

COMMENCEMENT 2012

EXERCISES ON THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Exercises on the conferring of degrees begin when the procession has arrived in place, with the candidates for degrees in the audience and the President's Party in position, standing on the platform. At this point, the choir concludes the singing of the William & Mary Hymn and proceeds to the singing of the National Anthem. (Remain standing). Following the National Anthem, the President of the College moves to the Rostrum.

President: Graduates, Parents, Friends, Everyone, this is a glorious day! The William & Mary classes of 2012 — undergraduate, graduate, and professional — have completed their studies, and we are gathered to rejoice. We are here to celebrate. So let's celebrate, indeed, the William & Mary classes of 2012!

In the year 1693, the reigning monarchs of Great Britain, King William and Queen Mary, issued a royal charter authorizing the establishment of “a certain place of universal study, or perpetual college of . . . good arts and sciences, [to be] located on the south side of the York River; to

be supported and maintained in all time coming; to be called and denominated forever, The College of William & Mary in Virginia.” These commitments have been kept through the generations and over the centuries. We reaffirm them today in these Commencement exercises.

Members of the College’s Board of Visitors are with us. They are vital. Please stand, Board.

Also with us is a strong cohort of the faculty of William & Mary, who have nurtured our graduating students. Faculty, please stand.

Several years ago students voted to tax themselves — or their parents — to provide funding to reward scholarly and teaching excellence. Let me introduce an especially gifted faculty member, the Class of 2012

Professor of Neuroscience and Biology, John D. Griffin.

(Professor Griffin will be on the stage with the faculty)

President: Three honorary marshals are selected by the senior class for today's exercises. This is a special distinction. Please stand:

Mark Constantine, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

Mark Forsyth, Professor of Biology, and James Irving, Professor of Accounting.

(All will be seated on the stage)

President: We have recently enjoyed a brilliant run of Chancellors at William & Mary -- Chief Justice of the United States Warren Burger, followed by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, then U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, next Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and now our own

alumnus, Robert M. Gates, Class of 1965. Bob Gates is the only person in U.S. history to serve as Secretary of Defense under Presidents from different parties. His career in the service of our country has been the stuff of legend.

Chancellor Gates, please say a few words.

(Gates' welcome)

President: We come now, with delight, to our Commencement speaker, James C. Lehrer. Jim Lehrer is a man of integrity and compelling accomplishment. After three years in the United States Marine Corps, he began his journalism career as a reporter in Dallas. This led to broadcast news in Dallas and then to PBS in Washington. His national news broadcasts have garnered virtually every major award for broadcast journalism imaginable. Trusted by candidates and the public alike, Mr. Lehrer has

moderated more presidential debates than any other mortal. Jim Lehrer is also the author of 20 novels, two memoirs and three plays. It is our great good fortune to have him speak to us today.

(Following Jim's remarks)

President: Since 1756, when Benjamin Franklin was awarded an honorary master of arts, the College of William & Mary has recognized lives of powerful accomplishment through the conferral of honorary degrees. We add three eminently worthy members to that roster today. I ask the Rector and the Chancellor to come forward and award the honorary degrees. An account of the splendid careers of our honorary degree recipients appears in the program, starting on page 3.

(Rector Trammell comes to the podium and Chancellor Gates stands to the right of the Rector)

Rector: Mr. Lehrer, please join us.

(Lehrer comes forward and faces Rector who continues)

James C. Lehrer, yours is a life spent reporting the events that shaped the world around us. The quality and integrity of your work stand as a beacon for journalistic excellence, reflecting your first rule, “Do nothing I cannot defend.”

After beginning your journalism career in Dallas, a job with PBS lured you east to Washington, D.C., where you met Robert MacNeil and joined forces to superb coverage of the Watergate hearings. This collaboration led to partnership spanning three decades.

Your broadcasts known for their fair and accurate reporting have garnered a vast array of awards for broadcast journalism, including multiple Emmy and Peabody awards.

“The Dean of Moderators,” you have been a staple of the last six presidential elections. Chosen to moderate 11 debates in all, you were the sole moderator for every presidential debate in two elections.

