

1997

PM Ceremonial Script, April 27, 1997

Eastern Michigan University

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY SPRING COMMENCEMENTS
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1997
BOWEN FIELD HOUSE**

Assemble by 2:00 p.m./Procession begins at 2:15 p.m./Program begins at 2:30 p.m.

President:	William E. Shelton
Grand Marshal:	Michael Jones
Marshals of Faculty	Jennifer Beller, Margaret Hart
Marshals of Graduates:	Irene Ametrano, Charles Anderson, Jean Bush-Bacelis, Jagdish Danak, Denise Tanguay Hoyer, Sue Stickel, Jaclynn Tracy, Stewart Work
Music:	The EMU Symphonic Concert Winds, David Woike, Conductor

DOORS TO BOWEN FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 1:15 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 2:00 p.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 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 2:00 P.M. AND PROCESS INTO THE FIELD HOUSE AT 2:15 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 487-0048 for information.

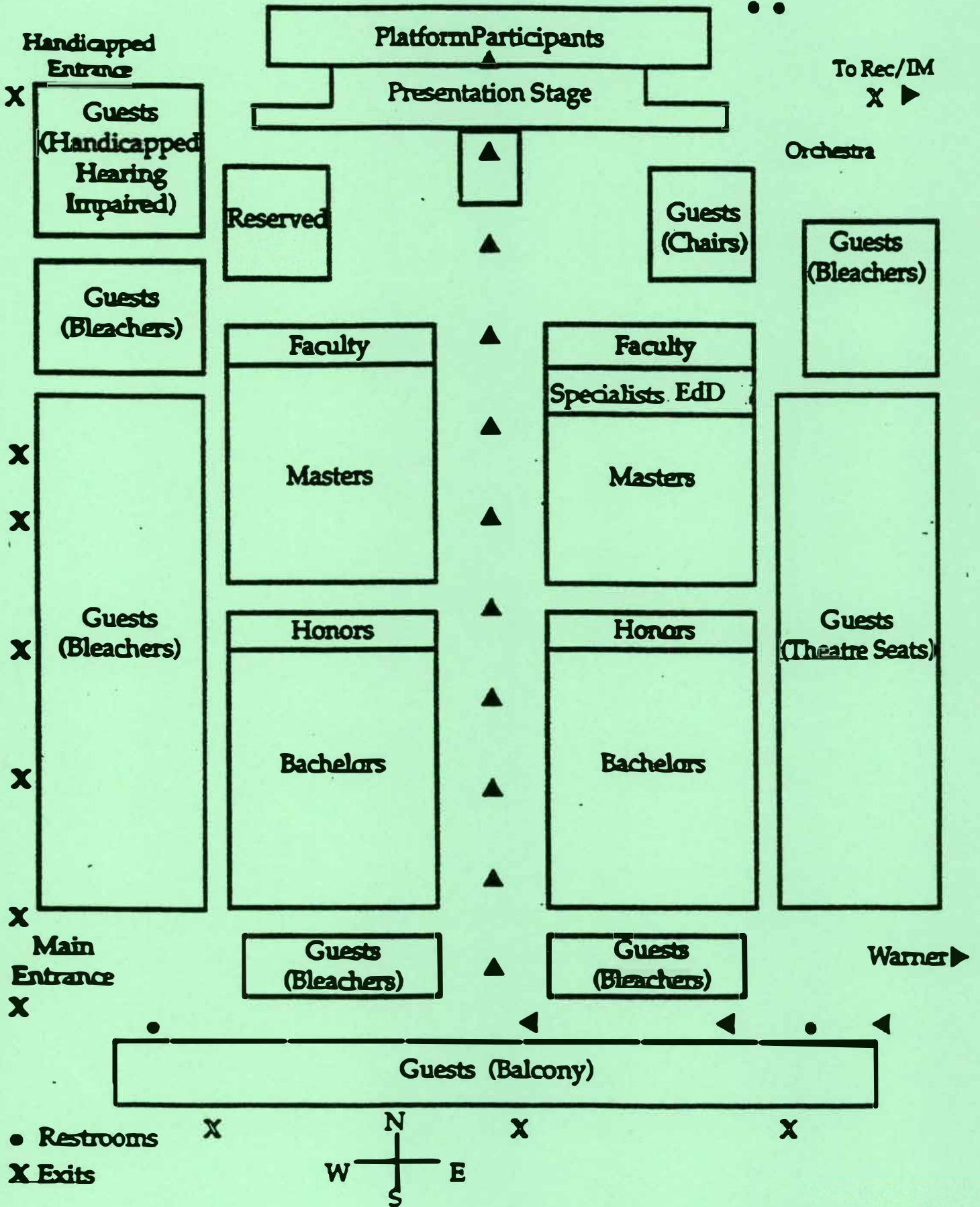
Public parking is available in the parking structure and all University lots except the Bowen lot.

