

1994

Winter Ceremonial Script, December 18, 1994

Eastern Michigan University

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, December 18, 1994
Bowen Field House

Assemble by 1:30 p.m./Procession begins at 1:45 p.m./Program begins at 2:00 p.m.

President:	William E. Shelton
Grand Marshal:	Bette Warren
Marshals of Faculty:	Robert Citino, Geraldine M. Kruse
Marshals of Graduates:	Charles Anderson, Normajean Bennett, Richard Douglass, Margaret Davis, Gary Hammerberg, Fredrick C. Hunter, Julia Myers, Stewart Work
Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient:	Darrell H. Cooper
Music:	The EMU Symphonic Concert Winds, Max Plank, Conductor

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 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 A and B (street level).

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

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, MASTER'S, SPECIALIST'S AND DOCTORATE DEGREE STUDENTS enter by the Northeast door of Warner and assemble in the Dance Studio and Wrestling Room.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION, IN ACADEMIC DRESS, WILL FORM A LINE AT 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.

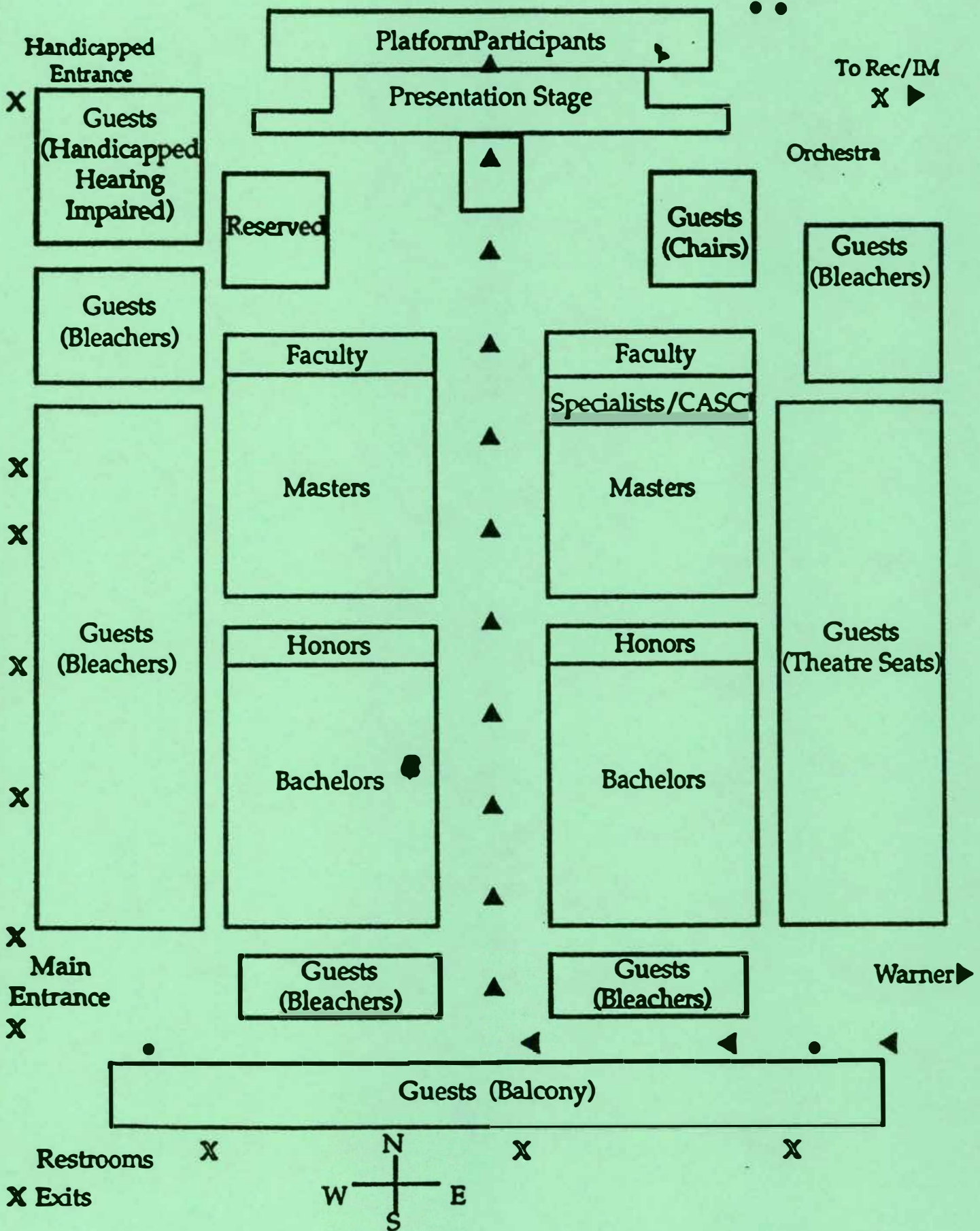
Public parking is available in the parking structure and all University lots except Snow Health Center Lot.

