

Commencement Ceremony – May 3, 2013

(Pre-recorded music will play prior to the start of the ceremony Processional.)

(Once platform party, faculty and students are ready, Fran Keeley will inform Nathan Moore [via walkie talkie] to begin the voiceover

Please do not wait for the music to end, it will soften when you begin speaking.)

Voiceover:

“Ladies and gentlemen, we are pleased to welcome you to Wright State University’s 79th Commencement Ceremony. Will the Grand Marshal please lead the members of the platform party and the faculty to their places.”

(As the voiceover ends – Processional music will begin and the Grand Marshal, **WEST** end of the arena, will begin leading the members of the platform party down the center aisle to the stage. The Grand Marshal stands at **CENTER** podium. The Platform party moves to their places and remain standing.)

(The Faculty Marshals lead the members of the faculty down the center aisle, following the platform party. The faculty move to their seats and remain standing.)

(Once the faculty are in place, the Grand Marshal will be cued when to speak by Nathan Moore – Do not wait for the music to end—it will fade as you begin speaking.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Grand Marshal: **“The School and College Marshals will lead the candidates to their places.”**

(Mr. Tobler moves to stand next to the faculty quintet.)

Grand Marshal: **“Good morning and welcome to Wright State University. I am Dan Krane, President of the Faculty. I am very happy to join you on this auspicious occasion. We will begin with the National Anthem, led by Mr. Isaac Tobler. Will the members of the audience please rise?”**

(Music volume returns to normal and the candidates move to their places.)

(Dr. Krane returns to stand at his seat.)

(The audience joins in singing the National Anthem. Following the song, Dr. Krane returns to the CENTER podium. Mr. Tobler returns to his seat near the quintet.)

Grand Marshal: **“Please be seated.”**

(Pause briefly for seating.)

Grand Marshal: **“I would like to introduce our Provost, Dr. Sundaram Narayanan, who will tell us about today’s graduating class, as well as the members of the platform party. Dr. Narayanan.”**

(Dr. Narayanan moves to CENTER podium. Dr. Krane returns to his seat.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. Narayanan: “Thank you, Dr. Krane.”

(Pause briefly to look around the arena...)

“To the students before us, welcome to YOUR GRADUATION!”

(Brief pause may be necessary.)

Dr. Narayanan: “Welcome family and friends of the Wright State University class of 2014! We are quite proud of each and every student sitting here today!”

“Also attending today’s commencement ceremony is our First Lady, Mrs. Angelia Hopkins, in section 203. Sitting with Angelia is the family of our honorary degree recipient.

I’m also happy to point out that our newest Presidential Scholar, Alyssa Andel, has joined us for our ceremony. She was selected from a pool of six students nominated to work with President Hopkins on a project during the next academic year.”

“I am pleased to share a few facts about this class that encompasses 11 colleges and schools:

- We have more than 1,381 bachelor candidates;
- 612 Master candidates;
- 5 Doctor of Nursing Practice;
- And, 26 Doctoral candidates;
- Of these same students, 56% are females;
- There are 144 international students, representing 25 countries, who have chosen Wright State for their education;
- Our youngest Bachelor candidates are 19 years old;
- The youngest Masters graduates are 21 years old;
- The oldest Bachelor candidate is a mere 68;
- The oldest Masters candidate is a young 64;
- We are extremely proud of the 43 students who have maintained the highest GPA—with a 4.00 throughout their academic career at Wright State;
- And, we are very excited that 1,285 students are walking in today's ceremony!"

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Narayanan:

“Something that makes us unique from other universities are the opportunities that we provide our students to enhance their learning experience beyond the classroom. Graduates, if you participated in a service learning project, volunteered as part of a class or club, had an internship or co-op, or worked part-or-full time during your college career, please stand and be recognized. ---Please remain standing.”

“If you were a member of Student Government, are a Student Athlete, competed in collegiate competitions such as the Model UN, the Accounting Case Competition, or an engineering competition, please stand and be recognized. ---Please remain standing.

If you were or are a member of a fraternity, sorority, a professional club such as the Biology Club, or worked on campus, please stand and be recognized.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you can see, a degree from Wright State University means more than books, more than lectures, and more than working late into the morning on the day a project is due. It means commitment!

Please join me in recognizing the hard work, dedication and the commitment of the Class of 2014!”

(If necessary, ask for students to be seated.)