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.

Eastern Michigan University Bowen Field House

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● Restrooms
X Exits

COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, April 27, 1997 Processional at 2:15 p.m.
PROCESSIONAL

		Jones (Mace)	Right-Row 2
		-Color Guard-	
		Student Marshals	
Main Floor	Ametrano	Bush-Bacelis	Main Floor
	Danak	Hoyer	
	Stickel	Tracy	
		Work	
		Specialists	
		Graduate Certificates	
		Masters	
		Bachelors	
		Faculty Marshals	
Main Floor	Beller	Hart	Main Floor
Main Floor		Faculty	Main Floor
		Fish	Right-Row 3
		Tubbs	Right-Row 3
		Robbins	Right-Row 3
		King	Right-Row 3
Right-Front	Pluta	Peoples	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 3	Beagen	Boone	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 2	Bennion	Holkeboer	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 2	Moeller	Brandon	Left-Row 2
Right-Row 2	Loppnow	Aghssa	Left-Row 3
Left-Row 3	Bridges	Smith Meyer	Left-Row 3
		McKanders	
Right-Row 1		Reid - Charter	
Right-Row 1		McAnuff - Seal	
Left-Row 1		Doyle - Keys	
Left-Row 1		Smith - Colors	
Right-Row 1		Collins - Book	
Left-Row 1			
Right-Row 1	Stephens	Pursell	Right-Row 1
		Sperling	Left-Row 1
		Shelton	Left-Row 1

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

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, April 27, 1997

STAGE SEATING CHART
Bowen Field House

Mace Table
* Pluta (signer)

	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
	* McKanders		* Beagen
	* Reid	* Jones	* King
STAGE RIGHT	* Smith	* Bennion	* Robbins
	* Stephens	* Moeller	* Tubbs
	* Pursell	* Loppnow	* Fish
LECTERN			
	* Shelton	* Brandon	* Aghssa
	* Sperling	* Holkeboer	* Bridges
	* Collins	* Boone	* Smith Meyer
STAGE LEFT	* Doyle	* Peoples	
	* McAnuff		
	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT SCRIPT
Sunday, April 27, 1997
Bowen Field House**

2:15 p.m. PROCESSIONAL
(University Symphonic Concert Winds)

GRAND MARSHAL MICHAEL JONES 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 1997 SPRING 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 DAVID WOIKE.

(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.)

CARL PURSELL OF PLYMOUTH

WILLIAM STEPHENS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

(Regents, please be seated.)

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE MEMBERS OF CABINET, ACADEMIC OFFICERS, AND DEANS. PLEASE STAND.

(Cabinet members, academic officers, and deans please stand briefly.)

LEADING OUR PROCESSION TODAY IS GRAND MARSHAL MICHAEL JONES. (Professor Emeritus Jones stands.) PROFESSOR JONES RETIRED IN 1996 AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY. HE WAS AWARDED THE TITLE OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND DANCE. (Professor Jones sits down.)

