

1995

AM Ceremonial Script, April 23, 1995

Eastern Michigan University

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
APRIL COMMENCEMENT - COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Sunday, April 23, 1995
Bowen Field House**

Assemble by 10:30 a.m./Procession begins at 10:45 a.m./Program begins at 11:00 a.m.

President:	William E. Shelton
Grand Marshal:	William E. Fennel
Marshals of Faculty:	Walter R. Parry, Mary Ann Watson
Marshals of Graduates:	Charles T. Anderson, Michael J. Brabec, Najati S. Ghosheh, Merlyn C. Minick, P. George Simone, Donald M. Snyder, Wade J. Tornquist, Stewart Work
Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient:	Bruce T. Halle
Music:	The EMU Symphonic Concert Winds, David Woike, Conductor

DOORS TO BOWEN FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 9:45 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 10:30 a.m. in the adjacent hallway.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDENTS enter the South 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 10:30 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.

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.

COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, April 23, 1995 Procession at 10:45 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL

	Fennel (Mace) -Color Guard-	Right-Row 2
	Student Marshals	
Main Floor	Anderson Brabec	Main Floor
	Ghosheh Minick	
	Simone Snyder	
	Tornquist Work	
	Specialist's Graduate Certificates Master's Bachelor's	
	Faculty Marshals	
Main Floor	Parry Watson	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	Pluta	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 2	McKelvey	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 2	Bennion	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 2	Clifford	Left-Row 2
	Colladay	Left-Row 2
Left-Row 3	Beagen	Left-Row 3
Left-Row 3	Evans	Left-Row 3
Left-Row 3	Hubbard	
Right-Row 2	McKanders	
Right-Row 2	Reid - Seal	
Left-Row 1	Doyle - Keys	
Right-Row 1	McAnuff - Colors	
Left-Row 1	Collins - Book	
Right-Row 1	Clifton DeMattia	Right-Row 1
	Halle	Left-Row 1
	Shelton	Left-Row 1

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

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, April 23, 1995

STAGE SEATING CHART

Bowen Field House

Mace Table

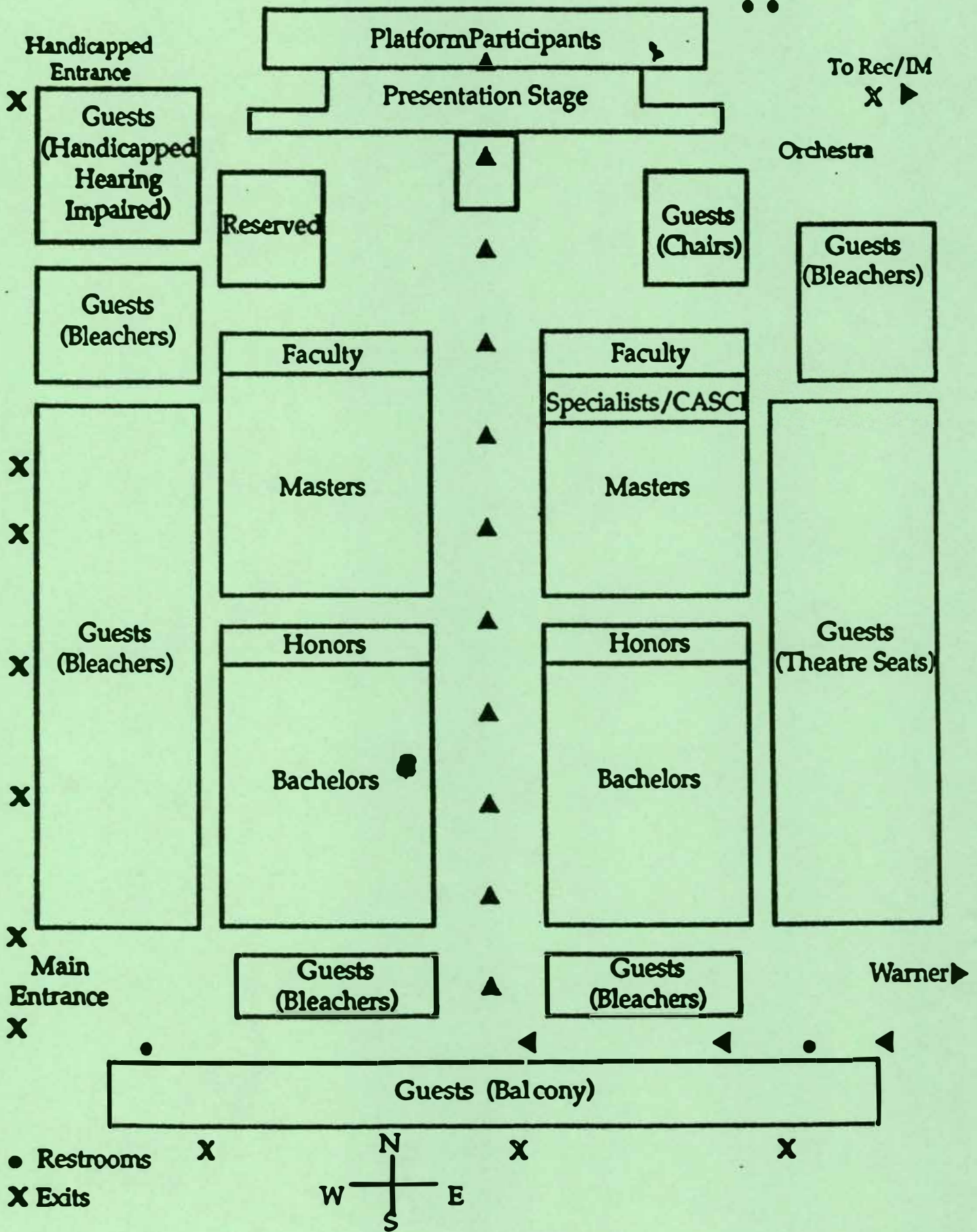
* Pluta (signer)