With 20 novels and three plays to your credit along with two memoirs, you have proven a master of multiple genres. Your latest work, *Tension City*, provides an inside look at the debates that helped determine the outcome of elections from Kennedy-Nixon through Obama-McCain.

Honors abound for you, including the National Humanities Medal, the George Foster Peabody Broadcast Award, and the Churchill Bell from Colonial Williamsburg.

Chancellor: James C. Lehrer, your remarkable career as a journalist has earned the trust of a nation. The College is proud to honor you. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the Ancient Royal Charter of The College of William and Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*.

(Honorary degree recipients will be hooded. After Chancellor concludes, Rector presents diploma. Shakes his hand. President, Rector, Chancellor and recipient move to the right and are photographed. Rector remains on stage with Chancellor next to the podium).

Rector: Carolyn Martin, please join us.

(Martin comes forward and faces Rector who continues)

Carolyn A. Martin, yours is a life spent as a respected scholar and visionary leader in higher education. Renowned for your work in German and women's studies, you have led

transformative changes at the institutions you served.

From a family with three women named Carolyn, you quickly became “Biddy,” a nickname that followed you even unto the halls of academe. Although you were valedictorian of your high school class and held the school’s scoring record in basketball, it was unclear whether your family could and would simultaneously fund college for both your older brother and you. A guidance counselor pushed you to enroll at William & Mary.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College, you flourished as member of Cornell’s faculty, publishing numerous articles and two books, and eventually becoming the university’s provost.

In 2008, you returned to your doctoral alma

mater as the University of Wisconsin's Chancellor. The only openly gay president of a public flagship university at the time, your focus on moving the institution forward won wide respect.

In 2011, you accepted a new challenge as President of Amherst College, the first woman to lead that institution in its 191 years. Your capacity to build consensus while pursuing progress, encouraging student learning and engagement, and mentoring young people already shine at Amherst.

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Chancellor: Carolyn A. Martin, from uncertainty whether college was for you, you rose to lead two of our nation's finest institutions. Bidy, your alma mater is proud to honor you. By virtue of the

authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the Ancient Royal Charter of The College of William and Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*.

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Rector: Jonathan Jarvis, please join us.

(Jarvis comes forward and faces Rector who continues)

Jonathan B. Jarvis, yours is a life committed to the stewardship of our national monuments, battlefields, historic parks and wilderness areas.

When President Obama nominated you to be the

Director of the National Park Service in 2009, your appointment was described by the *New York Times* as “the best news we have heard in the past nine years about the national parks.” Having spent your entire career with the Park Service, you understand as few can the heritage embodied in the system’s landmarks and natural spaces as well as the legacy they represent. As Director, you lead more than 22,000 employees and 221,000 volunteers in a system encompassing 58 national parks, 339 other areas, and more than 84 million acres of land.

A year after graduating from William & Mary with a biology degree, you joined the National Park Service as a seasonal interpreter. In the decades that followed, you rose through the ranks to become a park superintendent, including a stint at Mount Rainier National Park

in Washington, where you twice climbed to its 14,411-foot peak. Before becoming director of the Park Service writ large, you led the Pacific West Region, which ranges from Idaho to Guam.

The first trained biologist to serve as Director, you face an era of unprecedented challenges from climate change, habitat destruction, urban development, and air and water pollution. Throughout your career, you have steadfastly sought to apply the best science in managing our national parks. Now your country has entrusted many of its most precious places to your care and charged you with preserving our wilderness areas for future generations.

Chancellor: Jonathan B. Jarvis, for a life of service to your country preserving its national monuments and parks, your alma mater is proud to honor you.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the Ancient Royal Charter of The College of William and Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *Honoris Causa*

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(After Chancellor concludes, Rector presents diploma. Shakes his hand. President, Rector, Chancellor and recipient move to the right and are photographed. All but President are seated.)

President: Ladies and gentlemen, The William & Mary Choir under the direction of Jamie Armstrong.

(Following the Choir's rendition the President returns to the podium.)

President: Glorious, as always. Thank you, Choir.