OUR FACULTY MARSHALS ARE JENNIFER BELLER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND DANCE, AND MARGARET HART, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF TEACHER EDUCATION.

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THE MARSHALS OF THE STUDENTS ARE IRENE

AMETRANO, PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING; JEAN BUSH-BACELIS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT; JAGDISH DANAK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT; DENISE TANGUAY HOYER, PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT; SUE STICKEL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING, JACLYNN TRACY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING; 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 OF THE DAY --- READING THE GRADUATES' NAMES AS THEY ARE PRESENTED.

(Readers rise and sit down.)

SEATED BEFORE YOU ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE 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.)

THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS SEATED AMONG THE FACULTY WHO HAVE ACHIEVED RECOGNITION FOR THEIR TEACHING SKILLS AND WERE AWARDED THE 1996 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS. SEVERAL OF

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE FACULTY IN THE COLLEGES OF BUSINESS, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND TECHNOLOGY AND ARE WITH US TODAY AT THIS AFTERNOON CEREMONY. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ASK THAT THEY RISE AND RECEIVE RECOGNITION. LAWRENCE BEMISH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION; PAULINE BUCHANAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HUMAN, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER RESOURCES; GERALD LAWVER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TECHNOLOGY; JEAN MCENERY, PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT; ROSS NORD, PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY; RICHARD RUBENFELD, PROFESSOR OF ART, AND ROBERT WARD, PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY. (Faculty present rise and are seated as their name is called.)

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 OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHOSE ROOTS DATE BACK TO 1849 WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING "A GOOD COMMON SCHOOL EDUCATION." EASTERN MICHIGAN THUS BECAME MICHIGAN'S FIRST INSTITUTION TO PREPARE TEACHERS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. OVER THE YEARS, EASTERN MICHIGAN EVOLVED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE, DOCTORAL-GRANTING UNIVERSITY, ADAPTING AND

PRESIDENT SHELTON: DEVELOPING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS TO MEET THE EVER-CHANGING AND EXPANDING NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS AND THE WORLD AROUND IT.

EASTERN MICHIGAN IS NOW RECOGNIZED FOR ITS OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITS FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. EASTERN MICHIGAN ALSO IS RECOGNIZED FOR BEING ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE NEW PARADIGM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH IS FOCUSED ON LEARNING.

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 MICHIGAN 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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: GRADUATING CLASS GATHERED HERE TODAY, AND
COMMENDS THE DEDICATION OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO THE PURSUIT
OF EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION. (Pause)

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, WE ARE HONORED TO
SHARE THIS DAY WITH OUR ESTEEMED GUEST SPEAKER, MR. GENE B.
SPERLING.

A NATIVE OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, GENE SPERLING DEVELOPED HIS
NOW LEGENDARY WORK ETHIC DURING HIS YEARS AT COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL, WHERE HE ALSO ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS AN ATHLETE AND
SCHOLAR. UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1977, HE ENROLLED
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ON A TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP. HE
RECEIVED A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
MINNESOTA, AND WENT ON TO GRADUATE FROM YALE LAW SCHOOL.
ADDITIONALLY, HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S
WHARTON BUSINESS SCHOOL.

AFTER GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL, MR. SPERLING EMBARKED
ON A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE. HE SPECIALIZED IN APPELLATE
CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND SERVED AS AN ECONOMIC ADVISER TO
VARIOUS DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS, WORKING FOR NEW YORK GOVERNOR
MARIO CUOMO FROM 1990 TO 1992. AFTER DEVELOPING ECONOMIC POLICY
FOR THE SUCCESSFUL 1992 CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, MR.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: SPERLING JOINED THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL WAS SET UP IN 1993 TO COORDINATE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND TO PARALLEL THE OLDER, PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. IN DECEMBER 1996, PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMED HIM THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, THE TOP ECONOMIC POST IN THE WHITE HOUSE. IN HIS ROLE AS DIRECTOR, MR. SPERLING COORDINATES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC AGENDA. ONE OF THE YOUNGEST AND HARDEST WORKING OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TEAM, MR. SPERLING SERVES AS THE CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT ON ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES. WHILE STRIVING TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED BUDGET, HE SUPPORTS PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL DURING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S FIRST TERM, MR. SPERLING WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF THE 1998 DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN. EXPANSION OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM AND THE EMPOWERMENT ZONES INITIATIVE.