	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
			* McKelvey
		* Fennel	* Harden
		* McKanders	* King
STAGE RIGHT	* McAnuff	* Bennion	* Robbins
	* Clifton	* Clifford	* Tubbs
	* DeMattia	* Reid	* Fish
Lectern			
	* Shelton	* Riccinto	* Beagen
	* Halle	* Colladay	* Aldridge
	* Collins	* Goldenberg	* Evans
STAGE LEFT	* Doyle	* Boone	* Foreman
		* White	* Hubbard

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10:45 a.m. PROCESSIONAL
(University Symphonic Concert Winds)

GRAND MARSHAL WILLIAM FENNEL 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 1995 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.)

JAMES CLIFTON OF YPSILANTI

ROBERT DE MATTIA 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 WILLIAM FENNEL. (Dr. Fennel stands.) DR. FENNEL RETIRED IN 1993 AFTER TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY. HE WAS AWARDED THE TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN BIOLOGY AND CONTINUES TO TEACH CLASSES AT EASTERN. (Dr. Fennel sits down.)

OUR FACULTY MARSHALS ARE WALTER PARRY, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS, AND MARY ANN WATSON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS.

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: OUR STUDENT MARSHALS ARE CHARLES ANDERSON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF CHEMISTRY; MICHAEL BRABEC, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY; NAJATI GHOSHEH, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY; HOWARD BOOTH, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY; P. GEORGE SIMONE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY; DONALD SNYDER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY; WADE TORNQUIST, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY; 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.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MR. JEFFREY 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. (Pause)

WE ARE HONORED TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH OUR ESTEEMED GUEST SPEAKER, MR. BRUCE T. HALLE (pause). BRUCE HALLE WAS ONE OF EIGHT CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. HIS FAMILY MOVED TO MICHIGAN AND IN 1948 HE ENROLLED IN MICHIGAN STATE NORMAL COLLEGE. HIS EDUCATION WAS INTERRUPTED WHEN HE ENLISTED IN THE MARINE CORPS AND SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR. HE RETURNED TO MICHIGAN STATE NORMAL COLLEGE IN 1953 AND GRADUATED IN 1956 WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

AFTER GRADUATION, MR. HALLE SPENT FOUR YEARS SELLING CARS, LIFE INSURANCE, AND AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS. IN 1960, WITH A LOAN OF \$5,000, MR. HALLE OPENED A RETAIL TIRE STORE NAMED DISCOUNT TIRE COMPANY IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. TODAY HE SERVES AS THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY WHICH HAS GROWN TO 271 STORES IN TWELVE STATES. THE BUSINESS THAT HE FOUNDED WITH A SMALL LOAN

PRESIDENT SHELTON: CURRENTLY HAS YEARLY REVENUES OF \$589 MILLION AND IS THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT TIRE DEALER IN NORTH AMERICA.

IN ADDITION TO HIS DEMANDING WORK SCHEDULE, MR. HALLE DEVOTES MUCH OF HIS TIME AND RESOURCES TO ACTIVITIES AND CHARITIES BOTH IN HIS COMMUNITY AS WELL AS IN OTHER STATES. HE HAS SUPPORTED THE MARCH OF DIMES WALKATHON FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND THROUGH DISCOUNT TIRE COMPANY MATCHES ALL THE PLEDGES THAT ARE RAISED BY ITS EMPLOYEES FOR THE WALKATHON. MR. HALLE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO PLEDGE TO BE A "CHARTER MEMBER" OF THE CHILDREN'S URBAN SURVIVAL PROGRAM LOCATED IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. OTHER CHARITIES THAT HE HAS SUPPORTED INCLUDE: THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, SALVATION ARMY, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION, AMERICAN RED CROSS, ARIZONA OPERA LEAGUE, ARIZONA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, THE PHOENIX SYMPHONY, THE SCOTTSDALE SYMPHONY, THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION, AND EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

MR. HALLE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS HONORS FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY. HE HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ACHIEVEMENT WITH THE "GOLDEN PLATE AWARD", RECEIVED AN EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD, SERVED AS THE HONORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THE 1994 MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION "SHARE A HOLIDAY MIRACLE" DINNER, IS A BETA GAMMA SIGMA HONOREE, AND MOST RECENTLY HE WAS NAMED THE 1995 ENTREPRENEUR OF

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THE YEAR BY ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY.

