SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

FERNLUND: GOOD MORNING! I AM **PHYLLIS FERNLUND**, INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF CHICOSTATE, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 122ND COMMENCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO. WILL YOU PLEASE ALL NOW RISE FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD MEMBERS AND REMAIN STANDING WHILE **JOHN JOSEPH HALE,** A GRADUATING SENIOR IN MUSIC WITH A MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY, SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

HALE: (NATIONAL ANTHEM)

FERNLUND: THANK YOU, **JOHN.**

WILL YOU PLEASE BE SEATED?

A BIT OF HOUSEKEEPING BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR PROGRAM.

MEMBERS OF THE CSU, CHICO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ARE SELLING BOTTLED WATER AT THE SOUTH AND NORTH ENDS OF THE STADIUM TO RAISE MONEY FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR RECYCLING YOUR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND ANY OTHER RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE RECYCLING BINS LOCATED AROUND THE STADIUM.

FIRST AID ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FROM ENLOE MEDICAL CENTER. THERE IS AN AMBULANCE CREW STANDING BY AT THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE STADIUM AND TWO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ARE PATROLLING THE STADIUM ON BICYCLES. WE APPRECIATE THEIR SERVICE ON THIS WEEKEND.

IN ADDITION TO THE RESTROOM LOCATIONS NOTED IN YOUR PROGRAMS, THE RESTROOMS AT NETTLETON STADIUM ARE OPEN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S CEREMONY, YOU MAY LEAVE THE STADIUM USING ANY OF THE EXITS WHICH ARE LOCATED AROUND THE STADIUM AND CLEARLY MARKED.

THIS UNIVERSITY STADIUM IS A SMOKE-FREE AREA, SO WE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM SMOKING UNTIL YOU ARE OUTSIDE THE STADIUM.

GRADUATES AND GUESTS, AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONY AND THE DEPARTURE OF THE PLATFORM PARTY. NOW IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT OF CSU, CHICO, **DR. PAUL ZINGG**.

ZINGG: THANK YOU, **VICE PRESIDENT FERNLUND**. THIS MORNING WE ARE GATHERED AT THIS COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR GRADUATES AND THEIR PLACE IN THE DISTINGUISHED COMPANY OF UNIVERSITY-EDUCATED WOMEN AND MEN. IT IS AN OCCASION WHEN WE CAN RIGHTLY FEEL THEIR PRIDE AND SHARE THEIR HOPES AS WE LOOK WITH THEM TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

TODAY WE CONFER THE BACHELOR'S DEGREES ON THOSE STUDENTS COMPLETING MAJORS IN

- AGRICULTURE
- BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- BUSINESS
- ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

IT IS MY PLEASURE NOW TO INTRODUCE THE MEMBERS OF OUR PLATFORM PARTY. STARTING IN THE FRONT ROW, THEY ARE:

MS. PAULA SCHOLTES, CHAIR OF THE STAFF COUNCIL
MR. RICK ELLISON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT AND HONORARY MARSHAL FOR THE DAY,

MR. DREW CALANDRELLA, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND HONORARY MARSHAL FOR THE DAY,

DR. RUSSELL MILLS, CHAIR OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE AND OUR MACE BEARER,

MS. SANDRA LERNER, RECIPIENT OF AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE,

DR. BERNADETTE CHEYNE, A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

DR. PHYLLIS FERNLUND, INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND HONORARY MARSHALL FOR THE DAY,

MS. LORI HOFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE AND HONORARY MARSHAL FOR THE DAY, AND

MS. MICHELLE POWER, PRESIDENT OF THE CSU, CHICO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

SEATED IN THE BACK ROW OF THE PLATFORM PARTY ARE:

MR. JOHN JOSEPH HALE, OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER,

MR. BRIAN THOMAS PEART, OUR REFLECTIONS SPEAKER, AND

MS. SUSAN GREEN AND **DR. WALT SCHAEFER,** WHO WILL READ THE NAMES OF OUR CANDIDATES,

OUR MUSIC IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TALENTED MEMBERS OF THE CSU, CHICO WIND ENSEMBLE AND THEIR DIRECTOR, **DR. ROYCE TEVIS.**

ZINGG: IT GIVES ME GREAT PRIDE TO EXTEND ANOTHER IMPORTANT RECOGNITION EARLY IN OUR PROGRAM. OVER THE YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN AT CHICO STATE, YOU HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED AND ASSISTED BY AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED YOU, SUPPORTED YOU, AND INSPIRED YOU. THEY HAVE DEDICATED THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES TO THEIR STUDENTS AND THEIR DISCIPLINES. THEY HAVE EARNED OUR APPRECIATION AND RESPECT.

