

Podium guests will line up in pairs, left and right facing the stage.

LEFT SIDE/ROW 1	RIGHT SIDE/ROW 1
1. Dennis F. Michaelis	14. Craig Larson
2. Henry D. Shannon	15. Doris Graham
3. Rodney Gee	16. Libby Fitzgerald
4. Donna Dare	17. Joan McGivney
5. Kent Kay	18. Theodis Brown Sr.
6. Brad Bankhead	19. Hattie Jackson
7. LEFT SIDE/ROW 2	RIGHT SIDE/ROW 2
8. Pam McIntyre, M	20. Marcia Pfeiffer, FV
9. Patrick Vaughn, WW	21. Roderick Nunn, FP
10. Tracy Hall, VP/FP	22. Ruby Curry, VP/FV
11. Andrew Langrehr, VP/M	23. Cory Mullen, WW student
12. Carol Lupardus, VP/WW	24. Yehuda Feigenbaum, FV student
13. Roger Drake, CMU	25. Malick Ndiaye, FP student
14. Rita Gulstad, VP/CMU	26. Rachel Zink, M student

PROCESSIONAL

*(PODIUM GUESTS SHOULD REMAIN STANDING UNTIL
AFTER THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.)*

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

GOOD EVENING

- MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014
- MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND
FOUNDATION BOARD
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- FACULTY AND STAFF
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

WELCOME TO THE 2014 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF
ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. WILL THE AUDIENCE
PLEASE RISE, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO SO, FOR THE
SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY THE MERAMEC
CHAMBER SINGERS AND VOICES OF MAGIC, CONDUCTED
BY DR. JERRY MYERS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

(NATIONAL ANTHEM)

THANK YOU, DR. MYERS AND CHAMBER SINGERS.
WILL EVERYONE PLEASE BE SEATED.

I AM INTERIM CHANCELLOR DENNIS MICHAELIS, AND IT IS
MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2014
COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION OF ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

TONIGHT WE ARE CELEBRATING SUCCESS...

...NOT ONLY THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2014 GRADUATES...

...BUT ALSO THE SUCCESS OF MORE THAN **1.2 MILLION**
STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE OVER THE LAST 52 YEARS—MANY OF WHOM
MAY BE HERE TONIGHT IN THIS ARENA—AS THE PARENTS,
SPOUSES AND RELATIVES OF OUR CURRENT GRADUATES.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS, IF YOU HAVE TAKEN A CLASS OR
GRADUATED FROM ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WILL
YOU PLEASE STAND?

ISN'T THAT IMPRESSIVE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR
PASSING ON THE GIFT OF EDUCATION TO THIS NEXT
GENERATION.

LET'S GIVE ALL OF YOU A HAND.

(APPLAUSE)

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS
WHO ARE SITTING ON THE STAGE WITH ME TONIGHT.
WOULD YOU PLEASE RISE?

(APPLAUSE)

AND I AM HAPPY TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF OUR ST.
LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD.

WOULD YOU PLEASE RISE? *(ONE ON STAGE; OTHERS IN
STANDS ON YOUR RIGHT)*

(APPLAUSE)

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

OUR **MERAMEC CHAMBER SINGERS AND VOICES OF MAGIC** WILL NOW PERFORM THE ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANTHEM, WRITTEN AND CONDUCTED BY DR. JERRY MYERS.

MERAMEC CHAMBER SINGERS & VOICES OF MAGIC

(STLCC ANTHEM)

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

THANK YOU, DR. MYERS AND CHAMBER SINGERS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR MUSICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION.

WE HAVE A WEALTH OF GIFTED STUDENTS AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WE ARE HONORED TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS AT THIS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – WHETHER THROUGH SINGING, OR SPEAKING

– AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE FOUR STUDENTS WHO ARE INCLUDED AMONG OUR PRESENTERS TONIGHT.

I AM DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE THE FIRST OF THESE STUDENTS.

CORY MULLEN HAS BECOME AN ACCOMPLISHED STUDENT LEADER AT OUR WILDWOOD CAMPUS SINCE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL TWO YEARS AGO.

BUT HE DIDN'T START OUT THAT WAY. LIKE MANY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES, CORY WANTED TO PLAY BASEBALL DURING COLLEGE.

WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT, CORY HAD TO REINVENT HIMSELF. HE READILY ADMITS THAT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE WASN'T HIS FIRST CHOICE. HIS FRIENDS WERE ALL GOING AWAY TO SCHOOL.

BUT CORY SIGNED UP FOR CLASSES AT WILDWOOD, AND FORTUNATELY, A LIGHT BULB WENT ON AFTER HE JOINED PHI THETA KAPPA, THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES.