“But, attending is more than a commitment by each student. It is also a commitment by each family member as well.”

(Pointing to the audience...)

Dr. Narayanan:

“On behalf of the Wright State University Family, we thank YOU for your support of our graduates.”

(Pause for applause.)

“So that we may honor these same graduates, I ask all in attendance to please remain seated and to stay throughout the entire ceremony. The candidates for graduation will appreciate your courtesy for valuing all of their hard work.”

(Brief pause for applause.)

(Dr. Narayanan may make his own remarks at this time or he may wish to speak after he introduces the platform party.)

Dr. Narayanan:

“With us today are members of our Board of Trustees. I would ask that they please rise as their names are called and to remain standing:

Larry R. Klaben, Chair

John C. Kunesh, Secretary

Anuj Goyal

Grace Ramos

Vishal Soin, Immediate Past Chair

Tiffany Fridley, Student Trustee

Ryan A. Rushing, Student Trustee

“Please join me in welcoming our Board members.”

(The Board members are reseated as a group.)

Dr. Narayanan:

“Our executive and academic officers have also joined us. I ask that they, too, rise and remain standing as their names are read.

**Dr. Dan Abrahamowicz
Dr. Jeffrey Allen
Ms. Mary Ellen Ashley
Dr. R. William Ayers
Dr. Kimberly Barrett
Dr. Steven Berberich
Dr. Marjorie Bowman
Dr. Charlotte Harris
Dr. Nathan Klingbeil
Dr. Joanne Li
Dr. Yi Li
Dr. Rosalie O'Dell Mainous
Dr. Bonnie Mathies
Dr. Mark Polatajko
Ms. Sheila Shellabarger
Dr. Kristin Sobolik
Dr. Thomas Sudkamp”**

(The executive and academic officers are reseated as a group.)

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Narayanan:

“Just one last bit of housekeeping. To the graduates sitting here today, during your time with us you have been on the receiving end of many grades. Over the next several months, we would like to turn-the-tables and have you grade us. We are going to send a questionnaire soliciting feedback from you about your time with us here at Wright State. We hope you will take the time to complete the survey and send it back. This is one of the most direct ways we know of for us to become a better Wright State University. With that said...”

Dr. Narayanan: **“Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I present to you the sixth president of Wright State University, Dr. David R. Hopkins.”**

(Dr. Narayanan nods to Dr. Hopkins, who moves to the CENTER podium. Dr. Narayanan returns to his seat.)

Dr. Hopkins: (Personal Remarks and Commencement Address)

(Dr. Hopkins returns to his seat. Grand Marshal moves to CENTER podium.)

Grand Marshal: **“Over the years, we have recognized 35 outstanding individuals with honorary degrees. Through the presentation of these awards, Wright State expresses its highest ideals and publicly acknowledges exceptional achievements and contributions to humanity. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Laurence Klaben, Chair of the Wright State University Board of Trustees, who will present this year’s recipient.”**

(Dr. Krane returns to his seat as Mr. Klaben moves to the CENTER lectern.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Mr. Klaben: **“Thank you, Dr. Krane.”**

Mr. Klaben: **“Ms. Deborah Feldman, will you please join me at the lectern.”**

Mr. Klaben:

“On your journey to us today, you didn’t just excel – YOU changed and shaped a community AND helped it thrive!”

“You obtained your Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Miami University, and a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. From there you served Montgomery County for 30 years – starting as an Assistant Administrator, then its Human Resources Director, also a Financial Analyst and in 1997 you became Montgomery County’s Administrator – a position you held until becoming President and CEO of Dayton Children’s Hospital in July 2012.

As Montgomery County’s Administrator, you excelled in overseeing and directing the affairs and activities of

- **all Montgomery County departments,**
- **its 1,800 employees,**
- **a county population of over ½ million, and**
- **an annual budget of almost a billion dollars**

As a result of your strategic leadership, many organizations have benefitted and excelled.

Among them:

- **The Montgomery County Job Center,**
- **The Montgomery County Out-of-School Youth Task Force, and**
- **The Homeless Solutions Leadership Team...”**

Mr. Klaben:

“Since July of 2012, you’ve taken your talents and applied them to the position of President and CEO of Dayton Children’s Hospital. In less than two years, you led the development of a plan that outlines the future growth and mission that will garner success-through 2020, but remaining true to the hospital’s original vision and mission! As expected, Dayton Children’s Hospital thrives under your guidance and leadership.

