

Sunday, May 22, 2016

9:00 A.M.

University Stadium

College of Communication and Education

College of Natural Sciences

(Cue band)

(Stage party proceeds in followed by faculty and then candidates led by student marshals)

(WARD at podium)

WARD:

GOOD MORNING. I AM MIKE WARD, INTERIM PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF CHICO STATE, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 126TH COMMENCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO. WILL YOU PLEASE RISE AND REMAIN STANDING WHILE MUSIC MAJOR **JENNA CORRIN MYERS** SINGS THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

(Singer – MYERS approaches podium/ WARD steps back)

MYERS: [Star Spangled Banner]

WARD:

THANK YOU **JENNA**. IT IS MY PLEASURE AND HONOR TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT OF CHICO STATE **DR. PAUL ZINGG**

(ZINGG approaches podium/ WARD returns to seat)

ZINGG:

THANK YOU, **PROVOST WARD**. TODAY 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 RIGHTLY FEEL THEIR PRIDE, SHARE THEIR HOPES, AND LOOK WITH THEM TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

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

- COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION
- NATURAL SCIENCES

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

ANTONIA CHRISTA LUBBEN, OUR REFLECTIONS SPEAKER,
ANGELA TRETHERWEY, DEAN OF COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

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

LORRAINE HOFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE AND HONORARY MARS AHL FOR THE DAY

JENNIFER MEADOWS, VICE CHAIR OF ACADEMIC SENATE AND MACE BEARER

MIKE WARD, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND HONORARY MARSHAL FOR THE DAY

TERESA MUNOZ, ALUMNI COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DAVID HASSENZ AHL, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

ANNETTE HEILESON, CHAIR OF STAFF COUNCIL

SEATED IN THE SECOND ROW OF THE PLATFORM PARTY ARE:

STEVEN ROBINOW, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

CRIS GUENTER, PROFESSOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION WHO WILL
READ THE NAMES OF OUR CANDIDATES.

EMILYN SHEFFIELD, PROFESSOR RECREATION AND PARKS
MANAGEMENT AND CANDIDATE NAME READER.

JENNA CORRIN MYERS, OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER

NICHOLAS NELSON, PHYSICS PROFESSOR WHO WILL READ THE
NAMES OF OUR CANDIDATES.

PATRICIA EDELMANN, PROFESSOR EMERITA AND TODAY A READER
OF CANDIDATE NAMES

MORGAN GEDDIE, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF
COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

AND

RUSSELL MILLS, CHIEF OF STAFF AND HONORARY MARSHAL FOR THE
DAY

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 COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED YOU, SUPPORTED YOU, AND INSPIRED YOU. THEY HAVE DEDICATED THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES TO YOU AND THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE. THEY HAVE WON GUGGENHEIMS AND FULBRIGHTS; EXTENDED THE FRONTIERS OF THEIR DISCIPLINES; MASTERED THE ART OF TEACHING; AND PROVIDED INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THEIR UNIVERISTY AND ALL WHOM WE SERVE. 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 OF YOUR COLLEGES AND PROGRAMS.

(Faculty stand)

ZINGG:

I NOW INVITE **DR. JENNIFER MEADOWS**, VICE CHAIR OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE TO WELCOME THE CANDIDATES.

(MEADOWS approaches podium/ ZINGG returns to seat)

MEADOWS:

Congratulations Graduates. I'm here to give you a last message from the faculty. I know you probably don't want another lecture, and trust me, I'm fine with that. We've been lecturing to you for 4..5..6 years...

We are so proud of you. You have worked really hard to get here. You've been in school for most of your life. Kindergarten, elementary school, middle school – it's a miracle anybody makes it through middle school – high school and now college. You are done!
- well most of you.

So here's my final message. Everything is going to change now that you're not in school. For a long time your goal was the degree and now you've crossed the finish line. Now what? That's up to you. Every one of you has a distinct set of skills, talents, and interests that will lead you to success. Your time at Chico State has helped you discover and refine those skills, talents and interests. You are ready.