THROUGHOUT HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER MR. SPERLING HAS REMAINED STEADFAST IN HIS CONCERN FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF

PRESIDENT SHELTON: LIFE FOR ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS THROUGH SOUND ECONOMIC POLICY. HIS CONCERN FOR THE EDUCATION BUDGET HAS ENABLED HIGHER EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR TO GROW AND THRIVE.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO SHARE ITS CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO SHARES ITS CONCERN FOR PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME HOME OUR DISTINGUISHED COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, MR. GENE B. SPERLING.

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

MR. SPERLING: (COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS)

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

PRESIDENT SHELTON: THANK YOU MR. SPERLING FOR YOUR MOST APPROPRIATE MESSAGE. (Pause) IT HAS BEEN A TRADITION OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TO BESTOW HONORARY DEGREES UPON INDIVIDUALS WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE OR OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO THE HIGH ESTEEM OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

PRESIDENT SHELTON: EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO CONFER UPON OUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER, GENE B. SPERLING, THE HONORARY DEGREE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE. TO CONFER THE DEGREE I CALL UPON THE HONORABLE CARL PURSELL. REGENT PURSELL WILL BE ASSISTED BY RONALD COLLINS, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ELIZABETH KING, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

(President Shelton steps to his left and Regent Pursell assumes the lectern. Provost Collins picks up the hood from under his chair. Dean King picks up the citation from under her chair. Both escort Mr. Sperling to a position three feet to the right and one foot back of President Shelton. Dean King hands the citation to Regent Pursell. At the appropriate time, Provost Collins assists with the hooding.)

REGENT PURSELL: A FAVORITE SON OF ANN ARBOR/YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, YOU HAVE DISTINGUISHED YOURSELF THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE. AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, YOU HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON STUDENTS, COMMUNITIES AND THE NATION THROUGH THE DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM, THE EMPOWERMENT ZONES INITIATIVE, THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND THE DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN. WELL RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR WORK ETHIC, YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

(Regent Pursell then hands the citation to Mr. Sperling. Provost Collins and Dean King escort Mr. Sperling back to his chair. Regent Pursell is seated. President Shelton assumes the lectern.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: I WOULD NOW LIKE TO PRESENT PROVOST AND VICE
PRESIDENT RONALD COLLINS WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE GRADUATES.

(President Shelton returns to his chair and Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)

PROVOST COLLINS: IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT TO YOU
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S DOCTOR OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES
LARRY DALE LEAPLEY AND JOHN E. SAVEL, III. (Mr. Leapley and Dr. Price and
Mr. Savel move up the center ramp to the stage and stand to stage right of the diploma
stand.) MR. LEAPLEY IS THE PRINCIPAL OF TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL. HE HAS
COMPLETED AND DEFENDED SUCCESSFULLY HIS DISSERTATION TITLED, "IN-
SCHOOL SUSPENSION/INTERVENTION ROOM: A MEANS TO REDUCE VIOLENCE
IN SCHOOLS." MR. SAVEL IS THE PRINCIPAL OF ALGONQUIN MIDDLE
SCHOOL. HE HAS COMPLETED AND DEFENDED SUCCESSFULLY HIS
DISSERTATION TITLED, "KEY COMPONENTS MIDDLE LEVEL PRINCIPALS NEED
TO INCLUDE AN INSERVICE PLAN FOR TRANSFERRED TEACHERS." LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN, I GIVE YOU LARRY DALE LEAPLEY AND JOHN E. SAVEL,
III. (Pause for applause.) THE DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY PRESIDENT
WILLIAM SHELTON AND REGENT CARL PURSELL, ASSISTED BY ROBERT
HOLKEBOER, INTERIM DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH,

PROVOST COLLINS: JERRY ROBBINS, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND CHAIR OF MR. SAVEL'S DISSERTATION COMMITTEE, AND WILLIAM PRICE, MEMBER OF MR. LEAPLEY'S DISSERTATION COMMITTEE.