GRADUATES, PLEASE JOIN ME IN A GREAT ROUND OF APPLAUSE AS I ASK TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED THE EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY AND STAFF OF OUR UNIVERSITY.

ZINGG: NOW I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU **MR. BRIAN THOMAS PEART**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CONCRETE INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT WITH A MINOR IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, WHO WILL PRESENT REFLECTIONS FOR THE DAY.

(ZINGG RETURNS TO SEAT)

PEART: (REFLECTIONS)

(ZINGG TO PODIUM)

ZINGG: THANK YOU, **MR. PEART.**

ZINGG: I NOW INVITE **MS. MICHELLE POWER**, PRESIDENT OF THE CSU, CHICO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, TO GREET THE CANDIDATES. (ZINGG RETURNS TO SEAT)

POWER: (ALUMNI GREETINGS)

ZINGG: (ZINGG TO PLATFORM)

THANK YOU, **MICHELLE,** I NOW INVITE **DR. RUSSELL MILLS**, CHAIR OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE, TO GREET THE CANDIDATES. (ZINGG RETURNS TO SEAT)

MILLS: (FACULTY GREETINGS)

ZINGG: THANK YOU, **RUSS**. NOW WE COME TO A VERY SPECIAL PART OF THIS MORNING'S COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY HAS ACTED TO AWARD THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE TO **SANDRA LERNER**. IT IS A SPECIAL HONOR FOR US AT CHICO TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO MS. LERNER.

I PRESENT **TRUSTEE BERNADETTE CHEYNE**.

(CHEYNE COMES TO PODIUM AND STANDS NEXT TO ZINGG, LEAVING SPACE IN BETWEEN FOR DAVID FAVOR)

ZINGG: ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT DAVID FAVOR.

(LERNER RISES AND STEPS TO IN-BETWEEN CHEYNE AND ZINGG)

ZINGG: (READS CITATION)

CITATION TO SANDRA LERNER, HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

SANDRA LERNER IS A VISIONARY AND A ROLE MODEL. HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUE TO SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO AND ITS STUDENTS.

MS. LERNER CO-FOUNDED CISCO SYSTEMS, INC., MAKER OF THE FIRST COMMERCIALLY VIABLE ROUTER THAT ALLOWED COMPUTERS TO NETWORK. SHE ALSO FOUNDED URBAN DECAY, A COSMETICS COMPANY GROUNDED IN AN ALTERNATIVE LINE OF PRODUCTS.

SHE IS THE RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HER PHILANTHROPIC AND LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS, INCLUDING THE INAUGURAL JANE AWARD FROM THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTHERN AMERICA, THE IEEE AWARD FOR LIFETIME TECHNICAL ACHIVEMENT, AND AWARDS FROM THE FEMINIST PRESS, UNITED ANIMAL NATIONS, AND FRIENDS OF ANIMALS. MS. LERNER HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A NOVEL, *SECOND IMPRESSIONS*, WRITTEN IN THE IDIOM OF JANE AUSTEN'S TIME. THIS IS A SEQUEL TO AUSTEN'S *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE*.

MS. LERNER IS THE CHAIR, BGLI ENTERPRISES; CHAIR AND TRUSTEE, CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY AND THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF EARLY ENGLISH WOMEN'S WRITING, CHAWTON, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND; FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, XKL SYSTEMS CORPORATION; PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE, BOSAK & KRUGER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION; PUBLICAN, HUNTER'S HEAD TAVERN; FOUNDER, CHIEF

ENGINEER SONO LUMINUS; CO-OWNER, HOME FARM STORE; AND FOUNDER, VIRGINIA ORGANIC PRODUCERS' AND CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION, LTD.

SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO, FINISHING IN TWO YEARS. SHE EARNED HER MA IN ECONOMETRICS AT CLAREMONT COLLEGE AND AN MS IN STATISTICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY. SHE IS THE 1996 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA, COLLEGE OF BEHAVORIAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, AT CSU CHICO.

SHE HELPED CREATE PETLINK, A DATABASE SYSTEM OF MISSING AND UP-FOR-ADOPTION CATS AND DOGS. HER 800-ACRE PROPERTY, CALLED AYRSHIRE FARM, IS HOME TO HER AND HER PETS.

IN RECOGNITION OF HER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HER PHILANTHROPIC VENTURES AND HER ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO ARE PROUD TO CONFER UPON SANDRA LERNER THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE.