SUDDENLY, LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OPENED UP FOR CORY AND HE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE.

HE BECAME A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE WILDWOOD CHAPTER OF PHI THETA KAPPA, THE WILDWOOD BUSINESS CLUB, THE CHESS CLUB AND THE RUNNING CLUB, WHICH HE FOUNDED IN JANUARY.

IN 2012, HE WAS ONE OF 100 BUSINESS STUDENTS NATIONWIDE TO WIN THE CAPSIM BUSINESS CHALLENGE AWARD FOR GROWING A COMPANY THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SIMULATION SOFTWARE.

THIS FALL, CORY WILL TRANSFER TO TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN KIRKSVILLE, WHERE HE'LL MAJOR IN ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT.

CORY, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AND DELIVER THE CLASS PROFILE?

CORY MULLEN:

THANK YOU, DR. MICHAELIS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE STUDENTS AND GUESTS AT COMMENCEMENT BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS TOTALLY CHANGED MY LIFE.

ALTHOUGH MY DREAM OF A BASEBALL CAREER DIDN'T MATERIALIZE, I'M EXCITED ABOUT LAUNCHING MYSELF INTO A NEW DREAM -- A BUSINESS CAREER.

I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OTHER STUDENTS LIKE ME HERE TONIGHT. LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR CLASS PROFILE:

- WE HAVE MORE THAN 2,500 STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OF WHICH ABOUT 850 ARE PARTICIPATING TONIGHT.
- MORE THAN 2,500 ASSOCIATE DEGREES WILL BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM THE SUMMER, FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS.

- 84 GRADUATES ARE EARNING 2 OR MORE DEGREES.
- 517 CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED.
- 92 GRADUATES HAVE PERFECT 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGES.
- 627 HAVE GPAS OF 3.5 OR ABOVE.
- 329 GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF PHI THETA KAPPA, THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.
- TWO OF THOSE PHI THETA KAPPA GRADUATES ARE WINNERS OF A PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP:

THE ELIZABETH GRAY DANFORTH SCHOLARSHIP,
WHICH IS A TWO-YEAR, FULL-TUITION AWARD
ANNUALLY PRESENTED TO AT LEAST TWO, ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES TO ATTEND
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS.

WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AS I CALL YOUR NAME:

**BIANCA FOUNTAIN OF THE FLORISSANT VALLEY
CAMPUS**, WHO IS RECEIVING AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
IN TEACHING.

RACHEL ZINK OF THE MERAMEC CAMPUS, WHO IS A
GENERAL TRANSFER STUDIES MAJOR.

CONGRATULATIONS BIANCA AND RACHEL.

- 7 GRADUATES ARE REVERSE TRANSFER STUDENTS, WHICH MEANS THEY TOOK COURSES AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION BEFORE GRADUATING AND HAVE TRANSFERRED BACK CREDITS TO COMPLETE THE STLCC ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE.
- 42 STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING WITH BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AS PART OF AN EXPRESS PROGRAM WITH CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

- 5 STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING WITH BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AS PART OF A 2+2 DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM WITH SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.
- 16 STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN ARE GRADUATING TONIGHT AS PART OF **SEED**, WHICH IS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

SEED SCHOLARSHIPS BRING ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH TO THE UNITED STATES FOR TRAINING. THEY RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES AFTER EARNING DEGREES OR CERTIFICATES, TO WORK IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, AND HOPEFULLY MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

THESE SEED STUDENTS HAVE EARNED DUAL CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION: IN MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS, AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

WILL THE SEED STUDENTS PLEASE STAND?

(APPLAUSE)

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU!

THAT PROVIDES A BRIEF SNAPSHOT OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO ARE PART OF THIS GRADUATING CLASS!

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

THANK YOU CORY.

GRADUATES AND GUESTS, SEVERAL TIMES THIS EVENING WE WILL BE ASKING YOU TO STAND FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO STAND, PLEASE CELEBRATE FROM YOUR SEAT.

WE ALSO HAVE A VERY SPECIAL GROUP OF 45 GRADUATES HERE TONIGHT WHO ARE **VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES!**

ACCORDING TO THE *VA CAMPUS TOOLKIT*, MORE THAN ONE MILLION VETERANS ARE CURRENTLY USING THEIR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER THE POST-9/11 G.I. BILL.

A WHOPPING 62 PERCENT ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND ABOUT 80 PERCENT ARE MALE, WITH ALMOST HALF OF THEM MARRIED WITH CHILDREN.