(Dean Robbins moves to the lower stage to join Mr. Leapley, Dr. Price, and Mr. Savel. Dean Robbins brings the doctoral hood for Mr. Savel from under his chair with him and Dr. Price brings the doctoral hood for Mr. Leapley with him. President Shelton, Regent Pursell, and Dean Holkeboer stand next to the lectern on stage left. Provost Collins steps back and President Shelton assumes the lectern.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: REGENT PURSELL, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND GUESTS, LARRY LEAPLEY AND JOHN SAVEL HAVE COMPLETED A PROGRAM CULMINATING IN THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP. UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FACULTY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, I PRESENT LARRY LEAPLEY AND JOHN SAVEL TO YOU FOR THE CONFERRING OF THEIR DEGREES.

(President Shelton 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

REGENT PURSELL: UPON YOU THE DEGREE TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMAS.

(Regent Pursell, President Shelton, Provost Collins, and Dean Holkeboer descend the stairs to the lower stage. Provost Collins and Dean Holkeboer assist with the hooding. The President hands the diploma covers to Regent Pursell. Regent Pursell gives the candidates their diploma covers and shakes their hands. All participants except Provost Collins return to their chairs. Provost Collins assumes the lectern.)

PROVOST COLLINS: AND NOW, THE MOMENT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIALIST'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES AND ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DR. ROBERT HOLKEBOER, INTERIM DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH. THE DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENTS STEPHENS AND PURSELL, ASSISTED BY THE ACADEMIC OFFICERS AND DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(Provost Collins returns to his seat. Dean Holkeboer assumes the lectern. Regent Stephens comes forward and stands to the left of Dean Holkeboer.)

DEAN HOLKEBOER: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIALIST'S DEGREE, ADVANCED GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND MASTER'S DEGREE PLEASE RISE. (Pause) (Candidates rise.) REGENT STEPHENS, EACH OF THESE CANDIDATES HAS

DEAN HOLKEBOER: 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 Holkeboer steps back and Regent Stephens assumes the lectern.)

REGENT STEPHENS: 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 Holkeboer is seated. Regent Stephens and Dean Fish go down the stairs to presentation stage left. Regent Pursell and Dr. Bennion go down the stairs to presentation stage right. Two of the readers go down the stairs to microphones left and right. Candidates are led to the stage by the marshals of the students. Candidates present their name card to the reader who reads the name of the candidate. Dean Fish hands Regent Stephens and Dr. Bennion hands Regent Pursell the diplomas for the students. Regents Stephens and Pursell shake the hands of the students and hand them their diplomas. When all Specialist's, Certificate, and Master's 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 NOT ONLY HONORS CLASSES BUT GENERAL INTRODUCTORY CLASSES AS WELL. THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1984 TO ATTRACT GIFTED STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SPECIAL INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL.

FIFTY-SEVEN 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 ALSO HAVE 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 COLLEGES OF BUSINESS, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY. WILL THE GRADUATES FROM THIS PROGRAM STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause) PLEASE BE SEATED.

ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH ACADEMIC HONORS. STUDENTS GRADUATING

PROVOST COLLINS: 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.

FINALLY, 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 IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THEIR NAMES ARE NOTED IN THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM. WILL THE R.O.T.C. GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. (Pause.) PLEASE BE SEATED.

