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AM Ceremonial Script, April 26, 2015

Eastern Michigan University

COMMENCEMENT SCRIPT

Sunday, April 26, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Grand Marshal enters center aisle, ascends stage, turns left and remains standing in front of table at center of stage holding mace. When procession is over, Grand Marshal places mace on table, goes to chair and remains standing.

Color guard enters center aisle, ascends stage following Grand Marshal, turns left and stands holding flags.

Marshals lead participants down center aisle in this order: doctoral students, graduate students, undergraduates, faculty. Participants remain standing in front of chairs.

Platform participants enter center aisle, ascend stage and remain standing in front of chairs. **Chairman Mike Morris** assumes lectern. Arena lights dim on floor; stay bright on platform.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS: Good morning. I want to extend a warm welcome to our faculty, staff, families, friends, and our graduates-to-be. Please be seated.

I'm Mike Morris, Chairman of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents is appointed by the Governor of Michigan as the degree-granting authority of Eastern Michigan University.

Therefore, as the representative of my fellow Regents, the governor and the people of Michigan, I formally open the Eastern Michigan University 2015 spring commencement.

It is my pleasure to introduce the honorable members of the Board of Regents who are here with us today. Please hold your applause until all Regents have been introduced.

(Regents, please rise as name is called.)

- **Dennis Beagen** of Northville,
- **Michelle Crumm** of Ann Arbor,
- **Beth Fitzsimmons** of Ann Arbor,
- **James Stapleton** of Ann Arbor,
- **Mary Treder Lang** of Grosse Pointe Farms, and,
- **James Webb** of Northville.

I would also like to introduce our emeritus regent:

- **Dr. Mildred Smith** of Flint

Thank you for your dedication to Eastern Michigan University.

CHAIRMAN MORRIS: Ms. Jolene Green, a student in the master's degree program for vocal performance, will sing our national anthem.

She will be accompanied by the Eastern Michigan Symphonic Band, conducted by **Dr. Brandon Johnson**, director of choral activities and assistant professor of music.

Please stand for the national anthem.

(Remove caps and/or place right hand over heart. Regent Morris steps back. Vocalist stands in position near symphony. Colors are dipped during anthem.)

MS. GREEN: (Leads singing of National Anthem)

(All remain standing. Immediately following anthem, Color Guard posts flags and exits left side of stage. Regent Morris assumes lectern.)

CHAIRMAN MORRIS: Please be seated. I would now like to introduce **Dr. Susan Martin**, President of Eastern Michigan University, who will preside over today's ceremony.

(Regent Morris sits down. President Martin goes to lectern.)

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Thank you, **Chairman Morris**. Welcome, everyone. I would like to acknowledge the academic officers, deans, faculty, vice presidents, and administrators on the platform. Please stand.

(Academic officers, deans, faculty, vice presidents and administrators stand briefly.)

Leading our procession today is **Grand Marshal Howard Booth**, professor emeritus of biology. **Dr. Booth**, would you please stand?

Dr. Booth, who taught at Eastern for 48 years, is a proud alumnus, having earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees here. With his expertise in invertebrates and physiology, he built the Biology Department's current physiology course to be a challenging, yet popular choice for students.

He is a member of the E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame, lettering in track and field, gymnastics and cheerleading as an undergraduate. Today, Dr. Booth is a world-class athlete, who at the age of 70, won the gold medal in the pole vault at the 2013 World Masters Athletics Championship in Brazil.

Dr. Booth has distinguished himself both academically and athletically, creatively incorporating his athletic experience into his human physiology lectures. He has educated and inspired more than 18,000 students at Eastern, a truly remarkable accomplishment.