AND ALTHOUGH PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS TOP THEIR LIST OF COLLEGE CHOICES, I AM VERY HAPPY TO REPORT THAT COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE COMING IN STRONG BEHIND THEM.

AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WE ARE HONORED TO SERVE OUR VETERANS AND PROMISE TO DO ALL WE CAN WITH OUR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO EASE THEIR TRANSITION BACK INTO CIVILIAN LIFE.

VETERANS WHO ARE GRADUATING TONIGHT, WILL YOU
PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED?

(APPLAUSE)

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY
AND FOR YOUR ROLE IN PROTECTING THE FREEDOMS
WHICH ARE CENTRAL TO THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. WE ARE
PROUD OF YOUR SERVICE, AND PROUD TO HONOR YOU
AS GRADUATES OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

WE HAVE ANOTHER SPECIAL GROUP OF YOUNGER
STUDENTS WITH US TONIGHT: THE LAST GRADUATING
CLASS OF BEAUMONT HIGH SCHOOL.

(SEATED IN STANDS ON THE RIGHT)

WILL YOU PLEASE STAND?

THESE BEAUMONT SENIORS—15 IN ALL—HAVE BEEN ATTENDING ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT FOREST PARK ALL YEAR IN A PILOT, DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM WHICH HAS ALLOWED THEM TO FINISH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES AT THE COLLEGE CAMPUS, **AND** EARN 18 HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT.

WITH THIS CLASS, BEAUMONT IS CLOSING ITS DOORS AFTER 88 YEARS AS A TRADITIONAL, COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL. BEAUMONT WILL CONTINUE AS A CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

SO TONIGHT WE SALUTE THE BEAUMONT GRADUATES OF 2014—THE LAST OF THE BEAUMONT BLUEJACKETS!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATORS AND FACULTY INVOLVED WITH THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM:

- DR. DAN EDWARDS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ST. LOUIS CITY SCHOOLS.
- MR. MICHAEL BROWN, PRINCIPAL OF CLYDE C. MILLER CAREER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL.

- MR. GEROLD NAVE, INTERIM PRINCIPAL OF BEAUMONT HIGH SCHOOL, AND
- MR. MICHAEL WEST, DEAN OF STUDENTS.

REMEMBER, BEAUMONT GRADUATES, BECAUSE OF THIS DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM, YOU HAVE A JUMP START ON YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION.

WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU BACK THIS SUMMER OR FALL AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND HOPEFULLY, HERE IN THIS ARENA FOR GRADUATION IN A FEW YEARS!

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO CONTINUE ON YOUR PATHWAY TO SUCCESS.

YOU MAY BE SEATED.

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK OUR BOARD CHAIR, DR. CRAIG LARSON, TO BRING GREETINGS FROM THE ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

DR. LARSON ...

CRAIG LARSON:

GOOD EVENING, AND WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING IT IS!

AS THE CURRENT CHAIR OF THE BOARD, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2014 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FOR ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS TO “EXPAND MINDS AND CHANGE LIVES.” TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE THE MOST RECENT GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE MANY POSITIVE WAYS YOUR LIVES WILL CHANGE BECAUSE OF YOUR EDUCATION.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR FUTURES AND THE DIFFERENCES YOU WILL MAKE IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE YEARS TO COME.

BEHIND EACH SUCCESSFUL STUDENT ARE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND STOOD WITH YOU AND ALLOWED YOU TO GO TO COLLEGE.

THIS SUPPORT HAS INVOLVED A RANGE OF SACRIFICES, INCLUDING COVERING SHIFTS AT YOUR JOBS SO YOU COULD STUDY, WATCHING YOUR CHILDREN, AND HELPING PREPARE MEALS SO YOU COULD WRITE PAPERS, PREPARE FOR TESTS, FINISH PROJECTS AND THE MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NEEDED TO SUCCEED AS A STUDENT.

TONIGHT WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE SACRIFICES AND SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH OUR GRADUATES.

(APPLAUSE)

FINALLY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WANTS TO THANK THE FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS, MANY OF WHOM ARE REPRESENTED HERE TONIGHT, FOR THE INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT THEY HAVE PROVIDED THESE GRADUATES THROUGHOUT THEIR EDUCATION.

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

THANK YOU DR. LARSON FOR THOSE INSPIRATIONAL WORDS.

OUR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, DR. DONNA DARE, WILL NOW RECOGNIZE OUR FACULTY AND STAFF.

DONNA DARE:

YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW THAT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS THE SECOND LARGEST INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO OUR FACULTY AND STAFF, WE ARE SECOND TO NONE.