Everything I’ve mentioned above warrants this Honorary Degree;

but there’s so much more...

- **Serving as Finance Chair and Treasurer for the Board of Central State University,**
- **a Board Member for the Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton,**
- **Director of the Cincinnati Branch of the Federal Reserve Board of Cleveland,**
- **a Member of the DP&L Advisory Board,**
- **and a Board member for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Development coalition and the Dayton Art Institute.**

This is just Wright State University talking about you. I want to share with those here today a few things others have said about you:

- **Steve Johnson, President of Sinclair Community College, and a great friend of Wright State said:**
‘Debbie Feldman is a proven community leader with the highest integrity and commitment to public service.’
- **And the former President of the University of Dayton – Brother Raymond L. Fitz, said:**
‘She is a woman of great character and demonstrates deep integrity, transparency, and compassion in her dealing with people and in formulating public policy.’

Yes, your accomplishments are many – but it is MORE than accomplishments...as I said in my opening statement – your career, your dedication to your community, your character and your love of your family – is much of what we celebrate today!!!!”

“We truly thank your husband, Bruce and your children, Amy and Jason, for sharing you with our community!”

(Mr. Klaben pauses as Dr. Hopkins and Mr. Soin move to the CENTER lectern, to the LEFT of Mr. Klaben.)

Mr. Klaben: “Fellow members of the Wright State University Board of Trustees and Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting Ms. Deborah A. Feldman for the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. Deborah Feldman is most worthy of this distinction for reasons previously stated.”

Dr. Hopkins “Deborah Feldman, upon this recommendation of the faculty, and by authority of the Board of Trustees, it is with great pleasure that I hereby confer upon you the degree Doctor of Humane Letters with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.

(Mr. Klaben retrieves the hood from the table and places the hood over Dr. Feldman’s head. Dr. Hopkins steps to the table to the LEFT of the lectern and presents Dr. Feldman with her diploma. Mr. Klaben, Mr. Soin and Dr. Hopkins shake hands with Dr. Feldman.)

(Mr. Klaben, Mr. Soin and Dr. Hopkins return to their seats.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. Feldman: (At this time Dr. Feldman steps to CENTER lectern and gives her remarks, 5-7 minutes MAX)

(Dr. Feldman returns to her seat and Dr. Krane returns to CENTER podium)

Grand Marshal:

“Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to give you a brief introduction of Mr. Sukhmanjit Singh, the President of our Student Government.”

“We are always so pleased to have outstanding students serve as the president of Student Government. A selfless commitment of time; the student government president is an ex-officio representative on most campus committees, representing the voice of the student body to the Board of Trustees and University, and by the way, maintains a full course load leading to graduation. This year’s president is just such a student. It has been an honor for us to work with him and his Vice President Mr. Kyle Powell.”

(Mr. Singh should move to CENTER podium.)

Grand Marshal:

“Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to introduce Mr. Sukhmanjit Singh, the President of our Student Government.”

(Grand Marshal will return to his seat.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Mr. Singh:

“So, here we are, after hours of hard work, long nights of cramming, and gallons of red bull. You have achieved something truly great. I just want to say that it was an absolute privilege representing all of you this semester and I was honored to be a part of this momentous occasion. I truly believe that college is about making connections and not just learning about physics, engineering, economics or dance. It’s about finding yourself and who you are as a person. A big part of our mission here at Wright State is serving our community. I challenge you to not just excel in whatever field that you choose to go into but to remain a part of our community and be active within our Alma mater. Be proud of your achievements, your friends, and being a Raider.

To everyone who touched our lives, we say thank you. To parents who stood by us no matter what. To the faculty who tried to instill in us a passion for learning. To administrators who wanted to make our college experiences as amazing as possible. To advisors who helped us decide what path to take. To friends who were there for the parties, study sessions, and everything in between. And to all those others we depend on. Without you—without each other—there would be no purpose for being here today, no way to advance. Life, like society, is exactly what we make of it. So, President Hopkins – it is with great pleasure that I present to you the May Graduating Class of 2014.”

(Mr. Singh will ask the graduating students to rise—he will then present the Candidates for Graduation.)

Mr. Singh: **“Will the candidates for graduation please rise.”**

(Brief pause.)