Announcement of Prizes and Awards

President: Now we move to awards and prizes. Please see your program for a full account of the wonders of the people being honored.

The Lord Botetourt Medal, established in 1772 “for the honor and encouragement of literary merit,” goes to the graduating senior with the greatest distinction in scholarship. Today the Botetourt Medal goes to REBECCA LYNN KOENIG.

[KŌ-nig] Becky, please join me.

(Rebecca comes to the platform and stands to the right of the President)

President: Ms. Koenig **[KŌ-nig]** is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in History and English, membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and a near-perfect GPA. Her professors laud her intellectual maturity, work ethic, and superb abilities as a writer. One of her professors wrote that Becky “asks the most penetrating questions I’ve ever gotten from a student at any level.” She brings to the classroom not

only a brilliant mind, but also, in the words of another professor, “strong convictions, a deep moral sense, and flair with words that is extremely rare.”

An aspiring journalist, Becky spent a summer in Washington, D.C., chronicling the everyday lives of ordinary people. These accounts became the foundation of her senior honors thesis, said by one professor to be “among the very best things I’ve ever read by an undergraduate.”

Next academic year, Becky will be at Northwestern University, studying journalism. Well done, Becky!

(Present medal - Pause for photograph Becky exits stage)

President: The James Frederic Carr Memorial Cup

goes to the graduating senior "who best combines the qualities of character, scholarship and leadership." James Carr came to William & Mary in 1914, served with distinction in the First World War, and lost his life before he could return to the College. This year, the Carr Cup belongs to
KSENIJA [SĚN-yah]

KAPETANOVIC [kăp-eh-TĀN-o-vich]

(Ksenija comes to the platform and stands to the right of the President)

President: **KSENIJA [SĚN-yah]** is graduating today with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience. She was elected last fall to Phi Beta Kappa.

Known to many simply as "Mama K," Ksenija **[SĚN-yah]** is renowned not only for the outstanding quality of her academic work but also for the way in which she integrates

her scholarship with a sincere desire to serve others.

Ksenija [**SĚN-yah**] has worked to improve the lives of people on campus and beyond. As a student director for the Branch Out Regional alternative program, she has helped students develop their skills as leaders. As president of the William & Mary Chapter of Circle K International, she has spent countless hours in service activities while steering the chapter.

Ksenija [**SĚN-yah**] is described as a quiet leader who “will have a heart-to-heart with you when you need it,” and who possesses “a humble spirit infused with courage and dry wit.” She believes in the value of “a job done well and for the right reasons.”

Now, Ksenija, [**SĚN-yah**], I'm going to hand you the giant Carr Cup for purposes of picture taking, but then you must give it back, with steely confidence that your name will be inscribed on it for all time coming. You do get to keep a certificate that I'll hand over when you give me the cup back.

(Framed certificate is presented - Pause for photograph –Ksenija exits stage)

President: The 21st Chancellor of the College was Margaret the Lady Thatcher. An award in her name goes to a graduate or professional student of outstanding scholarship, service, and character. This year's Thatcher recipient is Jeffrey Todd Bozman [**BAHZ-man**].

(Jeff comes forward and stands to the right of the President)

President: Between college at Princeton and law school at William & Mary, Jeff served four years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps,

including multiple tours in Iraq. Even before his law classes began, he volunteered to help in our Veterans' Benefits Clinic. According to the clinic's director, "As a pre-first-year student, Jeff's work outshone the second- and third-year students I had working beside him."

Jeff has been described as "an extraordinary leader—smart, humble, easy with praise for his peers, responsible." Jeff's election by his fellow students to the highly prestigious and extraordinarily demanding role of Editor-in-Chief of the *William and Mary Law Review* is a testament to his peers' respect for him. When candidates for the position were asked whom they believed should be selected as Editor-in-Chief if not themselves, every one of them named Jeff.

Jeff embodies the “Citizen Lawyer” ideal. In the words of one professor, “His character is without reproach. He is a commanding leader who is not imposing. Jeff is committed not to the *concept* of service but to the *action* of service.”

