

**Pima Community College  
Graduation Ceremony  
May 2014**

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PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2014 GRADUATION.

>> HELLO AND WELCOME.

>> HI, TELL ME YOUR STORY.

>> MY NAME IS JILL CALLOWAY.

>> AND, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY TO OTHER GRADUATES WHO ARE IN THE

SIMILAR SITUATION TO YOU, OLDER AND MAYBE, AND PROBABLY GOING AND

STARTING A SECOND OR THIRD CAREER PERHAPS?

>> DO IT.

DON'T WAIT.

IT IS FUN.

IT IS EXCITING.

IT IS A PERSONAL GOAL.

SOMETHING DEEP IN MY HEART.

A PERSONAL GOAL.

I AM EXCITED FOR MYSELF TO DO THIS.

>> WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE PART OF THIS.

AND CONGRATULATIONS.

AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME MORE GRADUATES COME UP HERE AND TALK TO US.

NOW WE HAVE MORE THAN, THERE ARE 65 PROGRAMS AT THE COLLEGE.

WE OFFER MANY DIFFERENT DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES IN THE PROGRAMS.

SO WE WILL HEAR FROM, LET'S GET ANOTHER GRADUATE UP HERE.

AND WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT THEIR STORY IS AS WELL.

HI.

TELL ME YOUR NAME AND WHAT YOU ARE STUDYING AND WHAT YOU ARE EXCITED ABOUT?

>> MY NAME IS CESAR.

FIERROS, ASSOCIATE OF ART AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND TRANSFERRING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA NEXT FALL.

>> WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR DEGREE?

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET INTO LAW?

WHAT'S THE STORY?

>> WELL AFTER GRADUATING FROM U OF A I WANT A DEGREE IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, STUDY LAW AND USE MY TALENTS AND SKILLS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY GIVE BACK TO MY COMMUNITY.

I AM THE FIRST OF MY FAMILY TO GRADUATE WITH, FROM AN AMERICAN COLLEGE  
AND FIRST GENERATION AMERICAN.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL MOMENT FOR ME.

>> SO YOU MUST HAVE SOME FAMILY AND FRIEND HERE SUPPORTING YOU TONIGHT.

TELL ME WHAT THAT IS LIKE?

>> IT IS VERY SPECIAL.

MY FATHER IS HERE.

HE IS FROM MEXICO.

SO IS MY MOM.

AND MY DAD HAS AN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, MY MOM WITH A HIGH SCHOOL  
EDUCATION.

AND THEN MY SISTER IS HERE AS WELL.

AND IT IS JUST -- IT IS A VERY SPECIAL MOMENT BECAUSE I AM, I AM -- THEY'RE  
GETTING TO SEE, YOU KNOW, WHAT IT, WHAT, THEY'RE, THEIR EFFORTS, YOU KNOW,  
THEIR EFFORTS, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MADE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND,  
THEY'RE GETTING TO SEE RIGHT NOW WHAT'S, WHAT'S -- HOW I'M -- I GUESS, HOW  
I'M --

I'M GRADUATING.

THEY'RE GETTING TO SEE WHAT, WHAT THEY PUT INTO ME.

>> WELL, AND THEY MUST REALLY VALUE EDUCATION TO HAVE, WITH, WHAT YOU  
HAVE TOLD US ABOUT YOUR, YOUR FAMILY.

THEY MUST BE REALLY -- VALUING EDUCATION, AND PUSHING YOU THROUGH YOUR  
LIFE?

>> YES.

IT'S -- EDUCATION HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR FAMILY.

THAT IS THE WAY TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE.

TO MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR LIFE.

ONE OF THE WAYS TO DO THAT IS GOING TO SCHOOL AND WORKING HARD.

AND THAT'S SOMETHING, THOUGH MY PARENTS NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
GO TO COLLEGE, THEY ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT, YOU KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE SOME  
ONE IN THIS WORLD, YOU GOT TO WORK HARD, YOU GOT TO GO TO SCHOOL, YOU GOT  
TO DO YOUR HOME WORK, YOU KNOW, YOU GOT TO PUT IN THE WORK.

>> WELL THAT'S GREAT.

WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY TONIGHT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT.

ALL RIGHT.