Go out and be bold, fearless and courageous and remember to be grateful and kind. Seek the truth and be real. Be yourself.

(MEADOWS returns to seat/ ZINGG returns to podium)

ZINGG:

THANK YOU, JENNIFER. I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU **ANTONIA CHRISTA LUBBEN**, A CANDIDATE FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN **EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY**, WHO WILL PRESENT REELECTIONS FOR THE DAY.

(LUBBEN approaches podium/ ZINGG returns to seat)

LUBBEN:

Good morning students, parents, alumni and all the incredible staff and faculty of Chico State. Thank you to all of you...because without our families, friends, and this incredible University none of us would be here today. I want to give a shout out to the College of Natural Sciences and College of Communication and Education! WE DID IT!!!

I am BEYOND honored to be given this amazing opportunity to speak to you today!! My name is Antonia Lubben and today I am a graduate of CHICO STATE!!!! Tomorrow I leave to begin my PHD in Physical

Therapy at Long Beach State!!! It's crazy I know!! I am afraid and excited but ready for challenge! I am ready because of all of you here supporting me today.

So to all my fellow students thank you. I offer you a special congratulations and big cry from my heart of YOLO!!

For some more experienced members of our audience you may not know what YOLO means!! Many of our graduates here today spent four years studying in YOLO HALL. So I thought I better clear up what YOLO means, and what it means to my generation.

YOLO stands for You Only Live Once! It's the cry of our hearts: YOLO!

For many people in my generation it means to live selfishly.

But to me, and many of my fellow students who have made it to graduation today, YOLO means something very different. To me, YOLO means you only get one chance to live your dreams. You only get one chance to reach out to someone and touch their heart. You only get one chance to live, and you better live it with all your heart!!! To me YOLO means life is precious and special, and we should all live up to our potential and let nothing get in our way. If

you're scared of writing that novel and becoming a writer, do it! If you're worried that you can't be a successful firefighter because you're a woman, do it! If you think you're not smart enough, strong enough, talented enough, or capable enough, do it!

At 23 I feel like I have lived a lot of life but I know I have just begun, and so have all the students that are graduating today. We have just completed one leg of our life journey! My goal for today is to encourage you live up to your potential as you take on the next part of your journey.

I think it might help inspire you to learn of my own journey here at Chico. It has been beyond amazing. When I think of my time here at Chico I think of the beautiful campus we have and the river that runs thru it. My time here at Chico is much like that river... incredibly breathtaking. My time at Chico State has been like a winding river, at times flowing steadily, sometimes roughly. I have been full of hope like a river full of water after a rainstorm, but also low and empty like a river in its drought years. I faced difficult challenges. I am blind in my right eye, had math anxiety, and suffered a terrible case of mono while I was a student here at Chico State. There were times when I didn't know if I could make it, whether it was worth it to go on here.

But there are so many resources at Chico that touched my heart and helped me to believe in myself when I did not. When I needed help with my visual disability, I was given all the tools I needed at the Accessibility Resource Center. To help with my academic difficulties, I had the ultimate privilege of outstanding professors who spent so much time helping me in office hours. Especially the Student Learning Center that was so supportive with open doors and open arms. It gave me free tutoring since my first week of my Freshman year. Finally, the medical staff at the Student Health Center and the Counseling service was the only reason I could continue with my education despite suffering from chronic illnesses and depression. I can't thank you all enough!! All your caring and help paid off -- today I am privileged to graduate summa cum laude with a 3.9! That's right, summa cum laude! I am deeply grateful to you for helping me. It was truly a group effort. I kept going, and with your help, I succeeded.

All my struggles and all my joy have taught me an important lesson. In this crazy technological world (which I love, by the way), people need other people to succeed and to make life good. We all thrive off of each other's caring. And with other people's support, there's nothing we can't achieve. I made it through here, and I'm standing

here giving this speech. If I could do that, you can do what you put your minds to, too. So guess what, YOLO!!! So live, be, and dream. When the river seems to dry up, or a twist seems to sharp, reach out for support and love: you will make it. Never give up! Sometimes the most beautiful days come after a struggle!