Jeff’s next incarnation will be as a federal judicial clerk and then he’ll move on to a job in one of America’s leading law firms, Covington & Burling, in Washington, D.C. Jeff, we are delighted to present you with the Thatcher Award.

(Present award - Pause for photograph. Jeff returns to seat)

President: In memory of Algernon Sydney Sullivan, the New York Southern Society recognizes one man and one woman in the graduating class, and one other person with close ties to the

College, for heart, mind, and helpfulness to others. The student winners of this year's Sullivan Awards are JENNIFER LYNN QUIGLEY AND ANDREW BRADLEY GARDNER.

(They come to the platform and stand to the right of the President)

President: Jennifer Quigley is a pre-med student with a major in Hispanic studies and a minor in biochemistry, Jennifer has beautifully integrated her academic studies with her dedication to helping others at home and around the world.

While studying abroad in Ecuador last spring, she volunteered at a free public health clinic, cleaning and sterilizing rooms and equipment, setting up operating rooms, and assisting patients. She later worked with

CrossLink International to provide supplies to medical mission teams and mission hospitals.

Jennifer is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity, has been a cooking shift leader for William & Mary's Campus Kitchen, a food assistance program for low-income residents in the Williamsburg area, and has led a spring break service trip to Arlington, Virginia, to work on immigration issues. She does all of this—and more—with boundless energy and humility. Helping others is an expression of her faith; in the words of one of her professors, “she serves because serving the underserved is her passion.”

After graduation, Jennifer will complete an

externship as a volunteer medical interpreter on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

President: Andrew Gardner is a living incarnation of Tribe Pride. As William & Mary's inaugural Griffin, Andrew has spent the past two years deftly dodging questions from friends about his repeated, inexplicable absences from the sporting events he once attended so enthusiastically. Never wanting his own identity to overshadow the Griffin's, Andrew chose to remain anonymous until just before graduation, all the while infusing the Griffin with vibrant life and unbounded love for all who belong to the William & Mary family. In the words of a nominator, "whether high-fiving the president, rubbing the bald head of our Dean of Undergraduate Admission, dancing with children who look up at him

with wide-eyed wonder, standing triumphantly atop a pyramid of cheerleaders, or wrapping an arm around a member of the Olde Guard, Andrew has brought pure joy to those around him.”

Nor does Andrew need to be, in his words, “behind a masked face of a ball of fur that represents Tribe Pride” in order to show his love for alma mater. He wears his Tribe pride every day, right down to his trademark green and gold sneakers. Andrew is a gentleman in the truest sense, lifting the spirits of those around him with unfailing kindness and friendship. It’s great that Andrew can now be publically acclaimed by the College community that he has loved and that has, unknowingly, loved him back these last two years.

Jennifer and Andrew your alma mater is proud of you!

(Present awards – Pause for photograph – Students return to their seats)

President: There is a third recipient of the Sullivan Award this year, Professor Clay M. Clemens. Clay please join me.

(Clay comes to the platform and stands to the right of the President)

President: CLAY CLEMENS, Chancellor Professor of Government, is one of the best-known and best loved members of the William and Mary family. A 1980 graduate of the College and a member of the faculty since 1986, Professor Clemens teaches with sophistication, creativity, and wit – legendary wit. Majors and non-majors alike flock to his classes, knowing they will come away enriched by the experience. Professor Clemens is also a

caring advisor – in his words, “There is no substitute for the face-to-face advising conversation. It is a chance for the advisor to hear what expectations the student arrives with, and to respond directly — generally with encouragement and guidance, at times with caution.”

What truly distinguishes Clay, however, is the extent to which he knows and is known by students. He seems to be everywhere students are, supporting them in their many endeavors. Whether attending a cappella performances, judging the Mr. William and Mary “pageant,” or supporting student organizers at the Yule Log Ceremony each December, Clay gives freely of his time to celebrate his students and to be a part of the many gatherings –large and small, formal and

informal – that affirm community. His commitment to student life is evident in the major committees he’s led, for instance, the Greek Life Task Force, and most recently the Honor System Review Committee.

More than half the graduating classes in the last twenty years have chosen him as the faculty member to regale them at the Candlelight Ceremony on the eve of Commencement.

