS AND CONFERRED NUMEROUS HONORARY DEGREES ON OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS. TODAY DR. ROBB HAS RETURNED TO ASSUME YET ANOTHER ROLE FOR OUR UNIVERSITY, THAT OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.

DR. ROBB IS A GRADUATE OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DENTAL SCHOOL. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM 1957 TO 1959 AND OPENED HIS DENTAL PRACTICE IN YPSILANTI IN 1964. HE WAS ELECTED TO TWO TERMS ON THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL IN 1967 AND 1969 AND RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES OF ANY CANDIDATE IN THESE CITY-WIDE ELECTIONS.

HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE YPSILANTI JAYCEES, CHAIRING VARIOUS COMMITTEES, MEMBER OF THE



PRESIDENT SHELTON: YPSILANTI ROTARY BOARD, MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL, MEMBER AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE YPSILANTI YOUTH COMMISSION, MEMBER OF THE YPSILANTI AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH COMMISSION, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROFESSIONAL DIVISION OF THE UNITED WAY, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YPSILANTI BOYS CLUB, DEACON OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ADVISER TO LOCAL GIRL SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT COUNCILS AND A MEMBER OF THE TWENTY CLUB (A LOCAL ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY RELATIONS).

DR. ROBB WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF MICHIGAN BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN 1969 AND HAS RECEIVED AN AWARD OF MERIT FROM FORMER GOVERNOR WILLIAM MILLIKEN AND A LEGISLATIVE TRIBUTE PRESENTED BY GARY M. OWEN, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

IN 1967, DR. ROBB WAS APPOINTED TO THE EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS. HE WAS, AT AGE 30, THE YOUNGEST PERSON IN THE NATION SERVING ON A GOVERNING BOARD OF A MAJOR UNIVERSITY. UNTIL HIS LAST TERM ENDED A YEAR AGO, HE HAD SERVED ON THE BOARD FOR ALL BUT THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE -- LONGER THAN ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL. HE HAS ENJOYED BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AS EVIDENCED BY HIS REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS BY THREE DIFFERENT GOVERNORS, TWO REPUBLICANS AND ONE DEMOCRAT.

DR. ROBB SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FROM JANUARY 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1985, THE LONGEST TENURE OF ANY CHAIRMAN. DURING HIS TENURE AS CHAIRMAN, THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT INCREASES. IN 1967, ENROLLMENT WAS 13,276. EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS NOW THE EIGHTY-FIFTH LARGEST UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF NEARLY 26,000 STUDENTS. AS A REGENT, DR. ROBB WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN STRUCTURING THE BOARD COMMITTEES AND BYLAWS AND EXPANDING THE CURRICULUM WITH TWO NEW COLLEGES AND A

PRESIDENT SHELTON: NEW DOCTORAL PROGRAM. HE ALSO AIDED IN THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S PHYSICAL PLANT AND FINANCIAL BASE AND IN THE ADDITION OF SEVERAL NEW BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE GARY M. OWEN BUILDING AND A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STUDENT RECREATION CENTER -- DEDICATED THIS MORNING AS THE OLDS-ROBB STUDENT RECREATION INTRAMURAL COMPLEX.

DR. ROBB HAS CONSISTENTLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY ATTENDED HONORS CONVOCATIONS, COMMENCEMENTS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, CULTURAL EVENTS ON CAMPUS AND FACULTY RECOGNITION PROGRAMS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NOT BECAUSE IT WAS REQUIRED OF HIM AS A REGENT, BUT BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

THUS, IT IS TRULY FITTING THAT WE SHARE OUR CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM PROUD TO PRESENT DR. RICHARD ROBB.

(President Shelton is seated. Dr. Robb assumes the lectern.)

DR. ROBB: (Commencement Address)

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THANK YOU DR. ROBB 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 RICHARD ROBB THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE. TO CONFER THE DEGREE UPON DR. ROBB I

PRESIDENT SHELTON: CALL UPON THE HONORABLE ANTHONY DEREZINSKI. REGENT DEREZINSKI WILL BE ASSISTED BY DR. RONALD COLLINS, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND DR. STEWART TUBBS, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS. (President Shelton steps to his left and Regent Derezinski assumes the lectern. Dr. Collins picks up the hood from under his chair. Dean Tubbs picks up the certificate and diploma from under his chair. Both escort Dr. Robb to a position three feet to the right and one foot back of President Shelton. Dean Tubbs hands the citation to Regent Derezinski. At the appropriate time, Dr. Collins assists with the hooding, Dean Tubbs hands the diploma to Dr. Robb.)