ZINGG: TRUSTEE CHEYNE WILL NOW CONFER THE DEGREE.
(ZINGG STEPS TO SIDE)

CHEYNE: (TURNS TO LERNER)

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, I CONFER UPON **SANDRA LERNER**, OUR HIGHEST HONOR, THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, HONORS, AND OPPORTUNITIES APPERTAINING THERETO. IT IS AN ANCIENT CUSTOM TO INVEST THOSE WHO RECEIVE ACADEMIC DEGREES WITH HOODS THAT DESIGNATE THE DEGREE BESTOWED.

(ZINGG TAKES THE HOOD FROM BENEATH THE PODIUM. LERNER REMOVES HER MORTARBOARD WHILE CHEYNE PLACES THE HOOD OVER HER SHOULDERS. THEN LERNER REPLACES THE MORTARBOARD).

ZINGG: **SANDRA,** ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS WONDERFUL HONOR. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING **SANDRA LERNER,** DOCTOR OF SCIENCE. DR. LERNER, WE WOULD BE HONORED FOR ANY REMARKS YOU HAVE TO SHARE WITH US TODAY.

LERNER: COMMENCEMENT REMARKS

ZINGG: THANK YOU SANDRA.

ZINGG: YOU MAY DETECT A LITTLE COMMOTION ON THE PLATFORM DURING TODAY'S CEREMONY.

DR. JOSEPH P. GREEN, A PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING AND SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING IS GREETING HIS SON **RYAN GREENE**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING.

DR. RAYMOND F. BOYKIN, A PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS IS GREETING **KOUDOUGOU KOALA**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

DR. RON ROTH, A PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING IS GREETING HIS SON **ADAM ROTH**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY.

DR. JAMES CONNOLLY, A PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS IS GREETING HIS SON **AUGUST CONNOLLY**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN APPLIED COMPUTER GRAPHICS.

DR. CINDY RATEKIN, A FACULTY MEMBER IN THE COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND COORDINATOR OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, IS GREETING HER NIECE, **BETHANY RAGLAND**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

CANDIDATES, NO ONE MAKES IT THROUGH A COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAM WITHOUT SOME HELP. EACH OF YOU OWES GRATITUDE TO SOMEONE, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN YOUR STRONGEST SUPPORTERS, GIVING YOU ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOVE AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE HELP IN SO MANY OTHER WAYS AS YOU HAVE PREPARED TO MOVE OUT INTO THE WORLD--AND CLEAN OUT YOUR ROOM AT HOME. WE KNOW THEY TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TODAY AND YOUR GRADUATION IS A SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENT ON THEIR PART AS WELL. IT IS ALTOGETHER RIGHT, THEN, THAT THE GRADUATING CLASS JOIN WITH THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY IN EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION WE FEEL FOR THE FOLKS SURROUNDING US--YOUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, SPOUSES, CHILDREN, AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WHO ARE PRESENT TODAY IN PERSON AND SPIRIT. GRADUATES WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND AND HONOR AND THANK ALL THESE FOLKS WITH AN EXUBERANT ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

ZINGG: DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND GUESTS, FACULTY, AND FRIENDS, IT IS NOW MY GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

WILL TRUSTEE CHEYNE PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM? (TRUSTEE CHEYNE COMES TO THE PODIUM.)

ZINGG: WILL **DEAN JENNIFER RYDER FOX** AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE PLEASE STAND?

WILL **DEAN GAYLE HUTCHINSON** AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PLEASE STAND?

WILL **DEAN MIKE WARD** AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS PLEASE STAND?

WILL THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLEASE STAND?

CHEYNE: CANDIDATES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, I CONFER UPON EACH OF YOU, THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE APPROPRIATE TO THE COURSE OF STUDY YOU HAVE PURSUED, WITH ALL THE ATTENDANT RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DISTINCTIONS PERTAINING THERETO.

CHEYNE: WILL THE CANDIDATES PLEASE COME FORWARD.

(ZINGG AND CHEYNE RETURN TO SEATS.)

(CANDIDATES CROSS PLATFORM)

(ZINGG TO PODIUM)

ZINGG: GRADUATES, YOU MAY MOVE YOUR TASSELS TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CAP TO SIGNIFY THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.

FOR ALL OUR GRADUATES, WILL THE AUDIENCE PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO CLASS OF 2012!

ZINGG: GRADUATES, PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS UNTIL THE PLATFORM PARTY HAS LEFT THE STAGE, WHICH WE ARE JUST ABOUT TO DO.

THE PLATFORM PARTY LEAVES THE PLATFORM IN SINGLE FILE, LED BY THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWED BY THE FACULTY AND THE GRADUATES.

PAUL: MAKE SURE RUSS MILLS PICKS UP MACE BEFORE LEAVING THE PLATFORM