WE WILL TALK TO ONE MORE GRADUATE RIGHT NOW.

WE HAVE GOT, WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL MORE COMING -- UP -- AS WE GO UP TO THE CEREMONY. LET'S HEAR THE NEXT PERSON, LET'S MEET THE NEXT PERSON FIND OUT WHAT THEY HAVE GOT GOING ON.

HI, YOUR NAME AND WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOU?

>> MY NAME IS NOELLA.

NAZAROVICH.

I'M SUPER EXCITED TO BE HERE SO I CAN GET MY DIPLOMA.

>> AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO AFTER YOU GRADUATE, ARE YOU GOING TO TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I AM SUPER EXCITED TO BE GOING TO U OF A IN THE FALL.

I WILL BE STUDYING, MAJORING IN PHYSIOLOGY, MINORING IN PSYCHOLOGY.

>> WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO AFTER YOU GRADUATE IN A COUPLE YEARS?

>> ABSOLUTELY STUDY MEDICINE.

I LOVE HELPING PEOPLE, I AM A MASSAGE THERAPIST.

I FIND THE BODY FASCINATING.

>> DO YOU HAVE FAMILY AND FRIEND HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT?

>> YES, MY MOM AND DAD.

I DIDN'T WANT TO INVITE THE ENTIRE FAMILY, I AM SAVING THAT FOR U OF A, MY FRIENDS, KAREN AND KEVIN THEY WILL BE OUT HERE.

THANK YOU.

>> WELL, THAT'S GREAT.

THAT'S -- ALL WE HAVE TIME FOR RIGHT NOW.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE TIME TO, OR, ARE ABLE TO ENJOY YOUR TIME HERE WITH US TONIGHT AS PART OF THE PIMA FAMILY.

A VITAL PART OF THE PIMA FAMILY IS OUR FACULTY.

THEY WILL BE WALKING, MANY OF THEM WILL BE JOINING THE STUDENTS ON THE FLOOR LATER WHEN THE CEREMONY STARTS.

THAT'S IT FOR NOW.

AND WE WILL BE BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE TO TALK TO SOME MORE GRADUATES.

>> HI, WE ARE BACK.

WE ARE READY FOR MORE GRADUATES FROM THE RECORD BREAKING CLASS OF 2014.

HI, TELL ME YOUR STORY.

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING YOUR DEGREE IN, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

>> MY NAME IS GENE SULLIVANT, MY DEGREE IS IN HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT.

I WORKED IN THE INDUSTRY FOR 25 YEARS.

AND IT WAS TIME AFTER 35 YEARS TO GO BACK AND GET MY DEGREE AND PIMA WAS  
A GREAT PLACE TO DO IT IN.

BECAUSE WE WORK 24 HOURS A DAY IN HOTELS.

THERE WERE ALWAYS CLASSES AVAILABLE.

I AM JUST REALLY EXCITED TO BE HERE.

IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM.

>> WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO AFTER YOU GET THIS DEGREE?

>> WELL I AM GOING TO KEEP WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY AND THEN JOIN THE  
GROUP THAT I FINISHED PIMA WITH AT NAU.

>> SO, I -- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CLASSES AT NAU, A LOT OF THEM ARE ONLINE.

I IMAGINE SINCE YOU WERE SAYING YOU HAVE THE 24-HOUR WORK CYCLE THAT WILL  
BE HELPFUL.

>> YEAH, MAKES IT CONVENIENT TO DO YOUR STUDIES AND WORK AT THE SAME  
TIME.

WHICH IS IMPORTANT FOR HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS.

>> ONCE YOU GET THAT BACHELOR'S DEGREE, THEN WHAT ARE YOUR ULTIMATE  
GOALS?

>> WELL, I PLAN TO STAY IN THE INDUSTRY.

I LIKE HOSPITALITY.

I LIKE PEOPLE.

AND IT IS MAKING THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE WHEREVER THEY ARE.

SO, YOU KNOW I WILL CONTINUE WORKING IN THAT.

WORK MY WAY BACK UP TO GM.

>> OK.

ONE LAST QUESTION I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE CORDS YOU HAVE.

TELL US, THERE ARE PROBABLY MANY OTHERS OUT IN THE AISLES THAT ARE WEARING

SOME OF THESE CORDS. LET'S LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE FOR?