Thank you, **Dr. Booth**. (*Dr. Booth sits down.*)

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Our distinguished **marshal of the faculty** is:

- **Dr. Steven Francoeur (fran curr)**

Our **marshals of the students** are:

- **Ms. Gina Boldman**
- **Dr. Phillip Cardon**
- **Dr. Christine Clark**
- **Professor Jason DeMarte**
- **Professor Suzanne Gray**
- **Dr. Susan Gregory**
- **Dr. Judith Kullberg**
- **Dr. John McCurdy**

Would all Marshals please stand and be recognized? *(Marshals stand briefly.)*

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Faculty members reading the graduates' names as they are presented are:

- **Professor Jessica Alexander**
- **Professor Wallace Bridges**
- **Dr. Geoffrey Hammill**
- **Dr. Jeannette Kindred**

Please stand and be recognized. *(Readers stand briefly.)*

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Seated before you are members of the faculty who represent Eastern Michigan's outstanding academic departments. Faculty members, please stand and be recognized. *(Faculty stands briefly.)*

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Graduates, today's ceremony is more than just a celebration. It is a time when you are being honored for a major accomplishment – earning that hard-won college degree. Your goal may have seemed unattainable at times, but you did it. You finally reached this important milestone.

We have more than **2,400** students eligible to participate in today's ceremonies. Your faculty and I are proud of you for your achievements. You now join the ranks of our alumni who are known for their practical experience and for “hitting the ground running” after they graduate.

I would now like to briefly introduce several of your classmates who share those Eastern Michigan traits.

(Each student is on an individual page.)

First, I'd like to call on **Shane Coleman**. Shane, would you please let us know where you are today? *(Shane is in a WHEELCHAIR)*

Shane is from Jackson and graduates magna cum laude with a master's degree in technology studies with a concentration in information assurance. He also received his bachelor's degree from Eastern.

Shane participated in five Alternative Spring Breaks, traveling with fellow students across the country to immerse themselves in meaningful community service. Working in Iowa with adults with cognitive disabilities, and later in Florida with terminally-ill children and their families, Shane found the experiences to be eye-opening, challenging and extremely meaningful.

Shane plans to combine his passion for volunteering with his passion for computer technology as he moves forward in his career, and plans to work on a doctorate degree.

Thank you, **Shane**.

Our next graduate is **Alexandra Hofmann**. Alexandra, would you please let us know where you are today?

Alexandra, from Indianapolis, Indiana, graduates magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biology. She was captain of the women's swim team her junior year, is a member of the Honors College, and is a Presidential Scholar.

When doctors saved her brother's life, Alexandra appreciated the care and expertise of the medical professionals and became passionate about the field of medicine.

Although challenged with dyslexia, support from Eastern's Center for Adaptive Technology helped Alexandra excel. She has been accepted into the Physician Assistant program at Butler University and looks forward to saving lives herself in the future.

Congratulations, **Alexandra**.

Next, I'd like to call on **Trevis Harrold**. Trevis, would you please stand?

Trevis is from Saginaw and graduates magna cum laude today with a bachelor's degree in political science and economics.

As a member of the Honors College, Trevis interned with the Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Department of State in Kosovo. He was the only Michigan student awarded the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship in 2014.

Trevis considers Eastern to be a transformational environment, which helped him grow from athlete to future diplomat. He will attend graduate school at the University of Michigan to study public policy, before joining the diplomatic corps.

Thank you, **Trevis**.

Our next graduate is **Jennifer Flanagan**. Jennifer, would you please let us know where you are today?

Jennifer, from Oxford, graduates summa cum laude today with a bachelor's degree in apparel, textiles and merchandising, and is a member of the Honors College.

As a presenter at the Undergraduate Symposium, she incorporated new textile technologies in her research, using ultrasonic sewing equipment.

The program's technology lab was also invaluable as she completed her senior thesis, designing and producing dance costumes for a performance in the Senior Projects Showcase, which she also choreographed.

Jennifer looks forward to using the creative and technological skills that she gained here at Eastern as she starts her new merchandising job in Indianapolis.

Congratulations, **Jennifer**.

Next I'd like to call on **Kenneth Bowen**. Ken, would you please stand?

Ken is from Saline and graduates summa cum laude today with three bachelor's degrees in public relations, journalism, and history.

Ken is a Marine Corps veteran and earned a Purple Heart for his service in Afghanistan, before enrolling at Eastern. He wrote more than 100 articles and interviewed more than 200 people for the Eastern Echo newspaper. In addition to the support he received from the Veterans Resource Center, Ken credits our dedicated faculty for guiding him on his academic journey.

After graduation, Ken plans to work with several veterans' organizations across the country to promote the important work that they do for our veterans.