Professor Clemens, it is grand to present you with the Sullivan Award.

(Present award - Pause for photograph – Clay returns to seat.)

President: In honor of Thomas A. Graves, Jr. who retired in 1985 after almost 14 years as President of the College, the Graves Award

recognizes sustained excellence in teaching.

Nancy L. Gray, please join me.

(Nancy will be seated with the faculty on the platform. She will come forward and stand to the right of the President.)

President: “A legendary teacher whose contribution to both the depth and diversity of interdisciplinary curriculum at the College is peerless,” is how one colleague described Nancy Gray. In the words of another colleague, Nancy “made herself indispensable, and we owe a great deal of the current health and vitality of both the English and the Women’s Studies curricula to her hard work and creativity.”

Professor Gray consistently receives the highest praise from students who repeatedly cite how privileged they feel to take “highly

challenging and imaginative classes with such a brilliant professor.” “I want to become Nancy Gray when I grow up,” is just one of the many glowing comments. Nancy is known as “a true role model, inspiring and empowering students by endowing them with valuable intellectual tools, passion, and the imagination needed to live meaningful lives and to become responsible, compassionate, citizens of the world.”

Nancy, we are delighted to honor you with the Thomas Ashley Graves, Jr. Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching.

(Present awards-Pause for photograph—Nancy returns to her seat)

President: Annually, an endowment from Charles and Ann Duke makes possible an award to an outstanding staff member at the College. The

award is given in memory of Mr. Duke's parents, who served William & Mary with great dedication for many, many years. Last Monday, we celebrated this year's recipient of the Duke Award, David Dudley, William & Mary, Class of 1975. Dave's work as the Technical Director of Phi Beta Kappa Hall and the William & Mary Theatre has been absolutely exceptional for a generation, to great benefit of countless William & Mary students as well as those who have come to PBK Hall to delight in live performances of theater, dance and music. Dave, please stand and take a bow.

President: There is a competition to pick the student speaker at Commencement. This competition is best termed "tooth and claw." Its winner this year is Danielle Greene from

Glenn Allen, Virginia who is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and English. Danny come dazzle us.

---Student Speaker's Remarks---

(President returns to lectern)

President: At last, the time has come to confer earned degrees.

(If requested by Ginger:

Before we do that, however, I need to report that the weather is behaving badly. We must resort to our rain plans for the diploma ceremonies following these exercises. See your program for a list of the rain sites.)

President: Let's begin by recognizing those students who have earned membership in the school's academic honor societies. Please stand if you have been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa,

Order of the Coif, Beta Gamma Sigma, and
Kappa Delta Pi.

President: Provost Halleran,

(Dr. Halleran joins the president at the podium)

Provost: We will begin with the conferral of doctoral degrees. Will all candidates for doctoral degrees please rise and approach the stage. Eugene R. Tracy, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will present the candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Arts and Sciences.

(Dean Tracy moves to the lectern to the right of the podium)

Dean Tracy:

There are **25** doctoral degrees being awarded in Arts and Sciences. **10** of the candidates are able to be with us today. Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Arts and Sciences please come forward.

(The candidates come forward, walking across the stage as their name is called by Dean Tracy. The President presents a dummy diploma and shakes hands with each recipient.)

Carissa Lee Capuano

Zi Chu

Anna Gibson Holloway

Matthew Alexander Keally [Like Really with a K]

Ryan J. McDonald

Caroline C. Morris

Andrew Keith Sturtevant [STER-TE-VANT]

Kai [Like Pie with a K] Tian [Like Brian with a T]

Erica Jane Tullo [Like Dull with a T and long O]

Zhenyu Wu

(After the last recipient has crossed the stage, Provost Halleran returns to the microphone and Dean Tracy returns to his seat)

Provost: John T. Wells, Dean of the School of Marine Science, will present the candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Science.

(Dean Wells moves to the lectern to the right of the podium)

Dean Wells: There are **6** doctoral degrees being awarded in Marine Science. **4** of the candidates are with us today. Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Science please come forward.

(The candidates come forward, walking across the stage as their names are called. The President presents a dummy diploma and shakes hands with the recipients.)