STUDENTS WHO ATTEND ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARE FORTUNATE TO LEARN FROM SCHOLARS AND EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD OF STUDY.

EACH AND EVERY DAY, OUR STUDENTS LEARN FROM THE BEST OF THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST OF THE BRIGHT.

FELLOW EDUCATOR SUNNY DECKER SAID:

"...PART OF THE ART OF TEACHING IS THE ABILITY TO REARRANGE THE WORLD FOR STUDENTS."

GRADUATES, WE KNOW THAT YOUR LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR THE BETTER BY MANY GREAT TEACHERS AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED SPECIAL TEACHERS WHO HAVE CHALLENGED YOU, LED YOU, AND ENCOURAGED YOU AS YOU STRUGGLED TO REACH YOUR GOALS.

EVERY DAY WE ALSO HEAR STORIES ABOUT THE INSPIRATION YOU RECEIVED FROM OUR MANY GREAT STAFF. STLCC STAFF MEMBERS ALL ACROSS OUR DISTRICT HAVE PROVIDED A NETWORK OF SUPPORT, NEEDED TOOLS AND RESOURCES, AND OFTEN THE MOTIVATION FOR YOU TO SUCCEED, PARTICULARLY WHEN OBSTACLES SEEMED DAUNTING AND OVERWHELMING.

SO TODAY, ON THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION, WE ALSO HONOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

STLCC FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS, WILL YOU ALL PLEASE STAND TOGETHER?

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR STUDENTS AND YOUR DEMONSTRATED DEVOTION AS THE TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, ADVISERS, AND ROLE MODELS OF THIS ***GREAT*** GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014!

(LEAD THE APPLAUSE)

DONNA DARE:

OUR INTERIM PRESIDENT AT THE WILDWOOD CAMPUS,
DR. PATRICK VAUGHN, WILL NOW BRING RECOGNITION TO
THE HONORS STUDENTS OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE.

PATRICK VAUGHN:

GOOD EVENING!

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS A GOAL FOR WHICH ALL
STUDENTS STRIVE AND MANY ACHIEVE. WE ARE PROUD
TO BRING SPECIAL RECOGNITION TONIGHT TO THE
HONORS STUDENTS OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

YOU WILL NOTICE IN YOUR PROGRAMS THAT THE
STUDENTS GRADUATING ***WITH HONORS*** HAVE
MAINTAINED A 3.5 OR BETTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN
THEIR STUDIES AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

THE STUDENTS GRADUATING ***WITH HIGHEST HONORS***
HAVE MAINTAINED A 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE
THROUGHOUT THEIR STUDIES.

WILL THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE GRADUATING WITH
HIGHEST HONORS PLEASE STAND.

(APPLAUSE)

AND WILL THOSE STUDENTS WITH HONORS PLEASE JOIN
THEM IN STANDING TO BE RECOGNIZED.

(APPLAUSE)

CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS STUDENTS! WE ARE VERY
PROUD OF YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AT ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

YOU MAY BE SEATED.

PATRICK VAUGHN:

IN ADDITION TO OUR HONORS STUDENTS WHOSE OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE BRINGS THEM DISTINCTION, WE ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER GROUP OF HIGH ACHIEVERS WHO EARN HONORS CREDIT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE COLLEGE'S **HONORS PROGRAM**.

STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE 15 OR MORE HOURS OF HONORS PROGRAM CREDIT AND MAINTAIN A 3.5 OR BETTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE ARE DESIGNATED AS **HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLARS** AND EARN A GOLD SEAL ON THEIR DIPLOMAS.

WILL ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HONORS PROGRAM PLEASE STAND?

(APPLAUSE)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

YOU MAY BE SEATED.

OUR INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE FOREST PARK CAMPUS, **DR. RODERICK NUNN**, WILL NOW BRING RECOGNITION TO THE PHI THETA KAPPA MEMBERS OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

RODERICK NUNN:

MANY OF THE HONORS STUDENTS WE HAVE JUST RECOGNIZED ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF **PHI THETA KAPPA**, THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES.

PHI THETA KAPPANS HAVE THE UNIQUE PRIVILEGE OF WEARING GOLD STOLES AT GRADUATION TO REPRESENT THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATION.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PHI THETA KAPPA, STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN A 3.5 OR BETTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND HAVE COMPLETED 12 HOURS IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

WOULD ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF PHI THETA KAPPA PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED?

(APPLAUSE)

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

RODERICK NUNN:

THIS YEAR, OUR PTK STUDENTS GARNERED NUMEROUS AWARDS AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS OF PHI THETA KAPPA.