>> WELL THE CORDS I'M WEARING REPRESENT HONOR SOCIETY AND PHI THETA

KAPPA.

WHAT IS THE GPA FOR THAT?

>> I BELIEVE A 3.5 OR BETTER.

>> SO YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR CLASSES AT PIMA, I GUESS?

>> I REALLY HAVE.

THEY'VE BEEN GREAT.

A LOT OF GOOD MENTORING FROM THE PROFESSORS LIKE ARMANDO IN THE

HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

IT IS HELPFUL TO GO THROUGH.

THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE INDUSTRY YOU CAN SEE HOW MUCH IS CHANGED BY



THE CURRICULUM IN THE CLASSROOM.

SO THAT HAS BEEN INTERESTING.

>> ALL RIGHT, WE ARE GLAD YOU HAD SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND GOOD LUCK

TONIGHT.

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TALK TO SOME OTHER GRADUATES.

THERE IS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS PIMA OFFERS A LOT OF DIFFERENT ONES IN

HEALTH CARE.

I BELIEVE OUR NEXT GRADUATE IS IN ONE OF THE PROFESSIONS.

HI, TELL US YOUR STORY, WHAT YOUR DEGREE IS IN AND WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING

TO DO FROM HERE?

>> MY NAME IS ERIC SORENSEN, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY

CARE.

I PLAN TO PURSUE MY BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN RESPIRATORY CARE, AND

WORK IN CRITICAL CARE IN A BIG HOSPITAL.

>> WHAT IS, IS THERE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN -- AN ASSOCIATES,

SOMEBODY WHO HAS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN THIS FIELD VERSUS A BACHELOR'S.

>> AT THIS TIME THERE ISN'T.

BUT THE WHOLE CAREER FIELD IS MOVING TOWARDS HAVING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE,

RAISING THE PROFESSIONAL BAR OF THE PROGRAM THAT MUCH HIGHER.

>> AND, ONE THING THAT PIMA HAS THAT I THINK IS PROBABLY VERY HELPFUL, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU HAVE TO DO CLINICALS YOU ARE THROWN IN THERE TO DO WHAT YOU WOULD DO IN THE REAL WORLD?

>> EXACTLY, THE PROGRAM HAS US STARTING OUR CLINICALS ON THE NINTH WEEK OF THE FIRST SEMESTER WE ARE IN THE PROGRAM.

WE ARE IN ANY OF THE MAJOR HOSPITALS IN TUCSON.

WE ARE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS DOING EVERYTHING THAT A RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL WOULD BE DOING.

AND WE ARE RIGHT THERE WITH THEM HELPING.

>> AND WHAT DO YOU, ARE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER YOU GET THIS DEGREE?

>> WORK IN ADULT CRITICAL CARE.

THEN I AM GOING TO WORK IN -- ADULT EDUCATION FOR CHRONIC DISEASES FOR ADULTS.

>> OK.

NOW, YOU HAVE A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON HERE.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DIFFERENT CORDS.

>> THE CORDS ARE HONOR SOCIETY, GRADUATING WITH HONORS, THE KEY, THEN I HAVE THE STOLE FOR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER, AND THE PHI-THETA-KAPPA AND VETERANS' ONE I RETIRED AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE.

THAT'S IT.

>> HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL OF THOSE.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEW CAREER.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> ALL RIGHT, THAT WAS A GREAT STORY.

WE HAVE, AS I SAID EARLIER, THERE ARE 218 VETERANS GRADUATING IN THIS YEAR'S CLASS.

LET'S TALK TO ANOTHER GRADUATE.

TELL ME WHAT IS YOUR PROGRAM, WHAT IS YOUR NAME, WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO?

>> MY NAME IS NA-IL.

EMMERT, GRADUATING IN THE FINE ARTS, DANCE.

I STARTED DANCING SERIOUSLY, THREE YEARS AGO WHEN I FIRST STARTED COMING TO PIMA.

AND I FEEL LIKE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT I REALLY WANTED TO DO SINCE I WAS LITTLE.

SINCE I DANCED MY WHOLE LIFE.

I TOOK TO IT LIKE A FISH TO WATER.