Mr. Singh: **“Mr. Chairman, members of the Board of Trustees, President Hopkins, Provost Narayanan and honored members of the platform party, it is my pleasure as President of Student Government to present you this year’s candidates for graduation, the members of the Wright State University May Class of 2014.**

(All members of the platform party rise and applaud the graduating class. Mr. Singh returns to stand at his seat. *The audience may also applaud—a brief pause may be necessary.*)

Grand Marshal: (Moves to CENTER podium. If graduates are still standing, ask them to be seated.)

“Please be seated.”

Grand Marshal: **“Thank you, Mr. Singh, for your service to the students of Wright State University and Student Government.”**

Grand Marshal: **“I said at the start of today's ceremony that I am truly honored to have the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the Wright State University Faculty.**

On their behalf I congratulate this graduating class! All of you should be proud of what you have achieved. There really is nothing more rewarding to a faculty member than to hear about the great things that their students have been doing – please stay in touch!”

Grand Marshal:

“From your years of interacting with them you know that many of Wright State’s faculty are literally world leaders in their respective fields. They are making huge impacts not just on their students but on a worldwide scale. I’d like to introduce just a couple of those outstanding faculty to your family and friends who probably have not had the chance to get to know these amazing individuals.”

Grand Marshal:

“Let me first draw your attention to my friend and colleague, Professor Travis Doom. Dr. Doom, please stand for a moment. Dr. Doom is an Associate Professor in the Computer Science Department in the College of Engineering and Computer Science and he is the recipient of this year’s Robert J. Kegerreis Distinguished Professor of Teaching Award. I have co-taught bioinformatics courses with Dr. Doom and can tell you first hand that his ability to connect with students is second to none. But Dr. Doom’s impact on our students goes much beyond when they see him in the classroom. He has played a huge role in pioneering student-centered active learning at Wright State where students learn course material outside of class and then use class time to discuss what they have learned with other students and faculty. You’ve probably noticed that Wright State is in the middle of constructing a new classroom building but you might not know that the classrooms in that building are specifically designed with that kind of active learning in mind. Thank you Dr. Doom for helping to show a way that we can help our students succeed in a world where information is abundant and the skills to use it are in high demand!”

Grand Marshal:

“I’d like to now call out Dr. Paul Lockhart, a Professor of History from our College of Liberal Arts. He is the recipient of this year’s Brage Golding Distinguished Professor of Research Award. Dr. Lockhart’s scholarship is amazing in terms of its range, quality and quantity. His expertise encompasses Scandinavian history, American history, and military history. He has authored six books since 1996 and even faculty at other institutions have described his work as an ‘inspiration’ and as ‘a scholarly role model.’ One reviewer of his book ‘The Whites of Their Eyes: Bunker Hill, the First American Army, and the Emergence of George Washington’ called it a ‘shrewd, well-judged interpretation that corrects myths about the battle and the men who fought it, while doing full justice to their achievement in creating an army – and a nation – out of chaos.’ It takes a special kind of faculty member to be both internationally recognized for his scholarship while at the same time producing work that is so accessible to the general public. Thank you so much Dr. Lockhart for being part of what makes Wright State faculty so world class.”

“Again, I am so proud to be able to speak on behalf of such phenomenal faculty and to have the opportunity to introduce just a few of them to the friends and families of our graduates.”

(At this time, ETHOS should move to the stage for the musical selection.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Grand Marshal: **“I am pleased to introduce the performers from ETHOS. As a new a cappella group in 2013, these talented students have taken Wright State by storm! They have agreed to perform the musical selection for our graduating class. The song that has been selected is ‘Love Rescue Me’.”**

(As Dr. Krane returns to his seat, ETHOS may begin the song. Following the musical selection, ETHOS members return to their seats near the Quintet.)

(Dr. Krane moves to CENTER podium)

Grand Marshal: **“Thank you again to ETHOS.”**

(Pause briefly before continuing.)

Grand Marshal: **“Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to announce that we will now begin the conferral of degrees and the presentation of diplomas.”**

“The candidates for the Wright State University Graduate School will now be presented.”

(Dr. Krane returns to his seat.)

(Dr. Ayres moves to LEFT podium. Dr. Hopkins moves to the CENTER podium.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. Ayres: **“The candidates for Ph.D. and DNP degrees in:**

- Biomedical Sciences,**
- Computer Science and Engineering,**
- Engineering,**
- Environmental Sciences,**
- Human Factors and
Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and**
- Doctor of Nursing Practice**

will please rise.”