OUR SECOND STUDENT HONOREE FOR THIS EVENING, **YEHUDA FEIGENBAUM**, WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THOSE HONORS.

YEHUDA IS ONE OF EIGHT STUDENTS WHO WAS NAMED TO THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM.

HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORISSANT VALLEY CHAPTER OF PHI THETA KAPPA, AND LIKE OUR PREVIOUS STUDENT, CORY MULLEN, YEHUDA TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

YEHUDA DROPPED OUT OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, BUT HIS SECOND CHANCE AT COLLEGE CAME WHEN HIS FAMILY MOVED TO ST. LOUIS AND URGED HIM TO ATTEND FLORISSANT VALLEY.

YEHUDA BECAME INVOLVED IN PHI THETA KAPPA AFTER TAKING JEANNE FLORINI'S COMMUNICATIONS 100 CLASS. HE CREDITS PTK WITH HELPING HIM GROW FROM A SHY, INTROVERT, TO A CLASS LEADER.

UNDER HIS DIRECTION, PTK ORGANIZED A REGISTRATION EVENT TO HELP STREAMLINE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR STUDENTS STANDING IN LINE.

YEHUDA IS A GENERAL TRANSFER STUDIES STUDENT WHO WILL MAJOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGLISH ON A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS THIS FALL. HE IS ALSO AN INTERN WITH THE ST. LOUIS ART FAIR.

YEHUDA, WILL YOU PLEASE TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR FELLOW PTK HONOREES?

YEHUDA FEIGENBAUM:

THANK YOU DR. NUNN.

IT IS MY HONOR TO ANNOUNCE THE SEVEN OTHER ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED TO THE NATIONAL AND STATE ACADEMIC TEAMS, SPONSORED BY THE FOLLETT HIGHER EDUCATION GROUP, PHI THETA KAPPA, THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, USA TODAY, AND THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

ALL OF THESE STUDENTS, LIKE ME, HAVE BEEN AWARDED FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS.

WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AS I CALL YOUR NAME:

JENNA FREUND OF THE WILDWOOD CAMPUS:

JENNA IS THE ONLY STLCC STUDENT TO BE NAMED TO THE ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM, WINNING A \$2,500

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. SHE WAS ALSO NAMED TO THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM.

JENNA WON THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AWARD, AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE WILDWOOD STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION. CONGRATULATIONS, JENNA.

(APPLAUSE)

MICHAEL MASON OF THE FOREST PARK CAMPUS:

MICHAEL IS THE ONLY STLCC STUDENT TO HAVE WON THE GOLD SCHOLAR AWARD OF \$1,500 FROM THE COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION, PLACING HIM IN THE TOP 150 HIGHEST SCORING PTK MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM. IN ADDITION TO HIS SCHOLARSHIP TO UM-ST. LOUIS, MICHAEL ALSO WON A \$2,500 CASH AWARD FROM THEIR PIERRE LACLEDE HONORS COLLEGE, WHERE HE WILL STUDY PSYCHOLOGY. CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL.

(APPLAUSE)

GINA HART OF THE MERAMEC CAMPUS:

GINA IS THE ONLY STLCC STUDENT TO HAVE WON A NATIONAL AWARD FROM PHI THETA KAPPA, THE DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER MEMBER AWARD. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM, AND PLANS TO TRANSFER TO THE ACCELERATED NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS. CONGRATULATIONS, GINA.

(APPLAUSE)

MICHELLE BYRD OF THE FLORISSANT VALLEY CAMPUS:

MICHELLE IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM, AND IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE DARE TO KNOW SCHOLARSHIP FROM HER CAMPUS PTK CHAPTER AND THE EMERGING SCHOLARS AWARD. SHE PLANS TO TEACH MUSIC. CONGRATULATIONS, MICHELLE.

(APPLAUSE)

DENISE DEAVENPORT OF THE WILDWOOD CAMPUS:

DENISE IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM, AND A RECIPIENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP. SHE IS PRESIDENT OF THE WILDWOOD PTK CHAPTER AND HOPES TO BECOME A NURSE. CONGRATULATIONS, DENISE.

(APPLAUSE)

MALICK NDIAYE OF THE FOREST PARK CAMPUS:

MALICK IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM, AND PRESIDENT OF THE FOREST PARK PTK CHAPTER. HE IS A COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR AND HOPES TO BECOME A PROGRAMMER OR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER. CONGRATULATIONS, MALICK.

(APPLAUSE)

MARIA CUARTAS VELASCO OF THE MERAMEC CAMPUS:

MARIA IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM, AND WAS THE COORDINATOR OF THE STUDENT AMBASSADORS GROUP AT MERAMEC. SHE PLANS TO TRANSFER TO THE NURSING PROGRAM AT THE

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS. CONGRATULATIONS,
MARIA.