AN AMAZING JOURNEY.

I AM READY FOR NEXT STEPS.

>> YOU HADN'T DANCED -- YOU GOT TO PIMA, YOU WERE WANTING TO EXPLORE THE ART OR YOU KIND OF FOUND THAT?

>> I BASICALLY FOUND IT.

I STARTED OFF, TAKING A FEW DANCE CLASSES BUT NOT THAT MANY.

AFTER I TOOK A FEW, AFTER A FEW SEMESTERS OF TAKING DANCE, I FOUND OUT THAT WAS WHAT I WANTED TO DO, WHAT I WANTED TO GET AN ASSOCIATES IN, I WENT FOR IT.

>> WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO FROM HERE?

GO ON, A BACHELOR'S, MFA, OR SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN DO, THAT CAN GO RIGHT TO WORK?

>> I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING WORKWISE SO FAR.

I DO PLAN TO START GOING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.

WHEN THE NEXT SEMESTER STARTS.

AND, I PLAN TO GET, IN A BACHELOR'S IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES.

>> AND, DO YOU, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN TEACH WITH?

EAST ASIAN STUDIES?

>> I THINK IT WOULD BE.

AFTER TAKING A FEW YEARS OF ANOTHER LANGUAGE I FEEL LIKE IT WOULD BE A REALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SUCH AN ABILITY AND TO USE THAT AS AN INTERPRETER.

>> SO THIS IS A -- A REALLY EXCITING TIME FOR -- NIGHT FOR YOU HERE -- AND I -- WONDERED IF YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY OR FRIENDS THAT ARE HERE TO WATCH YOU GRADUATE?

>> I DO, YEAH.

I HAVE A BUNCH OF MY PEERS FROM PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEST CAMPUS.

I HAVE MY MOM AND TWO SISTERS IN THE AUDIENCE.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

CONGRATULATIONS.

WE WISH YOU WELL AT THE U OF A.

>> THANK YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT.

WE ARE GOING TO TAKE ONE MORE BREAK.

AND WE'LL BE BACK STARTING, WE PROBABLY HAVE, TIME FOR THREE MORE

INTERVIEWS.

>> HEY, HEY, WE ARE BACK HERE TALKING TO SOME OF THE CLASS MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014.

FINDING OUT WHAT THE, THEIR, THEIR THOUGHTS ARE AND WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE AT PIMA HAS BEEN LIKE.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND WHY YOU ARE EXCITED TO BE HERE?

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS VIRGINIA SANDERLIN, AND I AM SUPER EXCITED.

IT IS A LONG TIME COMING.

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD FOR THIS DAY.

SHE LIKES THE MICROPHONE.

>> WHAT ARE YOU GETTING YOUR DEGREE IN?

>> ASSOCIATE'S IN LIBERAL ARTS.

>> AND WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH THAT?

>> WELL, RIGHT NOW I AM GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HER AND WE ARE GOING TO KEEP MAKING ART.

AND I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

>> WELL, WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.

AND, ONE OF OUR MANY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GRADUATES WILL FIND OUT, I THINK WE HAVE A DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE HERE TO FINISH UP OUR INTERVIEWS.

LET'S FIND OUT WHO WE HAVE HERE NEXT.

HI, TELL US YOUR STORY?

WHAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO PIMA, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING YOUR DEGREE IN?

>> MY NAME IS CHRISTEN TENNISWOOD, MY DEGREE IS IN CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL ASSISTING.

I AM SO EXCITING.

NINE MONTHS HAS BEEN REALLY LONG BUT VERY REWARDING.

SO I AM PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT IT.

>> IS THAT A DEGREE THAT YOU CAN GO RIGHT TO, IS THE IDEA YOU GO RIGHT TO WORK, OR DO PEOPLE TRANSFER TO GET ANOTHER DEGREE?

>> IT DEPENDS.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN GET HIRED IN YOUR EXTERNSHIP, I GOT HIRED.

I START JUNE 2ND.

I'M EXCITED.

YEAH.

>> A SHORT SUMMER VACATION AND GO RIGHT TO WORK.

>> YEAH, RIGHT TO WORK.

YEAH.

>> DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY AND FRIEND HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT?