Lance Matthew Gardner

Mark James Henderson

Lila EveRose Pierce

Noelle Jean Relles

(As soon as the last recipient has exited the platform, Provost Halleran will return to the microphone and Dean Wells returns to his seat)

Provost: Virginia L. McLaughlin, Dean of the School

of Education, will present the candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education and Doctor of Education.

(Dean McLaughlin moves to the lectern to the right of the podium)

Dean McLaughlin:

There are **24** candidates for doctoral degrees in education. **15** of the candidates are with us today. The candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education and Doctor of Education please come forward.

(The candidates come forward, walking across the stage as their name is called. The President presents a dummy diploma and shakes hands with each recipient.)

Holly Alexander Agati

Michael Patrick Asip [like “a-sip” of water]

Barbara Richmond Blake

Kathleen M. Bressler

William R. Travis Burns

Karen Elmore Cagle

Katherine Maya [Mya] Hermann

Karena Jacqueline Heyward

Leslie Neal Holly

Michele Myers Hopkins

Daniel Ray Hoover, Jr.

Christopher Lawrence

Jeremy Paul Martin

Kyleah [KUH-LEE-AH] Arketa [AR-KEY-TA]Parson

Shylan Elois Scott

(As the last recipient exits the platform, President Reveley will return to the microphone and Dean McLaughlin returns to her seat.)

President: Candidates for the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Education, please rise.

President: By the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors of The College of William & Mary in Virginia, I confer upon each of you, as appropriate, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education, and welcome you into the ancient and honorable

community of scholars. Please sit.

(Provost returns to microphone.)

Provost: Davison M. Douglas, Dean of the Law School, will present the candidates for the degrees of Master of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence.

(Dean Douglas moves to the lectern to the right of the podium)

Dean Douglas: There are 28 candidates for the degree of Master of Laws and 202 candidates for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. Those present, please rise.

(The candidates rise)

President: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I confer upon each of you, as appropriate, the degree of Master of Laws or Doctor of Jurisprudence and declare that you are well prepared to protect and advance the rule of law in this and other countries. Please sit.

(Dean Douglas returns to his seat)

Provost: Dean McLaughlin will present the candidates for the Educational Specialist degree and the degrees of Master of Arts in Education and Master of Education.

(Dean McLaughlin returns to the lectern)

Dean McLaughlin:

There are 10 candidates for the Educational Specialist Degree, 66 for Master of Arts in Education, and 56 for Master of Education. Those present, please rise.

(The candidates rise.)

President: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I confer upon each of you, as appropriate, the degree of Educational Specialist, Master of Arts in Education, or the Master of Education, and declare you well prepared to nurture the schools of our Commonwealth and nation. Please sit.

(Dean McLaughlin returns to her seat)

Provost: Dean Tracy will present the candidates for the degrees of Master of Science, Master of Arts and Master of Public Policy.

(Dean Tracy returns to the lectern)

Dean Tracy:

There are 29 candidates for the degree of Master of Science, 30 for Master of Arts, and 16 for Master of Public Policy. Those present, please rise.

(The candidates rise)

President: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I confer upon each of you, as appropriate, the degree of Master of Science, Master of Arts, or Master of Public Policy and declare that you have successfully completed advanced study in your disciplines and are prepared to lead in them. Please sit.

(Dean Tracy returns to his seat)

Provost: Dean Wells will present the candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Marine

Science.

(Dean Wells returns to the lectern)

Dean Wells: There are 12 candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Marine Science. Those present, please rise.

(The candidates rise)

President: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I confer upon each of you the degree of Master of Science and declare that you have successfully completed advanced study in marine science and are well prepared to lead in that sphere. Please sit.

(Dean Wells returns to his seat)

Provost: Lawrence B. Pulley, Dean of the Mason School of Business, will present the candidates for the degrees of Master of Business Administration and Master of Accounting.

(Dean Pulley moves to the lectern to the right of the podium)

Dean Pulley: There are 117 candidates for the degree of

Master of Business Administration and 83 for
Master of Accounting. Those present, please
rise.