In closing, I want to share the most private moment I experienced this year. Even though it is very personal, it's important to me to share it. I was privileged this year to be present as my grandpa took his last breath and I had my hand on his heart as it beat one last time.

I was absolutely devastated, and it's still hard for me to talk about it. And yet, in that moment, my understanding of YOLO deepened. I realized that 84 years was a very short time and each one of us has one chance and one life to live our dreams. So go get it!! Don't be afraid to make every moment count and live your dream.

Whenever you are struggling to reach those dreams, think back about your time on campus. Think about our beautiful river and the bridges that cross it. Use them as a symbol to remind yourself of what you're capable of. You can cross those other bridges in life, too, if you just hold onto the lessons we've learned here. Reach out for support, and

don't just do it on your own. I know we can all make it, each and every one.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak. I will miss you all, and I wish everyone here the best from the bottom of my heart. Someday YOLO will be old slang -- but the truths it expresses will remain as valid then as they do today. Remember, YOLO, and thank you all!

Today decides tomorrow!

(LUBBEN returns to seat/ ZINGG to podium)

ZINGG:

THANK YOU, **ANTONIA**. I NOW INVITE **DR. TERESA MUNOZ**, 2002 ALUMNA, TO ADDRESS THE CANDIDATES.

(MUNOZ to podium/ ZINGG return to seat)

MUNOZ:

Good morning and congratulations to all of you. You have completed years of hard work, dedication and, for many of you, significant sacrifice.

Before I start, I would like to thank the College of Natural Science and the College of Communication and Education for asking me to speak to you today. It's an honor, and I stand before you very humbly.

This is quite emotional for me. I walked the halls of Chico State 15 years ago. This is where my love for science flourished. This is where I received the education that formed the foundation on which I have built my career as a doctor.

My life has been the culmination of the efforts and hard work of those around me. I stand here today because of the courage my parents had when they left their home in Mexico, crossed a border and started a life in a new country, because of the curiosity my high school biology teacher sparked in me, because of the passion I gained for science from my classes at Chico State and from hours spent in the lab.

I am here because my older sister left a path for me as she made her way through medical school. I am here because so many believed in me and this list could go on forever.

Each one of you has a list of people who have helped you get here, too. They are excited to see what you do as you go out into the workforce. I am excited.

Our world today is changing fast. We are in an era where technology is at the fingertips of almost everyone in the world.

Last month I met a woman whose son works in the tech industry, and she told me we will soon run out of broad band space. I don't even know what this means.

But I do know that the Internet is growing exponentially, and that there are almost 14.5 billion devices connected to the World Wide Web, that's twice the number of people in the world.

There are predictions that by the year 2020 there will be six devices per person. We have driverless cars and socially intelligent robots around the corner. However, the problems of yesterday remain, and we cannot forget them.

The environmental crisis is worse than it has ever been, there are more people in the world than ever before, there continues to be hunger and poverty, violence plagues many communities, and the worse problem of all, human disconnection. People are now extremely disconnected from each other and from nature.

So what will you do? You have the power to change the course of our world.

In a recent article, I read that Millennials, your generation, think they can change the world; that was the top goal for most people in their twenties.

I agree you can change the world. In fact, I say you have to. I urge you to create a sustainable way of life, a world where no human is left behind, and to truly see the light inside every one of us.

We do not need a world or country, for that matter, where we all assimilate. We do not need to be a melting pot. We need to celebrate our differences and our strengths. Help each other feel comfortable enough to speak up and contribute, to face our fears and accept our power.

Now is the time to embrace peace and treat each other with honesty, respect and kindness. It is the time to create a world that praises all of us because for our cultural background, our religious beliefs, and our disabilities and helps us become the beings we are meant to be.

One of my favorite quotes says that the meaning of life is to find your gift and its purpose is to give it away.