(APPLAUSE)

ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALL-USA AND
ALL-MISSOURI ACADEMIC TEAM WINNERS.

(APPLAUSE)

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

THANK YOU YEHUDA. WE CERTAINLY ARE PROUD OF THE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF OUR STUDENTS.

AND NOW THE MERAMEC CHAMBER SINGERS AND VOICES
OF MAGIC WILL PRESENT ANOTHER MUSICAL SELECTION.

MUSICAL SELECTION

(MERAMEC CHAMBER SINGERS)

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN, MERAMEC CHAMBER SINGERS
AND VOICES OF MAGIC.

TONIGHT WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME BACK A MAN
WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE GREAT INSTITUTION THAT IT IS
TODAY. HE ALMOST NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION IN ST.
LOUIS.

I AM PROUD TO ASK ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY STUDENT,
MALICK NDIAYE, AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FROM
SENEGAL, WEST AFRICA, TO INTRODUCE OUR
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.

YOU JUST MET MALICK AS ONE OF OUR ALL-MISSOURI
ACADEMIC TEAM MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT OF THE PTK
CHAPTER AT THE FOREST PARK CAMPUS, OF WHICH OUR
SPEAKER IS THE FORMER PRESIDENT.

MALICK CAME TO THE UNITED STATES JUST THREE YEARS
AGO WITH HIS MOTHER, WHO WORKS FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE HERE.

AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD TAKEN ENGLISH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL, MALICK ENROLLED IN ESL COURSES AT FOREST PARK AT THE URGING OF HIS COUSIN TO LEARN CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH.

LIKE OUR OTHER STUDENT SPEAKERS TONIGHT, MALICK DEVELOPED HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH SERVICE IN THE FOREST PARK CHAPTER OF PHI THETA KAPPA.

HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE AS A PEER TUTOR AND PEER MENTOR FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE INITIATIVE, AND WORKED WITH THE FOREST PARK INTERNATIONAL CLUB AND SENEGALESE ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS.

AT FOREST PARK'S 45TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC AND SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET IN APRIL, MALICK WON 12 AWARDS, INCLUDING THE EMERGING LEADER AWARD, OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MATHEMATICS, STATE PTK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AND WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

MALICK, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
INTRODUCE OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER?

MALICK NDIAYE:

THANK YOU DR. MICHAELIS.

GRADUATES AND GUESTS, WE ARE TRULY FORTUNATE TO
LIVE IN THIS GREAT LAND OF OPPORTUNITY THAT IS THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ALL OF US HAVE STORIES OF HOW WE CAME TO BE HERE
TONIGHT.

SOME, ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS.

SOME, ARE HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUTS.

SOME, LIKE ME, ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

BUT WE ALL HAVE THE HOPE AND DESIRE TO STRIVE FOR A BETTER LIFE. AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WE'VE MET FACULTY AND STAFF WHO HAVE SEEN THE BEST IN US AND INSPIRED US TO REACH FOR OUR GOALS.

OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, DR. HENRY SHANNON, IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR, COUNSELOR, PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR, HE HAS INSPIRED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS.

BUT HE STARTED OUT AS A YOUNG BOY IN THE CITY SCHOOLS, JUST LIKE MANY OF YOU TODAY.

IN THE 1950S, HE REMEMBERS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO ENTER THE HIGHLANDS AMUSEMENT PARK, WHICH WAS SEGREGATED AND NOT OPEN TO BLACK AMERICANS.

FORTY YEARS LATER, DR. SHANNON BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE THAT SITS AT THAT PARK.

A COLLEGE WHICH TODAY CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WITH A LARGE, MULTICULTURAL STUDENT POPULATION, WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS I CHOSE TO GO THERE.

DR. SHANNON BEGAN HIS CAREER IN EDUCATION AS A TEACHER AND COUNSELOR IN THE ST. LOUIS CITY SCHOOLS.

HE ALSO WORKED AS A COUNSELOR AND ADMINISTRATOR AT HARRIS STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY AND WAS THE UPWARD BOUND DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE STUDENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER AT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY.

IN 1983 HE JOINED ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT FOREST PARK AS THE DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES, AND THEN BECAME PRESIDENT IN 1992.

IN 2000 DR. SHANNON WAS NAMED CHANCELLOR OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 2007, WHEN HE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AS THE SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT OF THE CHAFFEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA.