(The candidates rise)

President: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I
confer upon each of you, as appropriate, the
degree of Master of Business Administration
or Master of Accounting and declare that you
are well prepared to lead in the spheres of
business and finance. Please sit.

(Dean Pulley steps back from the lectern but is not seated)

Provost: The deans will now present the candidates for
the baccalaureate degrees by field of interest
or concentration. Dean Pulley, the candidates
for the degree of Bachelor of Business
Administration --

(Dean Pulley returns to the lectern)

Dean Pulley: Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of
Business Administration please rise as I

introduce your concentration and then be seated.

Accounting. Thank you

Finance. Thank you.

Marketing. Thank you.

Process Management and Consulting Thank you.

(Dean Pulley returns to his seat. Dean Tracy returns to the lectern)

Dean

Tracy: Candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts please rise as I introduce your concentration and then be seated.

American Studies. Thank you.

Anthropology. Thank you.

Art and Art History. Thank you.

Biology. Thank you.

Chemistry. Thank you.

Classical Studies, including Greek, Latin and
Classical Civilization. Thank you.

Computer Science. Thank you.

Economics. Thank you.

Elementary Education. Thank you.

English. Thank you.

Geology. Thank you.

Global Studies, including African Studies, East Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle-Eastern Studies, and Russian and Post-Soviet Studies. Thank you.

Government. Thank you.

History. Thank you.

Interdisciplinary Studies, including Black Studies, Environmental Science/Studies, Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Neuroscience, and Women's Studies. Thank you.

International Relations. Thank you.

Kinesiology. Thank you.

Mathematics. Thank you.

Modern Languages and Literatures, including
Chinese, French, German, and Hispanic
Studies. Thank you.

Music. Thank you.

Philosophy. Thank you.

Physics. Thank you.

Psychology. Thank you.

Public Policy. Thank you.

Religious Studies. Thank you.

Sociology. Thank you.

Theater. Thank you.

(Dean Tracy returns to his seat)

President: Now, all the candidates for bachelor's degrees please stand as one great Tribe united.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors of The College of William & Mary in Virginia, I hereby confer upon each of you, as appropriate, the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science, and I welcome you into the community of educated women and men, well prepared to

make a difference for the better in our communities, states, and nations. Please sit.

President: Since the inception of our nation William & Mary people have served with distinction in the United States armed forces. That tradition today is represented by our Army ROTC program. Yesterday the United States Army commissioned 7 William & Mary students. Please stand and receive our thanks. Please sit.

William & Mary has a long tradition of preparing public school teachers, K through 12, to serve Virginia and the nation. Please stand if you have received teaching certification and receive our thanks. Please sit.

To recognize the global reach of William & Mary, I ask all of our graduates who have studied, worked, or served abroad during their careers at the College, to stand. Now that's quite something! Please sit.

President: Be of good cheer everyone – we are nearing the end of these ceremonies. According to the program, it is now time for the president to offer a few closing words. At this point in the proceedings, as I said last year, I always feel like the corpse at an Irish wake. They need you to have the party, but they don't expect you to say anything. So, brevity will rule.

Undergraduate Class of 2012, you got started at William & Mary at the same time I got started as the College's 27th president. Thus, 2012, you and I are joined at the hip. This is a very special relationship.

My theme is the Griffin, adopted as the Tribe's mascot early in our time together. After an exhaustive search, involving scrutiny of over 300 proposed mascots, I ultimately had to make the pick. There was no consensus on what to choose, a number of contenders had passionate supporters, the stakes were high -- we needed a unifying symbol for the Tribe, it had to make sense for William & Mary, and it needed to look good on T-shirts. It was also likely to invite the gimlet-eyed scrutiny of our alumnus Jon Stewart on national television.

Talk about pressure! Well, the unavoidable moment of decision came, I picked up the red "hot line" phone on my desk and took the plunge – I barked, "Get me the Griffin!"

Today, as we now all know, the College's very first Griffin, Andrew Gardner, is a

member of the graduating class. I guess that makes the Griffin a member of the Class of 2012 too.