>> YES, MY HUSBAND AND MY TWO KIDS.

AND MY AUNT, UNCLE AND MY MOM.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

LOTS OF FAMILIES HERE TONIGHT.

AND WE'LL, WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO TIME FOR OUR CEREMONY TO START.

LET'S TALK TO OUR FINAL GRADUATE, FIND OUT WHAT HE HAS GOT GOING ON.

AND WHAT HE HAS TO SAY ABOUT TONIGHT.

HI, TELL US YOUR STORY.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?

WHY YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CEREMONY?

>> MY NAME IS AARON DINIUS.

I AM ACTUALLY HERE FOR MY GRADUATION MY ASSOCIATE'S OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN

COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING AS WELL AS TWO DEGREES IN MACHINE TOOL

TECHNOLOGY ONE IN COMPUTER NUMERIC CONTROL AND MANUAL MACHINIST.

>> THAT IS AN INTERESTING COMBINATION THAT I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE WOULD BE

THINKING OF.

TELL US HOW YOU GOT IN TO THOSE?

>> WELL THE MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY WAS ACTUALLY, I TOOK THOSE AS

TECHNICAL ELECTIVES TO THE COMPUTER-AIDED DRAFTING DEGREE.

IT WAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS WHICH I

FEEL WILL, YOU KNOW, EVENTUALLY HELP ME TO BECOME A BETTER DESIGNER.

HERE AT PIMA, I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO THINK VERY CRITICALLY HOW I AM GOING TO



DO THINGS, HOW I AM GOING TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PRODUCE THE PRODUCT.

AND SO, THAT, THAT IS THE REASON WHY I ENDED UP WITH TWO ADDITIONAL DEGREES ON TOP OF MY PRIMARY WHICH IS COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING.

>> SO, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE A JOB, TELL US ABOUT THAT.

AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE -- WHAT DO YOU HAVE GOING ON THIS SUMMER, ANY SUMMER VACATION?

>> WELL, ACTUALLY, NO SUMMER VACATION AS -- YOU WOULD CALL IT.

I AM WORKING AT A PLACE DOWN IN GREEN VALLEY DOING SOME R & D, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

AND I AM THE MECHANICAL DRAFTER AS WELL AS THEIR KIND OF PART TIME MACHINIST.

SO, BUT I AM WORKING AS OF MONDAY I WILL BE FULL TIME.

>> WELL, CONGRATULATIONS.

AND, WHAT'S BROUGHT YOU HERE TONIGHT?

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY TONIGHT?

>> WELL, I HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE LAST, ESPECIALLY THIS LAST YEAR, PARTICULARLY THIS SEMESTER.

AND, YOU KNOW, I FEEL IT'S -- YOU KNOW, I NEED TO BE THERE TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO, YOU KNOW, DO THE SAME THING.

TO, TO -- TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS.

AND I FEEL THAT IF I CAN -- JUST, JUST, BY MY PRESENCE HERE -- MAYBE HOPEFULLY  
INSPIRE ONE OR TWO OF YOU OUT THERE, THEN I THINK I HAVE, I HAVE DONE WELL.

>> ALL RIGHT.

WELL THAT'S, IT IS ALWAYS UPLIFTING TO HEAR OUR STORIES FROM OUR PIMA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.

AND ESPECIALLY TONIGHT WHEN THEY'RE HERE, WHEN THEY CAN SHARE THE STORY  
WITH ALL OF YOU IN THE PIMA FAMILY.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR US TO GET STARTED.

WE HAVE -- HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ARE GOING TO BE YOUR FUTURE  
AVIATION TECHNICIANS, NURSES, MACHINISTS, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND ALL KINDS OF  
OTHER THINGS.

SO WE ARE GOING TO GET -- THEM SITUATED.

WE WILL, WE ARE GOING TO GET THE SHOW STARTED.

AND FIND YOUR PLACES.

AND GET READY WITH A LITTLE DANCING IN THE AISLES.

>> WELCOME TO THE TUCSON ARENA.

WE KINDLY REQUEST YOU TAKE THE TIME TO IDENTIFY EXITS IN THE ARENA.

IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCY, REMAIN CALM AND EXIT THROUGH ONE OF THE

DESIGNATED EMERGENCY DOORS.