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 15 - 16, 1994.

Eastern Michigan University Bowen Field House

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COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, December 18, 1994 Processional at 1:45 p.m.
PROCESSIONAL

		Warren (Mace)		Right-Row 2
		-Color Guard-		
		Student Marshals		
Main Floor	Anderson	Bennett	Main Floor	
	Douglass	Davis		
	Hammerberg	Hunter		
	Myers	Work		
		Specialist's		
		Graduate Certificates		
		Master's		
		Bachelor's		
		Faculty Marshals		
Main Floor	Citino	Kruse	Main Floor	
Main Floor	Faculty		Main Floor	
		Fish	Right-Row 3	
		Tubbs	Right-Row 3	
		Robbins	Right-Row 3	
		King	Right-Row 3	
		Harden	Right-Row 3	
Right-Front	K. Cikatricis			
Right-Row 3	McKelvey	Boone	Left-Row 2	
Right-Row 2	Bennion	Goldenberg	Left-Row 2	
Right-Row 2	Clifford	Colladay	Left-Row 2	
Right-Row 2	Tammany	Brandon	Left-Row 2	
Left-Row 3	Beagen	Aebersold	Left-Row 3	
Left-Row 3	Bird	Hammill	Left-Row 3	
Left-Row 3	Hubbard	McCracken	Left-Row 3	
Right-Row 2		McKanders		
Right-Row 2		Reid - Seal		
Left-Row 1		Doyle - Keys		
Right-Row 1		Smith - Colors		
Left-Row 1		Collins - Book		
Right-Row 1	Thomas	Derezinski	Left-Row 1	
Right-Row 1	Pursell	Blackmon	Right-Row 1	
Right-Row 1	Clifton	Incarnati	Left-Row 1	
Right-Row 1		DeMattia		
		Cooper	Left-Row 1	
		Shelton	Left-Row 1	

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

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STAGE SEATING CHART

Bowen Field House

Mace Table

* Cikatricis (signer)

	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
STAGE RIGHT	* Smith	* Warren	* McKelvey
	* Pursell	* McKanders	* Harden
	* Clifton	* Tammany	* King
	* Thomas	* Bennion	* Robbins
	* Blackmon	* Clifford	* Tubbs
	* DeMattia	* Reid	* Fish

Lectern

STAGE LEFT	* Shelton	* Brandon	* Beagen
	* Cooper	* Colladay	* Aebersold
	* Incarnati	* Goldenberg	* Bird
	* Derezinski	* Boone	* Hammill
	* Collins	* White	* Hubbard
	* Doyle		* McCracken

Row 1

Row 2

Row 3

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT SCRIPT
Sunday, December 18, 1994
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1:45 p.m. PROCESSIONAL
(University Symphonic Concert Winds)

GRAND MARSHAL BETTE WARREN 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 1994 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)

(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.

(Regents, rise as your name is called.)

CHAIRMAN ROBERT DE MATTIA OF PLYMOUTH
FREDERICK BLACKMON OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS
JAMES CLIFTON OF YPSILANTI
ANTHONY DEREZINSKI OF ANN ARBOR
PHILIP INCARNATI OF LINDEN
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 BETTE WARREN. (Dr. Warren stands.) DR. WARREN HOLDS THE RANK OF PROFESSOR IN THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AND IS THE PRESIDENT OF FACULTY COUNCIL. (Dr. Warren sits down.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: OUR FACULTY MARSHALS ARE ROBERT CITINO, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY, AND GERALDINE KRUSE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING.