THE BACHELOR'S DEGREES WILL BE CONFERRED BY REGENTS PURSELL AND STEPHENS, AND VICE PRESIDENTS DOYLE, MCANUFF, REID AND SMITH, ASSISTED BY THE DEANS AND ACADEMIC OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

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

Regent Pursell approaches the lectern and stands slightly behind the lectern on stage left. Vice

Presidents Doyle, McAnuff, Reid, and Smith stand at their chairs.)

PROVOST COLLINS: WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

PLEASE RISE. (Candidates rise.) REGENT STEPHENS, IT IS INDEED A HIGH HONOR AND DISTINCT PRIVILEGE, ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, TO PRESENT TO YOU THE MEMBERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 1997 FOR THE CONFERRING OF THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES TO WHICH THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY ENTITLED.

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

REGENT STEPHENS: INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE

FACULTY, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE, AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I CONFER UPON YOU THE 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.

(Provost Collins and Dean Tubbs go to presentation stage right. Vice President Smith and Dean Robbins go to presentation stage left. All others are seated. Two of the readers go to the microphones stage left and stage right. 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 University academic honors only - 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 Tubbs hands Provost Collins and Dean Robbins hands Vice President Smith the diplomas for the students. Provost Collins and Vice President Smith shake the students' hands and hand them their diplomas.)

(About one-fourth of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Vice President McAnuff and Dean King will relieve Provost Collins and Dean Tubbs and Vice President Reid and Dr. Moeller will relieve Vice President Smith and Dean Robbins.)

(About one-half way through the Bachelor candidates - Vice President Doyle and Dean Peoples will relieve Vice President McAnuff and Dean King and Dean Boone and Dr. Loppnow will relieve Vice President Reid and Dr. Moeller.)

(About three-fourths of the way through the Bachelor candidates - Dean Fish and Dean Robbins will relieve Vice President Doyle and Dean Peoples and Dean Holkeboer and Dr. Bennion will relieve Dean Boone and Dr. Loppnow.)

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

REGENT PURSELL: ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS AS PROFESSIONALS AND LEADERS IN THE FIELDS REPRESENTED BY YOUR DEGREES. WE NEED YOU AND THE WORLD NEEDS YOU TO HELP MAKE THIS A SAFER, MORE EQUITABLE AND MORE EFFECTIVE SOCIETY FOR YOURSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. GO FORTH AND MAKE YOURSELVES PROUD AND YOU WILL MAKE US PROUD IN THE PROCESS.

(Regent Pursell returns to his seat. President Shelton assumes the lectern.)

PRESIDENT SHELTON: ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE GRADUATES AND THANK THE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF THE GRADUATES FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT, GUIDANCE AND LOVE WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THESE WOMEN AND MEN WHILE THEY PURSUED THEIR DEGREES.

COMMENCEMENT IS A TIME FOR ENDING AND A TIME FOR BEGINNING, 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. I ALSO HOPE YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS WHICH WILL REMAIN WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WE TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR

PRESIDENT SHELTON: ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WISH YOU ALL POSSIBLE SUCCESS
IN THE FUTURE.

WE WILL CONCLUDE THIS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WITH OUR
ALMA MATER, OUR PLEDGE, LED BY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ERNEST
BRANDON. THE WORDS MAY BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF YOUR PROGRAM.
FOLLOWING THE ALMA MATER, WE REQUEST THAT YOU REMAIN IN YOUR
SEATS UNTIL THE RECESSIONAL IS COMPLETED. PLEASE RISE. PROFESSOR
BRANDON.

(President Shelton returns to his seat and remains standing. Professor Brandon assumes the lectern.)

PROFESSOR BRANDON: 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 chair and remains standing. Participants replace caps. Wait until
the Grand Marshal and Color Guard are in place. Recessional is led by the Grand Marshal,
followed by the Color Guard and then the President leading participants in reverse order of the
processional. Return to Warner where you may disrobe.)

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