So take the gifts you have developed here at Chico State and use them to solve the problems that really matter: Figure out how to

distribute sustainable energy, water, education and health care to everyone on the planet.

Come up with innovative ways to help the planet deal with the 7 billion people living on it. Use your technology to connect people of different backgrounds and exchange ideas to solve these problems.

As you do this keep everyone in mind and see the world as others see it. Don't forget the Mayans in Guatemala, the Aborigines in Australia and all the other indigenous people still present today. Don't forget the men, women, and children still living in poverty. Let's be done with the idea that money and power are more important than being humans. Let's stop working for money and use it instead to help us create a lifestyle that is sustainable for everyone.

Let's connect and change the world. And let's demand this way of thinking from all, for there's no room for complacency if we are to meet the needs of tomorrow. I really believe we can do it; I believe you can do it.

Thank you and congratulations again.

(MUNOZ return to seat/ ZINGG to podium)

ZINGG:

THANK YOU, **TERESA.**

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. WE KNOW THEY TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TODAY AND YOUR GRADUATION IS A SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENT ON THEIR PART AS WELL. IT IS ONLY FITTING 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:

TO ALL THE GRADUATES, TODAY YOU MOVE ON FROM A PLACE WHOSE GOAL HAS NOT ONLY FOCUSED ON EQUIPPING YOU TO

MAKE A GOOD LIVING, BUT ON INSPIRING YOU TO LEAD A GOOD LIFE. IN FACT, AN EXEMPLARY LIFE.

SUCH A LIFE IS BUILT ON COMPELLING VIRTUES: COMPASSION AND CHARITY, CIVILITY AND RESPECT, HUMILITY AND HONOR. IT IS GROUNDED IN HOPE AND SERVICE, AND INFORMED WITH A SENSE OF JUSTICE. SUCH A LIFE EMBRACES THE EXAMPLE OF THE MANY AMONG YOU WHO HELPED JOPLIN, MISSOURI, REBUILD AFTER TORNADOES DEVASTED THE REGION; WHO BUILT A CAMPUS FOR OUR LOCAL SALVATION ARMY TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED; WHO RAISED FUNDS AND HOPES FOR THE CHILDREN VICTIMS OF CANCER AT ST. JUDE; WHO DEVOTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HOURS TO THE CHICO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, THE TORRES SHELTER, THE JESUS CENTER; WHO HAVE WORKED FOR A SAFER CHICO, A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT, AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE; WHO HAVE TUTORED THE LESS FORTUNATE, PROVIDED COMPANY FOR THE LONELY, FED THE HUNGRY, HELPED THE HOMELESS, AND SUPPORTED OUR VETERANS.

EXAMPLES LIKE THESE AND SO MANY OTHERS REVEAL THAT YOU AND I, AND ALL PEOPLE, EVEN THE WEAKEST AND LEAST

ADVANTAGED AMONG US, SHARE A COMMON HUMANITY AND POTENTIAL FOR GOODNESS.

IN THESE MATTERS, I URGE YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN ASPIRATIONS. FOR THE AUDACITY TO HOPE, TO DREAM OF A BRIGHTER FUTURE, UNDERSCORES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN. WE CHERISH THIS QUALITY IN OURSELVES. YOU MUST SEE TO IT – YOU WHO ARE SO EQUIPPED TO KNOW BETTER – YOU MUST SEE TO IT THAT THE DREAMS OF OTHERS ARE NOT DESTROYED BY PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION, BY POVERTY AND IGNORANCE.

YES, GO CONFIDENTLY IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR OWN DREAMS – AND ENABLE OTHERS TO HAVE THEIRS.

I URGE YOU TO CHAMPION REASON AND RESPECT, CIVILITY AND SENSIBILTiy, WHEN FACING DIVISIVE AND CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. LORD KNOWS, WE HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM. AND THEY ARE LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL. BUT THEY CANNOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH DRIVE-BY DEBATES CHARACTERIZED BY INSULTS AND SCREAMING OR THROUGH A HIGHLY PARTISAN AGENDA THAT FRUSTRATES PROBLEM SOLVING BECAUSE IT AVOIDS COMPROMISE AND DIALOG. I ESPECIALLY URGE YOU TO REJECT THE POLITICS OF FEAR THAT PUSHES US TO THE DARKER REACHES OF OUR NATIONAL

EXPERIENCE. INSTEAD, EMBRACE AN OUTLOOK THAT GUIDES US TO THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE. IT IS SAFER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE HOPEFUL THERE.