Congratulations, **Ken**.

I would also like to recognize two other outstanding students. **Second Lieutenant Inrico Sims and Second Lieutenant Stephanie Williams**, would you please stand?

Inrico and Stephanie, both from Detroit, have been named as **Distinguished Military Graduates**, an honor that places them among the top 20 percent of military graduates in the nation.

Congratulations, **Inrico and Stephanie**.

All of these students are wonderful representatives of Eastern's talented and diverse student body. Congratulations to all of you.

(Pause)

PRESIDENT MARTIN: We are pleased to have a distinguished alumna join us today.

Ms. Sally Young is a member of the Producers Guild, Directors Guild and the Television Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is also the production manager and a producer of the award-winning television show, “Modern Family.” She is proud to display her very own Emmy Award in her home, for her contributions as a producer.

Raised in Birmingham, Michigan, Ms. Young came to Eastern with a passion for bringing people together, whether for a theater production, fundraiser or student organization event. Drawing on her studies in psychology and sociology, she began carving out her career path.

Working first in Metro Detroit and later in Los Angeles, she knocked on doors and learned everything she could from all of those around her. She rose from secretary and script typist to script supervisor, production coordinator, production executive, and producer for television series, theme park films and theatrical motion pictures.

As “Modern Family” tries to win its sixth consecutive Emmy for Best Comedy Show this fall, she looks back at her career path that began at Eastern. She now sees that everything she learned here, and along the way, stayed with her and changed her, and allowed her to live her dream.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am honored to present to you, today’s commencement speaker and fellow alumna, **Ms. Sally Young.**

(President Martin is seated. Ms. Young assumes lectern.)

MS. YOUNG: (COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS)

(Following address, Ms. Young returns to chair. President Martin returns to lectern.)

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Thank you, **Ms. Young**, for your advice and encouragement to our newest alumni.

It is the right of the Board of Regents to grant an honorary degree to individuals who have distinguished themselves and whose contributions, meritorious public service or other achievements have brought them high esteem of their colleagues and communities.

Eastern Michigan University is proud to confer upon **Sally A. Young** the honorary degree – **Doctor of Arts**.

I now call upon **Chairman Mike Morris** to confer the degree. Provost and Executive Vice President **Kim Schatzel**, and **Tom Venner**, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will assist **Chairman Morris**.

(President Martin steps to left. Regent Morris assumes lectern. Provost Schatzel picks up hood from under chair. Dean Venner picks up diploma and citation from under chair. Provost Schatzel and Dean Venner escort Ms. Young to a position behind and to right of President. Dean Venner hands diploma and citation to Regent Morris.)

CHAIRMAN MORRIS: Sally A. Young, distinguished producer and creative artist, you have exemplified dedication and excellence throughout your career.

Upon the recommendation and authority of the Board of Regents, Eastern Michigan University is proud to confer upon you, **Sally A. Young**, the honorary degree, **Doctor of Arts**.

(Regent Morris hands diploma and citation to Ms. Young. Provost Schatzel and Dean Venner hood Ms. Young.)

(Provost Schatzel and Dean Venner escort Ms. Young to seat. Regent Morris returns to seat. President Martin moves over to chair and remains standing. Provost Schatzel goes to lectern.)

PROVOST SCHATZEL: I am Kim Schatzel, provost and executive vice president of Eastern Michigan University. President Martin, it is my honor to present the Deans for the presentation of the Class of 2015.

(President stands at chair. Provost Schatzel steps away from lectern. Deans stand up and take turns at lectern. Each Dean presents graduates from their college. The President acknowledges Deans, who then return to seats.)

DEAN VENNER: President Martin, on behalf of the faculty, I present the graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences. Graduates, please stand to be recognized. *(Pause)* Thank you. Please be seated.

INTERIM DEAN TORNQUIST: President Martin, on behalf of the faculty, I present the graduates from the College of Technology. Graduates, please stand to be recognized. *(Pause)* Thank you. Please be seated.

PROVOST SCHATZEL: Members of the **Board of Regents, President Martin**, faculty, students and guests, it is my pleasure to present the **doctoral candidates** from the **College of Arts & Sciences** and the **College of Technology**.