(Candidates rise.)

(Dr. Ayres addresses Dr. Hopkins.)

Dr. Ayres: **“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. or DNP degree and are worthy of this distinction.”**

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by the authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the degree Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Nursing Practice with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

Dr. Ayres: **“The Ph.D./DNP Marshal will please lead the graduates forward.”**

(Dr. Ayres steps to the stage LEFT distribution table as Dr. Hopkins moves to stage RIGHT distribution table. Orator moves near the stage stairs.)

(The Ph.D. Marshal leads the graduates and their dissertation directors to steps on their RIGHT.)

(Event Services staff will hand each dissertation director the appropriate hood near the stage steps.)

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Orator: **“Dr. Chad S. Arnold, and his dissertation director, Dr. TK Prasad will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Anthony L. Bourne, and his dissertation director, Dr. Frank Ciarallo, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Victor E. Middleton, and his dissertation director, Dr. Frank Ciarallo, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. John S. Cetnar, and his dissertation director, Dr. Elliott Brown, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. John R. Middendorf and his dissertation director, Dr. Elliott Brown, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator:

“Dr. Jehangir B. Cooper, and his dissertation director, Dr. John Flach, will please move forward.”

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. April M. Courtice, and her dissertation director, Dr. John Flach, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Sheldon Russell, and his dissertation director, Dr. John Flach, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Joshua D. Deaton, and his dissertation director, Dr. Ramana Grandhi, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Jeremy S. Knopp, and his dissertation dissertation director, Dr. Ramana Grandhi will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Orator: “**Dr. Anoop Vasu and his dissertation director, Dr. Ramana Grandhi, will please move forward.**”

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: “**Dr. Behzad Ghanbarian-Alavijeh, and his dissertation director, Dr. Allen Hunt, will please move forward.**”

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator:

“Dr. Cathy D. Graham, and her dissertation director, Dr. Robert W. Putnam, will please move forward.”

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Anil K. Karumuri and his dissertation director, Dr. Sharmila M. Mukhopadhyay, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Philip Lavretsky and his dissertation director, Dr. Jeffrey Peters, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Madhupriya Mahankali and her dissertation director, Dr. Julian Gomez-Cambronero, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. John P. McIntire and his dissertation director, Dr. Scott Watamaniuk, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Megan B. Morris and her dissertation director, Dr. Gary Burns, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Timothy H. Osborn and his dissertation director, Dr. Amir Farajian, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator:

“Dr. Elizabeth J. Peyton will be hooded by Dr. David LaHuis – please move forward.”

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate's head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Neelima Sharma and her dissertation director, Dr. Norma C. Adragna, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

(Dr. Ayres – after last graduate, please announce the conferral of the Doctor of Nursing Practice - College of Nursing and Health)

Dr. Ayres

“At this time, we are pleased to announce that we have three Candidates who will receive their ‘Doctor of Nursing Practice’.

The ‘Doctor of Nursing Practice’ is a practice doctorate of a similar nature to our PsyD and MD degrees. The program is administered by the College of Nursing and Health.

The candidate must complete extensive Doctoral Projects under the advisement of faculty in the College of Nursing and Health.”

Orator: **“Dr. Melody R. Campbell, and her dissertation director, Dr. Anne Russell, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Michele L. Marshall, and her dissertation director, Dr. Tracy L. Brewer, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(As they move forward, Orator reads the name of the next candidate, while the graduate and director move immediately to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Dr. Joan M. Sevy Majers, and her dissertation director, Dr. Kristine Scordo, will please move forward.”**

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The graduate and director stop in front of Dr. Ayres. Once the director places the hood over the graduate’s head, Dr. Ayres shakes hands with the graduate. The graduate and director immediately move to the second distribution table.)

(Dr. Hopkins presents the diploma to the graduate and they shake hands. The graduate and director move off of the stage and return to stand in place at their seats.)

Orator: **“Graduates, please be seated.”**

(Pause briefly.)

(Dr. Krane should move to CENTER podium.)

Grand Marshal: **“Many years ago Wright State began a tradition allowing the participating members of the faculty to present diplomas to members of their immediate family.”**

“Those members of the faculty who will present diplomas should move to the distribution table when the appropriate college or school is announced.”

