SUNDAY, MAY 20, 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 **BENJAMIN BAUMAN DAY,** A GRADUATING SENIOR IN THEATRE ARTS, SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

DAY: (NATIONAL ANTHEM)

FERNLUND: THANK YOU, **BENJAMIN.**

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

- COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION (INCLUDING LIBERAL STUDIES)
- HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS
- NATURAL SCIENCES

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,

DR. SANDRA LERNER, OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER,

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

DR. GLEN TONEY, 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. BENJAMIN DAY, OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER,
MS. NICOLE MACDOUGALL, OUR REFLECTIONS SPEAKER, AND
DR. CAROL BURR AND **MR. ABE BAILY,** 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 **MS. NICOLE MACDOUGALL**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HISTORY WITH A MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHO WILL PRESENT REFLECTIONS FOR THE DAY.

(ZINGG RETURNS TO SEAT)

MACDOUGALL: (REFLECTIONS)

(ZINGG TO PODIUM)

ZINGG: THANK YOU, **MS. MACDOUGALL.**

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: I AM NOW PLEASED TO INTRODUCE OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER TODAY. AS YOUR PROGRAM INDICATES, WE HONORED HER WITH AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE AT YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY. YOUR PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON WHY WE ARE HONORING THIS EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUAL. SHE CO-FOUNDED CISCO SYSTEMS, INC., AND SHE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HER PHILANTHROPHIC AND LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDING THE INAGURAL JANE AWARD FROM THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTHERN AMERICA. FOR THESE REASONS AND SO MANY MORE AS YOUR PROGRAM DETAILS, I AM MOST PLEASED TO INTRODUCE OUR GUEST AND ONE OF CHICO STATE'S MOST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER TODAY, DR. SANDRA LERNER. (ZINGG RETURNS TO SEAT)

LERNER: COMMENCEMENT REMARKS

2012 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS – SANDRA LERNER

SUNDAY

(LERNER RETURNS TO HER SEAT)

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.

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 TONEY PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM? (TRUSTEE TONEY COMES TO THE PODIUM.)

ZINGG: WILL **INTERIM DEAN MAGGIE PAYNE** AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION PLEASE STAND?

WILL **DEAN JOEL ZIMBELMAN** AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS PLEASE STAND?

WILL **DEAN FRAKA HARMSEN** AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NATURAL SCIENCES PLEASE STAND?

TONEY: 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.

TONEY: WILL THE CANDIDATES PLEASE COME FORWARD.

(ZINGG AND TONEY 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