DR. SHANNON EARNED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM HARRIS STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY AND HIS MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE DEGREES FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT MIGHT SEEM CRAZY WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY -- BUT CLAP ALONG IF YOU FEEL LIKE HAPPINESS IS THE TRUTH, AND LET'S GIVE A BIG ST. LOUIS WELCOME TO OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR TONIGHT, DR. HENRY SHANNON.

(CUE THE PHARRELL WILLIAMS HAPPY SONG)

HENRY SHANNON:
THANK YOU MALICK.

(COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS)

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

THANK YOU DR. SHANNON. IN HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE TONIGHT, WE HAVE MADE A DONATION IN YOUR NAME TO THE ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND.

THIS FUND IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE FINANCIAL, FAMILY AND PERSONAL EMERGENCIES THAT IMPINGE ON THEIR ABILITY TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

IT PROVIDES A LITTLE BIT OF RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY WORKING HARD TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATIONS WHILE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR GRADUATES.

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

AND NOW I WILL ASK PRESIDENT **PAMELA MCINTYRE** OF THE MERAMEC CAMPUS TO INTRODUCE OUR STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.

PAM MCINTYRE:

GOOD EVENING.

WE'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM THREE EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE PERSEVERED IN THEIR STUDIES AND THEIR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO BECOME LEADERS AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

I AM HONORED TO PRESENT A FOURTH EXTRAORDINARY STUDENT, MS. RACHEL ZINK OF THE MERAMEC CAMPUS.

AS YOU HEARD, RACHEL IS ONE OF TWO WINNERS OF THE ELIZABETH DANFORTH TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP TO WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, WHICH HAS AN APPROXIMATE CASH VALUE OF MORE THAN \$91,000.

WHAT SETS RACHEL APART FROM MOST STUDENTS IS THAT SHE WAS HOME SCHOOLED FOR 11 OF HER 12 YEARS OF ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION.

RACHEL IS PROUD TO BE A SOCIAL ACTIVIST. SHE VOLUNTEERS FOR A NON PROFIT GROUP CALLED “WHEN THE SAINTS,” AND HAS TRAVELLED TO MALAWI, AFRICA, WITH THIS GROUP TO HELP RESCUE WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED AND EXPLOITED.

SHE ALSO LEADS A GROUP OF ASIAN HOME STAY STUDENTS, HELPING THEM ACCLIMATE TO AMERICAN CULTURE BY FINDING THEM HOUSING AND STIPENDS.

SHE IS THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE MERAMEC GLOBAL JUSTICE CLUB, IS A NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PEER MENTOR, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB, CHEMISTRY CLUB, AS WELL AS PHI THETA KAPPA.

SHE VOLUNTEERS WITH THE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PARTNER PROGRAM, WHICH PAIRS HER WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TO HELP THAT PERSON LEARN ENGLISH.

RACHEL HOPES TO MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY AND PRE LAW AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW.

I AM PROUD TO PRESENT RACHEL ZINK AS OUR STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER TONIGHT.

RACHEL ZINK:
COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

DENNIS MICHAELIS:
THANK YOU RACHEL. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE A SHINING STAR FOR ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS YOU MOVE ON TO YOUR STUDIES AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

PRESIDENT MARCIA PFEIFFER OF THE FLORISSANT VALLEY CAMPUS WILL NOW COMMENCE WITH THE AWARDING OF THE DIPLOMAS.

I AM SAD TO SAY THAT THIS IS DR. PFEIFFER'S LAST COMMENCEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SHE IS RETIRING JUNE 30TH AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE.

WE ARE REALLY GOING TO MISS HER LEADERSHIP AT FLORISSANT VALLEY AND IN THE STLCC DISTRICT.

DR. PFEIFFER HAS BEEN A FACULTY MEMBER, DEPARTMENT CHAIR, TECH PREP COORDINATOR, ASSOCIATE DEAN, EXECUTIVE DEAN AND FINALLY CAMPUS PRESIDENT FOR MORE THAN 12 YEARS.

HER INFLUENCE AT FLORISSANT VALLEY, IN THE STLCC DISTRICT AND IN THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN IMMENSE AND IMMEASURABLE. SHE LEAVES BEHIND A STRONG

CAMPUS WITH A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS.

DR. PFEIFFER, WE HOPE YOUR RETIREMENT IS AS SATISFYING AS YOUR CAREER WITH ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

WE SALUTE YOU ON YOUR RETIREMENT AND WISH YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE.

MARCIA PFEIFFER:

THANK YOU DR. MICHAELIS. AND NOW, GRADUATES, IT IS TIME FOR **YOUR** WALK ACROSS THE STAGE.