(Dr. Krane returns to his seat. ***Dr. Ayres moves to LEFT podium***, facing the graduate candidates. Dr. Hopkins moves to CENTER podium. Both orators should take their designated places on the floor of the arena)

Dr. Ayres: **“The candidates for Master’s degrees will please rise.”**

(Candidates rise.)

“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty having completed all requirements for Master’s degrees.”

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

(Dr. Hopkins moves to his podium on the floor.)

(Dr. Ayres moves from the platform to the main floor and stations himself at the end of the LEFT distribution table.)

(Orators move to the distribution table.)

Orator: **“The College Marshal will lead the graduates forward.”**

Orator: **“Will those faculty members presenting diplomas to graduates in the Graduate School please move forward.”**

(The School Marshal will lead the graduates from their seats to the distribution table on the main floor and back to the same seating area. The Orator reads the name of each student who submits a name card, the Registrar or attendant hands the student the award, student shake hands with the Dean and returns to stand in place at seat.)

(Dr. Ayres returns to his seat on the platform when the last graduate has received an award.)

Orator: **“Graduates, please be seated.”**

(Dr. Krane moves to CENTER podium.)

Grand Marshal: **“The undergraduate degrees will now be awarded. We will begin with the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Liberal Arts.”**

(Dr. Krane returns to his seat.)

(Dr. **Harris** moves to the RIGHT podium. Dr. **Sobolik** moves to the LEFT podium.)

Dr. Harris: **“The candidates from the College of Education and Human Services will please rise.”**

(Candidates rise.)

“Will the faculty in the College of Education and Human Services please rise.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Harris: **“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty, having completed all requirements for undergraduate degrees.”**

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

Orator: **“Faculty, please be seated. Graduates, please remain standing.”**

(Dr. Hopkins remains on the floor.)

(Dr. Harris moves from the platform to the main floor and stations herself at the end of the RIGHT distribution table.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. Sobolik: **“Will the candidates from the College of Liberal Arts please rise.”**

(Candidates rise.)

“Will the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts please rise.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Sobolik: **“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty, having completed all requirements for undergraduate degrees.”**

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

Orator: **“Faculty, please be seated. Graduates, please remain standing.”**

(Dr. Sobolik moves from the platform to the main floor and stations herself at the end of the LEFT distribution table.)

Orator: **“Will those faculty members presenting awards in the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Liberal Arts please move to the distribution tables.”**

(Short pause to allow faculty to reach the tables.)

Orator: **“The College Marshals will lead the graduates forward.”**

(The College Marshals lead the graduates from their seats to the appropriate distribution table and back to the same seating area.)

(The Public Orators read the names alternately of each student who submits a name card, the Registrar or attendant makes the presentation, student moves to shake hands with the Dean and returns to stand in place at seat.)

(The Deans return to their seats on the platform when the last graduate has proceeded and returned to his or her seat.)

Orator: **“Graduates, please be seated.”**

(Dr. **Mainous** moves to the RIGHT podium. **Dr. Klingbeil** moves to the LEFT podium.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. Mainous: **“Will the candidates from the College of Nursing and Health please rise.”**

(Candidates rise.)

“Will the faculty in the College of Nursing and Health please rise.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Mainous: **“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty, having completed all requirements for undergraduate degrees.”**

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

Orator: **“Faculty, please be seated. Graduates, please remain standing.”**

(Dr. Mainous moves from the platform to the main floor and stations herself at the end of the RIGHT distribution table.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. Klingbeil: **“The candidates from the College of Engineering and Computer Science will please rise.”**

(Candidates rise.)

“Will the faculty in the College of Engineering and Computer Science please rise.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Klingbeil: **“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty, having completed all requirements for undergraduate degrees.”**

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

(Dr. Hopkins remains on the floor.)

(Dr. Klingbeil moves from the platform to the main floor and stations himself at the end of the LEFT distribution table.)

Orator: “Faculty, please be seated. Graduates, please remain standing.”

Orator: “Will those faculty members presenting awards in the College of Nursing and Health and the College of Engineering and Computer Science please move to the distribution tables.”

(Short pause to allow faculty to reach the tables.)

Orator: “The College Marshals will lead the graduates forward.”

(The College Marshals lead the graduates from their seats to the appropriate distribution table and back to the same seating area.)

(The Public Orators read the names alternately of each student who submits a name card, the Registrar or attendant makes the presentation, student moves to shake hands with the Dean and returns to stand in place at seat.)