These candidates have completed a program culminating in a doctor of philosophy degree in clinical psychology, or a doctor of philosophy degree in technology.

Upon recommendation of the faculty of Eastern Michigan University, I present the candidates for the conferring of their degrees. Candidates, please stand. *(Pause)*

Regent Mary Treder Lang will confer the doctoral degrees.

Dr. Jeffrey Kentor, associate provost and associate vice president for graduate studies and research, will assist.

(Candidates and faculty chair with hood walk to ramp at side of stage and form a line. Associate Provost Kentor stands in front of chair. Provost Schatzel steps back. Regent Treder Lang assumes lectern.)

REGENT TREDER LANG: In as much as you have been recommended by the faculty, 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 to which you are entitled. Please come forward to receive your diplomas.

(Provost Schatzel assumes lectern. Regent Treder Lang and Associate Provost Kentor descend to lower center stage.)

(As Provost calls each candidate's name, each candidate moves forward up ramp followed by dissertation chair, and stops in front of Associate Provost Kentor. Dissertation Chair hands Associate Provost Kentor doctoral hood, and assists Associate Provost Kentor with hooding. Associate Provost Kentor shakes hands. Candidate accepts diploma cover from Regent Treder Lang. Candidate descends center ramp followed by dissertation chair, and return to seats.)

The following doctoral candidates are eligible for hooding, and may participate in ceremony.

MORNING:

- Sarah Ahlfs-Dunn
- Carol Farver
- David Kelly

AFTERNOON:

- Jasmina Camo-Biogradlija
- Angela Elkordy
- Diane Fox
- Adam Hartley
- Julie Helber
- Antoinette Pearson
- Kathleen Senita
- Shanna Speakman-Spickard
- Cynthia Williams-LaNier

(Provost Schatzel remains at lectern. Regent Treder Lang and Associate Provost Kentor return to their seats.)

PROVOST SCHATZEL: It is now my pleasure to introduce **Dr. Steven Ramold**, professor of history and Eastern's nominee for the Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year Award, to speak on behalf of our illustrious and dedicated faculty.

(Provost Schatzel is seated. Dr. Ramold assumes lectern.)

DR. RAMOLD: (Faculty Message)

(Following address, Dr. Ramold returns to chair. Provost Schatzel returns to lectern.)

PROVOST SCHATZEL: **Dr. Jeffrey Kentor**, associate provost and associate vice president for graduate studies and research, will now present the candidates for graduate degrees. Regents **James Stapleton** and **Dennis Beagen**, assisted by the **academic deans**, will confer the degrees.

(Provost Schatzel returns to stand by her seat. Dr. Kentor assumes lectern. Regent Stapleton comes forward, stands left of Associate Provost Kentor.)

ASSOC. PROVOST KENTOR: Will the candidates for graduate certificates, master's degrees, advanced graduate certificates, and specialist's degrees, please rise? *(Pause)*

Regent Stapleton, each of these candidates has completed a program of advanced studies. The faculty of Eastern Michigan University recommends them for graduation. I present them to you for the conferring of degrees.

(Associate Provost Kentor steps back. Regent Stapleton assumes lectern.)

REGENT STAPLETON: In as much as you have been recommended by the faculty 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. Please come forward to receive your diplomas and certificates.

*(Associate Provost Kentor is seated. **Regent Stapleton** and **Interim Dean Tornquist** go to stage RIGHT. **Regent Beagen** and **Dean Venner** go to stage LEFT. Two readers go to microphones.)*

*(Marshals lead candidates to stage. Candidates present name cards to readers. **Interim Dean Tornquist** hands **Regent Stapleton** diplomas and **Dean Venner** hands **Regent Beagen** diplomas.)*

*(**Regents Stapleton** and **Beagen** shake students' hands, present diplomas. When all candidates have walked across stage, presenters are seated. **Provost Schatzel** assumes lectern.)*

PROVOST SCHATZEL: Eastern Michigan's faculty demonstrates a passion and a strong commitment to our students. This dedication is especially seen in the University's **Honors College**.

We are pleased that a total of **91 students** are graduating from the **Honors College** in our morning and afternoon ceremonies. Not only do these undergraduates have an exceptional grade point average, they also completed special honors work that included a senior honors thesis.