THROUGHOUT HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER BRUCE HALLE HAS REMAINED STEADFAST IN HIS CONCERN FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE HEALTH FIELD IMPROVE THE BODY. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATION IMPROVE THE MIND. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS IMPROVE THE HEART. AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IMPROVE THE SOUL.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO SHARE OUR CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH AN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE WHO SHARES OUR CONCERN FOR PROVIDING QUALITY IN EDUCATION AND LIFE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR DISTINGUISHED COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, BRUCE T. HALLE.

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

MR. HALLE: (COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS)

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THANK YOU MR. HALLE 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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: HAVE BROUGHT THEM THE HIGH ESTEEM OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO CONFER UPON BRUCE T. HALLE THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. TO CONFER THE DEGREE I CALL UPON THE HONORABLE JAMES CLIFTON. REGENT CLIFTON WILL BE ASSISTED BY DR. RONALD COLLINS, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND DR. MORELL BOONE, DEAN OF LEARNING RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGIES.

(President Shelton steps to his left and Regent Clifton assumes the lectern.

Dr. Collins picks up the hood from under his chair. Dean Boone picks up the certificate and diploma from under his chair. Both escort Mr. Halle to a position three feet to the right and one foot back of President Shelton. Dean Boone hands the citation to Regent Clifton. At the appropriate time, Dr. Collins assists with the hooding, Dean Boone hands the diploma to Mr. Halle.)

REGENT CLIFTON: AS CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MAJOR CORPORATION, YOU HAVE BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND HARD WORK. IN BUILDING YOUR COMPANY TO THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT TIRE DEALER IN NORTH AMERICA, YOU HAVE COME TO EMBODY THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT TO THOSE AROUND YOU. IN ADDITION, YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC DUTY AND COMPASSION AND EXEMPLIFIED CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF

REGENT CLIFTON: OTHERS. THROUGH YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MARCH OF DIMES AND MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION, YOU HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MANY INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, IS THUS PROUD TO CONFER UPON BRUCE T. HALLE 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 Clifton then hands the citation to Mr. Halle. Mr. Halle may make a few remarks before returning to his seat. Regent Clifton and President Shelton return to their chairs. Dean Boone escorts Mr. Halle to his chair and Dean Boone and Mr. Halle 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 CLIFTON, AND DE MATTIA ASSISTED BY THE ACADEMIC OFFICERS AND DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Provost Collins is seated. Dean Goldenberg assumes the lectern. Regent DeMattia 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.) REGENT DE MATTIA, 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 DeMattia assumes the lectern.)

REGENT DE MATTIA: 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 DeMattia and Dean Boone go down the stairs to presentation stage left. Regent Clifton 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 DeMattia and Dr. Bennion hands Regent Clifton the diplomas for the students. Regent Clifton and Regent DeMattia 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.

FIFTY-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. 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, AND DE MATTIA, VICE PRESIDENT DOYLE, AND ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT MC ANUFF ASSISTED BY THE DEANS AND ACADEMIC OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Regent Clifton approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage right.

Regent DeMattia approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage left.)

PROVOST COLLINS: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE. (Candidates rise.) REGENT CLIFTON, 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 Clifton assumes the lectern.)

REGENT CLIFTON: 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 Clifton and Dean Fish go to presentation stage right. Regent DeMattia and Dean Harden 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 Clifton and Dean Harden hands Regent DeMattia the diplomas for the students. Regents Clifton and DeMattia shake the students hands and hand them diplomas.)

(When needed - about one-fourth of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Vice President Doyle and Dean King will relieve Regent Clifton and Dean Fish and Mr. McAnuff and Dr. Clifford will relieve Regent DeMattia and Dean Harden.)

(When needed - about one-half way through the Bachelor candidates - Dean Tubbs and Dean McKelvey will relieve Vice President Doyle and Dean King and Provost Collins and Dean Robbins will relieve Mr. McAnuff and Dr. Clifford.)

(When needed - about three-fourths of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Dean Boone and Dean Harden will relieve Dean Tubbs and Dean McKelvey and Dean Goldenberg and Dr. Bennion will relieve Provost Collins 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, 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: 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 CLASSROOM TO BOARD ROOM, AND FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER. WE TAKE PRIDE IN COUNTING YOU AMONG OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMS WHO INCLUDE:

- THOMAS FLEMING, THE 1992 NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR
- SHERYL JAMES, A 1991 PULITZER PRIZE WINNER IN JOURNALISM
- DENNIS TOFFOLO, PRESIDENT OF J.L. HUDSON'S; AND
- RONALD CAMPBELL, THE CFO OF THE DETROIT PISTONS

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: LEONARD RICCINTO 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 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.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: 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.)

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