(The Deans return to their seats on the platform when the last graduate has proceeded and returned to his or her seat.)

Orator: “Graduates, please be seated.”

(Dr. *Yi Li* moves to the RIGHT podium. Dr. *Joanne Li* moves to the LEFT podium.)

Dr. Y. Li: “Will the candidates from the College of Science and Mathematics please rise.”

(Candidates rise.)

“Will the faculty in the College of Science and Mathematics please rise.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Y. Li:

“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty, having completed all requirements for undergraduate degrees.”

Dr. Hopkins:

“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”

Orator:

“Faculty, please be seated. Graduates, please remain standing.”

(Dr. Y. Li moves from the platform to the main floor and stations himself at the end of the RIGHT distribution table.)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Dr. J. Li:

“The candidates from the Raj Soin College of Business will please rise.”

(Candidates rise.)

“Will the faculty in the Raj Soin College of Business please rise.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. J. Li: **“Mr. President, I have the honor of presenting these candidates who have been recommended by the faculty, having completed all requirements for undergraduate degrees.”**

Dr. Hopkins: **“Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the appropriate degrees, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.”**

(Dr. Hopkins remains on the floor.)

(Dr. **J. Li** moves from the platform to the main floor and stations herself at the end of the LEFT distribution table.)

Orator: **“Faculty, please be seated. Graduates, please remain standing.”**

Orator: **“Will those faculty members presenting awards in the College of Science and Mathematics and the Raj Soin College of Business please move to the distribution tables.”**

(Short pause to allow faculty to reach the tables.)

Orator: **“The College Marshals will lead the graduates forward.”**

(The College Marshals lead the graduates from their seats to the appropriate distribution table and back to the same seating area.)

(The Public Orators read the names alternately of each student who submits a name card, the Registrar or attendant makes the presentation, student moves to shake hands with the Dean and returns to stand in place at seat.)

(The Deans return to their seats on the platform when the last graduate has proceeded and returned to his or her seat.)

Orator: **“Graduates, please be seated.”**

(Pause briefly.)

(Dr. Krane returns to the CENTER podium. Dr. Hopkins returns to his seat on stage. Orators return to their seats.)

Grand Marshal: **“We are pleased that Wright State University has a growing population of graduates serving in a variety of ways around the globe. Further, we are honored that you have chosen to attend Wright State as your Alma Mater!**

Grand Marshal: **“I am pleased to introduce Ms. Carolyn Wright, President of the Board of Directors for YOUR WSU Alumni Association!**

Carolyn is the Director of Scholarship Programs for The Center for College Access and Completion. This non-profit organization is committed to develop and sustain a partnership with families to help them provide quality educational opportunities for their children. She received her B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from the Raj Soin College of Business at Wright State University in 1973 and 1978, respectively.”

“Carolyn was a founding student and later director of the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center here at Wright State University. An avid community volunteer, she has served on numerous community boards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am honored to present Ms. Carolyn Wright.”

(Ms. Wright will move to CENTER podium to give brief remarks—no more than 3 minutes MAX!)

(Please speak into the microphone)

Ms. Wright: “It is my distinct honor to stand before you as President of the Wright State University Alumni Association on this historic occasion.”

Ms. Wright: “Founded in 1971, it is our mission to foster and develop pride, prestige, and partnership among alumni, students, and community to promote the value of education and our legacy.”

“I encourage you to be active members in the Alumni Association. Take advantage of the many benefits we have to offer whether it is that new WSU credit card from our partners at Wright Patt Credit Union, discounts on insurance needs from Liberty Mutual, traveling the world with our Alumni tour group, or leaving an imprint on campus by purchasing a tree for the Alumni Grove with proceeds going to our Legacy Scholarship.”

“My words of wisdom would be to build upon your faith, live your life with a purpose, continue to serve and give to your community and society, and be bold and fearless in pursuing your dreams. Always stay connected whether through our online community, email, Linked In, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or even snail mail.

There is a spirit in this room. It is an historic spirit for now we are more than 100,000 strong across the globe. There is a spirit in this room! It is Raider Spirit!”

Ms. Wright:

“Would the graduates please stand as the newest members of the Wright State University Alumni Association.

Embrace the legacy the green and gold/ WSU by staying committed to higher education

Extend our reach throughout this global society; Help us to make a global impact.

And always remember to continue in the Wright State Tradition of Changing Lives.