At this time, I am proud to recognize the **graduates of the University Honors College**. Will you please stand and be recognized? *(Pause)*

Please be seated.

PROVOST SCHATZEL: Next, we will recognize those undergraduate students who are graduating with academic honors. Students with a **3.5 to 3.69** grade point average are graduating **cum laude**. Would you please rise and be recognized? *(Pause)* Please be seated.

Students who have attained a **3.7 to 3.89** grade point average are graduating **magna cum laude**. Would you please stand and be recognized? *(Pause)* Please be seated.

Students with a **3.9 to a perfect 4.0** grade point average are graduating **summa cum laude**. Would you please stand and be recognized? *(Pause)* Please be seated.

We are proud to recognize members of today's graduating class who have completed the required courses in military science and through R.O.T.C., and have been selected for commissioning as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. Would all the new **Second Lieutenants** please stand?

(Applause.)

We also have **40 military veterans** graduating today. Would all of you in the AUDIENCE who have also served please stand along with our graduating veterans?

(Applause.)

Thank you for serving our country.

PROVOST SCHATZEL: I would now like to ask **Desmond Miller**, president of student government, to address the graduates. Desmond graduates today with a bachelor's degree in public administration.

(Provost is seated, Mr. Miller takes lectern.)

MR. MILLER: Good morning, fellow graduates.

This day has finally arrived: our graduation day.

No longer will you have to speed walk past our infamous geese.

No longer will you have to receive an email from Geoff Larcom and debate whether or not you should read it.

And no longer will you have to spend time searching for a parking spot.

Now it's time to tackle the world.

Like most, one of my favorite TV shows growing up was Boy Meets World. On the last episode, the character Mr. Feeny gives the group one final piece of advice: "Believe in yourselves. Dream. Try. Do good."

Another character named Topanga responds "Don't you mean do well?"

Mr. Feeny replies and says, "No, I mean do good."

I didn't understand what that meant until I came to EMU. So often our culture has told us to get a college degree and make as much money as possible to be happy that we neglect the fact that we have a moral obligation to do good in this world while we're here.

They say we're the generation that's over-stimulated by technology, reality TV shows, and all things Beyonce. And although that may be true, I also believe we're the generation of dreamers, innovators, and risk takers.

A generation that has what it takes to leave a lasting, positive impact on this world by fully utilizing our gifts, talents, and intellect to do good. The sooner we realize we're no longer the future, but the new leaders of today, the sooner we will experience serious change and see brighter days.

So I leave you with this: Believe in yourselves. Dream. Try. Be well, and do good. Until we meet again, my fellow Eagles, thank you and let's go do good.

(Mr. Miller returns to seat. Provost Schatzel returns to lectern.)

PROVOST SCHATZEL: Thank you, Desmond.

PROVOST SCHATZEL: Regent **James Webb**, assisted by Regents **Dennis Beagen, Michelle Crumm, Beth Fitzsimmons, James Stapleton, Mary Treder Lang**, and the **academic deans**, will now confer the bachelor's degrees.

(Regents and Deans stand at their chairs.)

PROVOST SCHATZEL: Will the candidates for the bachelor's degree please rise? *(Pause)* **Regent Webb**, it is an honor and a distinct privilege, on behalf of the faculty of Eastern Michigan University, to present to you the members of the undergraduate class of 2015 for the conferring of the bachelor's degrees.

(Provost Schatzel steps back. Regent Webb assumes lectern.)

REGENT WEBB: In as much as you have been recommended by the faculty, 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.

*(Regent Webb and Interim Dean Quilter go to stage RIGHT.
Regent Fitzsimmons and Dean Venner go to stage LEFT.
All others are seated. Two readers go to stage left and right microphones.)*

(Mr. Miller leaves the platform and walks to first row of undergraduates. After receiving diploma, Mr. Miller walks down the ramp and walks back around to return to platform.)

(The Marshals lead candidates to the stage one row at a time. Candidates present their name cards to readers.)

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR DEGREES

ROTATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS

(V. Reaume will tap regents on shoulder when time to change. When tapped to be replaced, please return to seat.)