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

OUR STUDENT MARSHALS ARE CHARLES ANDERSON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF CHEMISTRY; NORMAJEAN BENNETT, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ASSOCIATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS; RICHARD DOUGLASS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ASSOCIATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS; MARGARET DAVIS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ART; GARY HAMMERBERG, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ASSOCIATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS; FREDRICK HUNTER, PROFESSOR OF ART; JULIA MYERS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART; 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.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: 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. KEVIN CIKATRICIS WHO WILL SERVE AS A SIGNER FOR OUR HEARING IMPAIRED GUESTS. (Mr. Cikatricis 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.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: 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.

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 OUR ESTEEMED GUEST SPEAKER, DARRELL COOPER.

ARKANSAS BORN DARRELL COOPER EARNED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1964. HE PURSUED GRADUATE STUDIES IN EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF

PRESIDENT SHELTON: MICHIGAN IN 1965 AND RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FROM THE SMALLER COMPANY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S BUSINESS SCHOOL IN 1978.

MR. COOPER BEGAN HIS CAREER IN MANUFACTURING IN 1964 AS A SUPERVISOR IN GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION'S MATERIALS HANDLING DEPARTMENT. HE HAS HELD POSITIONS AS A PLASTIC PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR AT ALLEN INDUSTRIES, AS A CONSULTANT IN THE SALES AND MANUFACTURING OF PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND AS A REGIONAL SALES MANAGER AT COSDEN OIL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY BEFORE JOINING THE FERNCO JOINT SEALER COMPANY AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT IN 1970 AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT FROM 1977 TO 1978. FERNCO IS A MANUFACTURER OF FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS FOR PIPE.

IN 1979 FERNCO JOINT SEALER COMPANY BECAME FERNCO INC. WITH MR. COOPER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND OWNER. HE HAS BEEN THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER AND DIRECTOR OF FERNCO CONNECTORS, LTD. IN SARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA SINCE 1986. IN THAT SAME YEAR HE BECAME BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR GUNNELL INC., MANUFACTURER OF CUSTOM WHEEL CHAIRS. MR. COOPER ALSO HOLDS THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF FERNCO INTERNATIONAL, LTD., AN IMPORTER AND DISTRIBUTOR OF PLUMBING PRODUCTS TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: DARRELL COOPER MAINTAINS PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS THROUGH HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SANITARY ENGINEERING, THE BUILDING OFFICIALS AND CODE ADMINISTRATION INTERNATIONAL, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING MATERIALS INTERNATIONAL, AND THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS.

WHILE MR. COOPER IS COMMITTED TO THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF HIS CORPORATION, HE IS EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC STABILITY AND GROWTH OF HIS COMMUNITY AS EVIDENCED BY HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE DAVISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE DAVISON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, THE DAVISON-RICHFIELD AREA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE FLINT AREA INNOVATION COUNCIL, AND AS BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER AND CHAIR OF THE INVESTMENT AND UNDERWRITING COMMITTEES OF THE MICHIGAN PLASTIC PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION.

ALTHOUGH DARRELL COOPER MAINTAINS A RIGOROUS WORK SCHEDULE AND LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HE ALSO FINDS TIME TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER IN SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. SOME OF HIS VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS HAVE INCLUDED THE SALVATION ARMY FUND DRIVE, THE UNITED FOUNDATION CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN, THE BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND THE YOUTH HOME, INC. IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: HOWEVER, THE VOLUNTEER ROLE DARRELL COOPER HOLDS THAT HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO, AND IMPACT ON, THIS UNIVERSITY IS THE ROLE HE HOLDS IN THE EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION. DARRELL COOPER HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH EASTERN SINCE SERVING AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD FROM 1989 UNTIL 1992. HE THEN BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE FOUNDATION AS TREASURER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE IN 1992. IN 1993 HE BECAME THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUNDATION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR DISTINGUISHED COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, DARRELL COOPER.