Congratulations and God Bless!”

(Ms. Wright returns to her seat.)

(President Hopkins moves to CENTER podium.)

Dr. Hopkins:

“Thank you, Ms. Wright. We appreciate your message to our new graduates, and your service to our alumni.”

Dr. Hopkins:

“Ladies and gentlemen, it has been our honor to have so many parents, family, friends and guests join us for this occasion.”

“As our ceremony comes to a close, please take a moment to join us on the concourse for light refreshments – or better yet, join us for refreshments in the McLin gym and a photo-op with your family and friends in front of your college banner.”

Dr. Hopkins:

“Before closing our ceremony, I would like to thank those who have shared their talents and time with us to make this ceremony the wonderful celebration it has been.

- **The Wright State University Brass Quintet;**
 - **Mr. Eric Knorr**
 - **Mr. Tom Ludowicz**
 - **Dr. Gretchen McNamara**
 - **Mr. Jonas Thoms, and**
 - **Dr. Daniel Zehringer**
- **Thank you to our Musical performers—ETHOS:**
 - **Jeremy Aldridge**
 - **Monique Cooper**
 - **Jon Hoelle (pronounced-*Holly*)**
 - **Sara Lefeld**
 - **Bryan Sharpe**
 - **Amy Tackett**
 - **Isaac Tobler**
 - **Anna Townsend**
- **Ms. Abigail Young and Brittany Charles—they have signed every students name this morning**

- **Our student Ambassadors and student employees:**
 - **Stephen Allen**
 - **Hailey Billing**
 - **Allante Booker**
 - **Mallori Ferguson**
 - **Christen Johnson**
 - **Denise Kuntz**
 - **Angie Loyd**
 - **Colton Metzger**
 - **Daniel Sizemore**

- **I extend our appreciation to the Commencement Committee for their excellent service again this year.**

- **Our appreciation to those who collaborate on our semi-annual ceremony – As you can imagine, an event of this nature takes many individuals to make it successful – please look up at the Big Board and you will see their names scroll across the screen:**

- **We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge Dr. Carol Loranger and Dr. Paul Lockhart who have graciously served as our Orators today. Please join me in giving them a round of applause for their assistance in reading the names of our graduates! We appreciate their willingness to serve!”**

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Hopkins: “We are proud that so many Wright State University graduates remain in the area. Wherever your career may take you, we hope you will stay close in spirit to your alma mater—Wright State.”

(Pause briefly.)

Dr. Hopkins: “I have saved a truly special recognition. No one arrives at this point alone. Graduates, you have been encouraged and supported by many of the people here today.”

Dr. Hopkins: “To allow you to honor them, I will ask:

--Wright State Board members, faculty and all other university affiliates to stand and remain standing;

--parents and spouses of graduates to stand and remain standing;

--children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins of graduates to stand and remain standing;

--all others with a special relationship to a graduate – please stand and remain standing.

“Graduates of the class of 2014, these are the people who have had a hand in your success. Please rise and show them YOUR appreciation!”

(Dr. Hopkins leads the graduates in applause; he then returns to his seat as Dr. Krane moves to the CENTER podium.)

(At the same time, ETHOS moves to the stage.)

Grand Marshal: **“Please remain standing as ETHOS sings our our Alma Mater, words by David Garrison, music by the late Thomas Whissen, and arrangement by William Steinohrt, all past members of the Wright State faculty.”**

(At the same time, ETHOS returns to their seats.)

Grand Marshal: **Please be seated**

Grand Marshal: **“The audience will please remain seated until all graduates have recessed from the arena to allow a complete recessional.”**

“This concludes the 79th Commencement of Wright State University.”

(Recessional music begins.)

(The Grand Marshal exits using steps RIGHT. The first row of the platform party is led off the platform by Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Narayanan. The person at the center aisle in each row leads the remaining rows off the platform. Dr. Hopkins leads his party behind stage LEFT and into the ground corridor. Dr. Narayanan and his party follow the Grand Marshal behind stage RIGHT and into the ground level corridor. Nutter Center staff will hold the elevators open for the platform party or stairs may be taken.

SIMULTAINEOUSLY...

(The Faculty Marshals lead the faculty up the aisle in which they are seated. The School and College Marshals lead graduates out via the aisle nearest each Marshal and back to their lineup areas. The recessional music continues until the floor is cleared.)