Now our new mascot did come to the attention of W&M alumnus Jon Stewart, and he did say on the Daily Show back in April 2010, that William & Mary had chosen as its new mascot a “pantless-tailed eagle.” This caused some concern about whether we should buy pants for the Griffin. To which I finally replied, albeit not on national TV, “lions do not wear pants.”

William & Mary’s Griffin – think about it, a marvelous beast, mating the majestic, all-seeing head of an eagle with the perfectly formed, muscular, pantless body of a lion; and of course, all those spectacular green and gold feathers. What a glorious combination! Just like William & Mary, where we mate the

heart of a liberal arts college with the brains of a research university, where we are both public and ivy, where our varsity athletes are also students in fact.

The griffin – half lion, half eagle -- is the perfect mascot for William & Mary. Think about it. The lion, symbol of British monarchs, evokes our royal origins. The eagle, symbol of the United States, evokes William & Mary's seminal role as alma mater of the nation and it reminds us of the leaders we have trained for the service of our country.

Then there is this: since ancient days, griffins have guarded precious treasure – it's what they do: They guard precious treasure. And what is more precious than the College of William & Mary?

There is more. A griffin adorns the coat of arms of George Washington, our first

American Chancellor and one of the four U.S. presidents intimately associated with William & Mary. A griffin also adorns the coat of arms of George Wythe, who taught Thomas Jefferson law and who, at Jefferson's request, began our country's first law school at William & Mary.

And, finally, griffins do live in tribes – or at least that is the conclusion I reached after an exhaustive search of the literature on what griffins, collectively, are called. Actually, I couldn't find any relevant literature, Not even Wikipedia had a view. This left me free to reach the obvious conclusion – tribes clearly; of course griffins live in tribes and have great affinity for other tribes.

In short, the real question is not why we chose the Griffin as our mascot, but why it took us

so long. But, then, perhaps it is the Griffin who chose us in his, her or its good time.

Like the Griffin, each of you has a wonderful blend of talents. I am very proud of what you've accomplished while at William & Mary. I look forward to seeing you make a serious difference for the better in the world. And, remember, your ties to William & Mary are for life!

It's time to raise the rafters in a 2012 cheer. Here's how it will work. Let's roar in "call and response" mode.

I'll call and you'll respond in one great body "20-12, 20-12, 20-12" – three times.

Conclusion of Exercises:

President: Now we sing the alma mater. As our song begins, the symbolic chain of class office will pass from Stephanie McGuire, president of

the undergraduate Class of 2012, to Morgan Dyson, President of the Class of 2013. On the last verse of the alma mater, the William & Mary maces will pass from the outgoing to the newly elected leaders of the undergraduate and graduate student bodies. After the alma mater, while the platform party leaves the hall, I ask everyone else to remain in place. Once the platform party has left, I will officially close the academic year, and we can all leave and go promptly to the various diploma events across the campus.

Now please rise and let's sing **verses 1 and 4** of the Alma Mater. Let's really raise the rafters.

(On the first verse of the alma mater, President Reveley will remain at the lectern. Simultaneously, the President of the Class of 2012, Stephanie McGuire, will meet the President of the Class of 2013, on the stage. They will stand to the left of the podium. Stephanie will remove the Chain of Office and Morgan will put it on. Morgan will then move across to the stage, to the right side of the podium. They will remain in place, standing on either side of the President through the end of the Alma Mater and recessional. The maces will be passed on the last verse of the alma mater. The new Student

Assembly President, followed by a representative of the new Graduate Student Association, will lead the official party and the faculty from the auditorium, as the William & Mary Hymn begins. Once the faculties have cleared the auditorium, President Reveley will signal the choir director by using the switch on the inside of the podium.)

****Please hold the button for 15-20 seconds to get Dr. Armstrong's attention**

When the choir has concluded its last stanza President Reveley will say:

President: Now that the symbolic emblems of office have been exchanged and the recessional is complete, I declare that the 2011/2012 session in the 319th year of the College of William & Mary is closed.*

**Ginger Ambler will come on stage and hand you a beach ball. You will then, lob it out into the student body.*

(After the beach ball, President and students exit)