AND FINALLY, I URGE YOU TO THINK KINDLY OF THIS PLACE – THIS COMMUNITY OF PURPOSE AND SERVICE – WHICH HAS READIED YOU AND ENCOURAGED YOU FOR THE DARING JOURNEYS AHEAD – WHETHER THEY ARE BRIEF VENTURES OR DEEP COMMITMENTS, WHETHER THEY TEST BOUNDARIES OR CROSS BORDERS, WHETHER THEY ARE INTELLECTUAL OR ATTITUDINAL, SPATIAL OR SPIRITUAL.

WE HOPE YOU LEAVE US MORE SELF-RELIANT, MORE TOLERANT, MORE CURIOUS, MORE IMBUED WITH HABITS OF THE HEART, MORE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT MEANING FROM EXPERIENCE THAN WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED US.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, WE ARE A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN HERE. WE WILL BECOME EVEN BETTER AS YOU STAY IN TOUCH WITH US AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHICO STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND AS YOU SHARE WITH US YOUR JOURNEYS AND DECISIONS. AND ALWAYS, WE HOPE, ON THE SIDE OF TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND KINDNESS.

CONGRATULATIONS, GODSPEED, AND BEST WISHES!

ZINGG:

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND GUESTS, FACULTY, AND FRIENDS, IT IS NOW MY GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE. WILL **DEAN ANGELA TRETHERWEY**, OF THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION AND WILL **DEAN HASSENZAHL** OF THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM.

(TRETHERWEY & HASSENZAHL approaches podium/ ZINGG stands to side/)

TRETHERWEY:

PRESIDENT ZINGG, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ON BEHALF OF THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION, IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU PRESIDENT ZINGG THE CHICO STATE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION.

HASSENZAHL:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, FACULTY, FRIENDS AND FAMILY IT IS MY DISTINCT PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES FACULTY TO PRESENT TO YOU, PRESIDENT ZINGG THE TWO

THOUSAND SIXTEEN CANDIDATES FOR BACHEOR'S DEGREES IN
NATURAL SCIENCES.

ZINGG:

ALL CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE – PLEASE RISE, BY THE 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.

**(Marshals lead candidates to stage/ TRETHERWEY presents degrees
stage right/ GEDDIE presents degrees stage left/ ZINGG returns to
seat)**

**(At conclusion of CME candidates, TRETHERWEY, GEDDIE and CME
name readers return to seats)**

**(HASSENZAHN approaches podium/ ZINGG steps to the side/ NS
name readers to positions)**

**(Marshals lead candidates to stage/ HASSENZAHN presents degrees
stage left/ ROBINOW presents degrees stage left/ ZINGG returns to
seat)**

**(At conclusion of NS candidates HASSENZAHN, ROBINOW and NS
name readers return to seats)**

(ZINGG returns to podium)

ZINGG:

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

(Pause for revelry)

WARD:

TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN GRADUATES OF CHICO STATE, LET ME BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

WARD:

PLEASE WELCOME TO THE STAGE **INGRIDA ALISA BIRZNIEKS**, LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR, TO SING THE UNIVERSITY HYMN.

(BIRZNIEKS approaches podium/ ZINGG returns to seat)

BIRZNIEKS: [UNIVERSITY HYMN]

(WARD approaches podium/ BIRZNIEKS returns to seat)

WARD:

PLEASE RISE AS THE STAGE PARTY AND THE FACULTY RECESS AND CONGRATULATE YOU AS THEY LEAVE THE STADIUM.

(Cue band)

(Stage party exeunt, Faculty exeunt)