WE WILL FIRST RECOGNIZE THE GRADUATES OF THE **CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT**, WHICH IS OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR FLORISSANT VALLEY CAMPUS.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DR. ROGER DRAKE, TO PLEASE COME FORWARD FOR A FEW COMMENTS.

ROGER DRAKE:

(BRIEF COMMENTS, THEN DR. DRAKE JOINS MARCIA PFEIFFER AT THE FRONT OF THE STAGE TO SHAKE HANDS.)

MARCIA PFEIFFER:

THANK YOU, DR. DRAKE.

WILL THE GRADUATES OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE EXPRESS PROGRAM WITH CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY PLEASE STAND?

WILL THE MARSHALS PLEASE ESCORT THE CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY GRADUATES TO THE STAGE.

- *MARSHAL LEADS CMU STUDENTS TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STAGE.*
- *ANNOUNCER WALKS TO THE STANDING MIKE ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE TWO PRESIDENTS.*

- *CMU STUDENTS PRESENT NAME CARDS TO ANNOUNCER; SHAKE HANDS WITH MARCIA PFEIFFER, DR. DRAKE AND RITA GULSTAD; EXIT ON THE CENTER STAIRS AND GO BACK TO THEIR SEATS FROM THE CENTER AISLE.*
- *ANNOUNCER REMAINS AT THE MIKE AND IS JOINED BY 2ND ANNOUNCER AT THE 2ND STANDING MIKE.*
- *DR. DRAKE AND RITA GULSTAD EXIT THE STAGE.*

MARCIA PFEIFFER:

WE WILL NOW RECOGNIZE THE ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES IN THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, AND THE GRADUATES FROM THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY 2+2 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM.

AS WE DO SO, WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN SHOWING RESPECT FOR **ALL** OF OUR GRADUATES ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION.

WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE FIRST ROWS ACROSS BOTH SECTIONS AND THEN CONTINUE ROW BY ROW.

STUDENTS, ONCE YOU LEAVE THE STAGE, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEATS AS WE CONTINUE TO HONOR YOUR FELLOW GRADUATES.

ONCE ALL OF OUR GRADUATES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED, WE WILL CONFER YOUR DEGREE. YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA AS YOU LEAVE THE CHAIFETZ ARENA.

WILL THE GRADUATES IN THE FIRST ROW PLEASE STAND?
WILL THE MARSHALS PLEASE ESCORT THE GRADUATES TO THE STAGE.

- *MARSHALS WILL LEAD STUDENTS TO THE STAGE ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES.*
- *STUDENTS WILL WALK ACROSS STAGE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES; ANNOUNCERS WILL ALTERNATE THE CALLING OF NAMES.*
- *PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AS EACH STUDENT SHAKES HANDS.*

- *STUDENTS WILL EXIT THE STAGE DOWN THE MIDDLE STAIRS.*
- *STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO THEIR SEATS FROM THE MIDDLE AISLE.*

DENNIS MICHAELIS:

AND NOW, GRADUATES: THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR. WILL YOU PLEASE STAND.

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE STATUTES OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AND THE POLICIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE...

I HEREBY CONFER UPON EACH OF YOU, THE APPROPRIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES APPERTAINING.

GRADUATES, YOU MAY MOVE YOUR TASSELS FROM THE RIGHT TO THE LEFT.

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU, THE 2014
GRADUATING CLASS OF ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE!!!**

(WILD APPLAUSE)

**GRADUATES, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
ACHIEVEMENTS!**

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS VERY SPECIAL
COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION FOR ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE. WE ARE PROUD TO SHARE THESE
MOMENTS WITH YOU TODAY.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATION,
FACULTY AND STAFF, I WISH ALL OF YOU CONTINUED
SUCCESS AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

TO OUR GUESTS, PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS UNTIL
THE RECESSIONAL HAS ENDED.

WILL OUR DISTINGUISHED PODIUM GUESTS, FACULTY AND
STAFF PLEASE RISE AND JOIN ME IN THE RECESSIONAL.....

RECESSIONAL

- *MUSIC STARTS. DR. MICHAELIS AND CRAIG LARSON EXIT THE STAGE DOWN THE MIDDLE STEPS AND LEAD THEIR LINES BACK UP THE CENTER AISLE.*
- *FACULTY FOLLOWS THE PODIUM GUESTS.*
- *MARSHALS LEAD THE STUDENTS BACK UP THE CENTER AISLE AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS TO THE LOADING DOCK.*
- *MARSHALS ASSIST IN HANDING OUT DIPLOMAS AT THE LOADING DOCK.*