REGENT DEREZINSKI: DURING YOUR TWENTY-FIVE YEAR TENURE ON THE EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS, INCLUDING TEN YEARS AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, YOU EARNED THE RESPECT AND APPRECIATION OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. AS CO-CHAIR OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING TEAM, WHICH DEVELOPED A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE UNIVERSITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE, YOU MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF STUDENTS. AS A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR YOUTH, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND YOU ARE INDEED AN HONORED ALUMNUS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS THUS PROUD TO CONFER UPON RICHARD ROBB THE HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, 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 Derezinski then hands the citation to Dr. Robb. Dr. Robb may make a few remarks before returning to his seat. Regent Derezinski and President Shelton return to their chairs. Dr. Collins and Dean Tubbs escort Dr. Robb to his chair and Dean Tubbs and Dr. Robb 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 BLACKMON, LETICA AND PURSELL ASSISTED BY THE ACADEMIC OFFICERS AND DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Provost Collins is seated. Dean Goldenberg assumes the lectern. Regent Letica 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 LETICA, 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 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 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING

REGENT LETICA: THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA.

(Dean Goldenberg is seated. Regent Letica 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 Letica the diplomas for the students. Regent Letica shakes their hands and hands them their diplomas.)

(When all Specialist and Certificate candidates have walked across the stage, Regent Letica and Dean Boone are seated. Dean Goldenberg assumes the lectern. Regent Pursell 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 PURSELL 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 Pursell assumes the lectern.)

REGENT PURSELL: 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.

REGENT PURSELL: PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA APPROPRIATE TO THE DEGREE WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED UPON YOU.

(Regent Pursell and Dr. Johnson go to presentation stage left. Regent Blackmon and Dr. Fish 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. Dr. Johnson hands Regent Pursell and Dr. Fish hands Regent Blackmon the diplomas for the students. Regents Pursell 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.

THIRTY-THREE 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.

PROVOST COLLINS: 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. 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 DE MATTIA, DEREZINSKI, INCARNATI, AND LETICA, PROVOST COLLINS, VICE PRESIDENTS DOYLE AND SMITH, ASSISTED BY THE DEANS AND ACADEMIC OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Regent Incarnati approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage right. Regents DeMattia, Derezinski and Letica and Vice Presidents Doyle and Smith stand at their chairs.)

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

(Candidates rise.) REGENT INCARNATI, 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

PROVOST COLLINS: BACCALAUREATE DEGREES TO WHICH THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY ENTITLED.

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

REGENT INCARNATI: 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 Incarnati and Dean Robbins go to presentation stage right. Provost Collins and Dr. Tubbs 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 Incarnati and Dean Tubbs hands Provost Collins the diplomas for the students. Regent Incarnati and Provost Collins 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 Harden will relieve Regent Incarnati and Dean Robbins and Regent Derezinski and Dean McKelvey will relieve Provost Collins and Dean Tubbs.)

(When needed - about one-half way through the Bachelor candidates - Regent Letica and Mr. Tammany will relieve Regent DeMattia and Dean Harden and Vice President Smith and Dean Boone will relieve Regent Derezinski and Dean McKelvey.)

(When needed - about three-fourths of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Provost Collins and Dr. Bennion will relieve Regent Letica and Mr. Tammany and Vice President Doyle and Dr. Johnson will relieve Vice President Smith and Dean Boone.)

(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

MR. FOVENESI:

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: ERNEST BRANDON 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 Brandon assumes the lectern.)

PROFESSOR BRANDON: 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 Brandon 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 MAX PLANK AND ERNEST BRANDON FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES HERE TODAY.

(Pause) COMMENCEMENT IS A TIME FOR ENDINGS AND A TIME FOR BEGINNINGS, A TIME

PRESIDENT SHELTON: 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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