STAGE LEFT

Front of Stage

STAGE RIGHT

Venner - hand diploma to regent
Fitzsimmons- hand diploma to candidate
and shake hands

Quilter - hand diploma to regent
Webb - hand diploma to candidate and
shake hands

*After 1/3
bachelor's
candidates*

Venner - hand diploma to regent
Stapleton - hand diploma to candidate
and shake hands

Tidwell - hand diploma to regent
Crumm - hand diploma to candidate
and shake hands

*After 2/3
bachelor's
candidates*

Tornquist - hand diploma to regent
Treder Lang - hand diploma to
candidate and shake hands

Nair - hand diploma to regent
Beagen- hand diploma to candidate and
shake hands

Back of Stage

*(Regent Webb hands diplomas to **KATIE GIBSON** and **ADAM REID** on stage **RIGHT**,
house left.)*

*(**ROTC** candidates should approach to stage **LEFT**, house right.)*

*(When all Bachelor's candidates – **EXCEPT ROTC** – have walked, **READERS PAUSE**.
Regent Beagen, Regent Treder Lang, and Dean Nair return to seats.)*

*(Interim Dean Tornquist remains on stage **LEFT** where **ROTC** candidates are waiting.)*

(Regent Morris assumes lectern.)

CHAIRMAN MORRIS: It is my honor to present diplomas to the **ROTC candidates** who have completed the required courses in military science and have been selected for commissioning as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army.

(Regent Morris steps over to Interim Dean Tornquist. Interim Dean Tornquist hands diplomas to Regent Morris. Regent Morris hands diploma to candidate and shakes hand. Readers read names of ROTC students as they receive diplomas. When complete, all presenters and readers are seated.)

(President Martin returns to lectern.)

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Congratulations, Class of 2015. How does it feel to be an Eastern graduate? Now, **Patrick Barry**, president-elect of the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association, a 1971 and 1973 graduate, and lecturer in the Communications, Media & Theater Arts department, will welcome you as our newest alumni.

(President Martin returns to seat. Mr. Barry assumes lectern.)

MR. BARRY: Thank you, President Martin. Good morning, Graduates!!

As president-elect of the EMU Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate you on your graduation from Eastern. This is quite an accomplishment -- one that should reveal true pride in your EMU education.

My message today is quite simple. Your relationship with Eastern does not end today, in fact, it is just beginning.

As a graduate of EMU, you are now a member of our Alumni Association comprised of over 160,000 members. The Alumni Association reflects the diversity of experiences happening across campus with alumni making a difference all over the globe – in schools, hospitals, non- profits, small companies, and major corporations.

We are proud of the difference our graduates make in their communities and in their professions. We're even more proud when our alumni come back to share their experiences with us. So don't be a stranger. Take the time to activate your EMU alumni membership, join one of our alumni chapters, and come back to campus each year to help cheer on our teams!

And even if you can't make it back to campus, show your EMU pride wherever you go, so that those around you will know ... you are TRUE EMU!

Congratulations ... best wishes on your future endeavors ... and as always
Go Green!

(Mr. Barry returns to seat. President Martin assumes lectern.)

PRESIDENT MARTIN: Thank you, **Patrick.** This is a time for celebrating. I would now like you to turn your tassels from the right side to the left side, symbolizing your commencement. *(Pause)*

Would all parents, spouses, significant others, grandparents and other family members who have influenced the lives of our new graduates, please stand and be recognized. *(Pause)*

Thank you for your love and support.

(President's remarks continue.)

We conclude today's ceremony with our alma mater, *Our Pledge*, led by **Ms. Jolene Green**. The words are found on **page 8** of your program and on the video screens.

Following the alma mater, we request that you remain in your seats until the recessional is completed. Graduates, please meet your families outside of the Convocation Center. *(Pause)* Please rise.

(President Martin returns to seat, remains standing. Vocalist stands in back near symphony.)

MS. GREEN: 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.

(Vocalist remains standing. The band plays bars of the EMU Fight Song. Participants wait.)

(Grand Marshal stands, picks up mace and waits. Color Guard ascends stage, picks up flags. When Color Guard is in place and recessional music begins, Grand Marshal begins leading recessional, followed by Color Guard.)

(President leads participants in reverse order of the processional. Return to robing room.)

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