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

MR. COOPER: (Commencement Address)

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THANK YOU MR. COOPER 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.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO CONFER UPON DARRELL COOPER THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. TO CONFER THE DEGREE 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. STEWART TUBBS, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS.

(President Shelton steps to his left and Regent DeMattia 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 Mr. Cooper to a position three feet to the right and one foot back of President Shelton. Dean Tubbs hands the citation to Regent DeMattia. At the appropriate time, Dr. Collins assists with the hooding, Dean Tubbs hands the diploma to Mr. Cooper.)

REGENT DE MATTIA: THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND ITS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, YOU HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE STUDENTS NOW ENROLLED AND THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW. YOU HAVE UTILIZED YOUR REMARKABLE BUSINESS SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ABILITIES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OTHERS. WHILE CHAIRING KEY CAMPAIGNS AND BOARDS, YOU HAVE WORKED TO ENSURE THAT THE QUALITY PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE, AND THAT MORE STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAMS.

REGENT DE MATTIA: EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, UPON THE

RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS THUS PROUD TO CONFER UPON DARRELL H. COOPER THE HONORARY DEGREE, DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, 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. Cooper. Mr. Cooper may make a few remarks before returning to his seat. Regent DeMattia and President Shelton return to their chairs. Dr. Collins and Dean Tubbs escort Mr. Cooper to his chair and Dean Tubbs and Mr. Cooper 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, AND THOMAS 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, ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND MASTER'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE.

(Candidates rise.)

DEAN GOLDENBERG: 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, GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND MASTER'S DEGREES. 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 presentation stage left. Regent Blackmon and Dr. Bennion go down the stairs to presentation 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. Dean Boone hands Regent Thomas and Dr. Bennion hands Regent Blackmon the diplomas for the students. Regent Thomas and Regent Blackmon shake the hands of the students and hand them their diplomas. When all Specialists, Certificates and 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 INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL.

THIRTY-TWO 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. 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

PROVOST COLLINS: 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. STUDENTS GRADUATING MAGNA CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED A 3.7 TO 3.89 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. STUDENTS GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE PLEASE RISE. (Pause) THESE STUDENTS HAVE ATTAINED A 3.9 TO 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. (Pause) THE BACHELOR'S DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENTS CLIFTON, DEREZINSKI, INCARNATI, AND PURSELL, AND VICE PRESIDENTS DOYLE AND SMITH ASSISTED BY THE DEANS AND ACADEMIC OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Regent Derezinski approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage right. Regent Clifton approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage left. Regents Incarnati and Pursell, 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 DEREZINSKI, 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 Derezinski assumes the lectern.)

REGENT DEREZINSKI: 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 Derezinski and Dean Fish go to presentation stage right. Regent Clifton and Dean King 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 Fish hands Regent Derezinski and Dean King hands Regent Clifton the diplomas for the students. Regents Derezinski and Clifton shake the students hands and hand them their diplomas.)

(When needed - about one-fourth of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Regent Incarnati and Dean Harden will relieve Regent Derezinski and Dean Fish and Regent Pursell and Dr. Clifford will relieve Regent Clifton and Dean King.)

(When needed - about one-half way through the Bachelor candidates - Vice President Doyle and Dean McKelvey will relieve Regent Incarnati and Dean Harden and Vice President Smith and Dean Robbins will relieve Regent Pursell and Dr. Clifford.)

(When needed - about three-fourths of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Provost Collins and Mr. Tammany will relieve Vice President Doyle and Dean McKelvey and Dean Goldenberg and Dean Tubbs will relieve Vice President Smith and Dean Robbins.)

(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.

REGENT DE MATTIA: 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: MS. JOAN COLLADAY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE RANKS OF OUR DISTINGUISHED EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI.

(Provost Collins is seated. Ms. Colladay assumes the lectern.)

MS. COLLADAY: 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

MS. COLLADAY:

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.

(Ms. Colladay 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 IN 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 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 processional. Return to Warner where you may disrobe.) RECESSIONAL