ALL EXITS ARE MARKED WITH A LIGHTED SIGN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED DIRECTIONS TO THE EXITS, SPEAK TO AN

USHER OR TUCSON ARENA EMPLOYEE.

THANK YOU.

AND ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE.

[SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

["POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" PLAYS]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

>> GOOD EVENING.

IF EVERYONE COULD PLEASE RISE FOR THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY

RACHEL EZONNAEBI.

¶ 'O SAY CAN YOU SEE.

BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT ¶¶

¶ WHAT SO WE HAILED AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING.

WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS.

THROUGH THE PERILOUS.

FIGHT.

O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED.

WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING.

AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE.

THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR FOR GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT.

THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE ¶¶

¶¶ 'O SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED.

BANNER.

YET WAVE ¶¶

¶ O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE.

AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE ¶¶ [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

>> YOU CAN BE SEATED.

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EACH OF YOU.

I'M DR. ZELEMA HARRIS, INTERIM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR, AND I

HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF SERVING AS YOUR HOST THIS EVENING.

I WANT TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FAMILIES AND GUESTS WHO HAVE

JOINED US AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2014.

[APPLAUSE]

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PERSONS JOINING ME ON STAGE

TONIGHT.

PLEASE, PLEASE, HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE UNTIL EVERYONE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.

I'LL BEGIN WITH THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

DR. BRENDA EVEN, DISTRICT 1.

DR. DAVID LONGORIA, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, DISTRICT 2.

DR. SYLVIA LEE, DISTRICT 3.

MS. MARTY CORTEZ, DISTRICT 5, AND MR. SCOTT STEWART, WHO WAS UNABLE TO BE WITH US THIS EVENING.

NEXT, OUR CHANCELLOR, CHANCELLOR LEE LAMBERT, EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR.

YOUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, ATHANASIA CHALKIOPOULOS.

WE ALSO HAVE PRESIDENTS OF THE SIX CAMPUSES WITH US, DR. SHEILA ORTEGO,

COMMUNITY CAMPUS, MR. MR. TED ROUSH, DESERT VISTA CAMPUS, DR. GWEN

JOSEPH, DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, MS. CHARLOTTE FUGETT, EAST CAMPUS, DR. DARLA

ZIRBES, NORTHWEST CAMPUS, AND DR. LOUIS ALBERT, WEST CAMPUS.

AND, YOUR FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE MS. KIMLISA.

DUCHICELA.

THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL EVENING FOR EVERYONE.

AND WE WANT YOU TO ALL ENJOY ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM.

SO, LET'S ALL TAKE A MINUTE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT OUR CELLPHONES ARE OFF AND

SILENT AND IN ADDITION I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT IN A FEW MINUTES WHEN YOU

CROSS THE STAGE TO RECEIVE YOUR SCROLL PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEAT SO YOU CAN CHEER OTHERS ON.

ONCE EVERYONE HAS RECEIVED THEIR SCROLL, I WILL INVITE CHANCELLOR LAMBERT TO THE LECTERN TO FORMALLY CONFER YOUR DEGREES.

YOU REALLY HAVEN'T GRADUATED UNTIL HE HAS REFERRED, CONFERRED THE DEGREES.

THAT IS ALSO WHEN YOU MOVE YOUR TASSEL FROM THE RIGHT TO THE LEFT.

AND I PROMISE THE PROGRAM WILL MOVE ALONG NICELY.

SO NOW I HAVE THE DISTINCT HONOR OF PRESENTING TO YOU THE CHANCELLOR OF PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CHANCELLOR LEE LAMBERT.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014!

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] >> YEA.

TONIGHT WE ARE HERE TO HONOR YOU AND RECOGNIZE THAT THIS GRADUATION IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR NOT ONLY YOURSELVES, BUT FOR YOUR LOVED ONES.

AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS MY FIRST COMMENCEMENT AS YOUR CHANCELLOR OF PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST SHARE JUST A QUICK OBSERVATION.

YES, IT IS HOT IN TUCSON, ARIZONA.

BUT, YES IT IS A DRY HEAT.

THIS YEAR'S PCC GRADUATION IS A LITTLE MORE SPECIAL FOR ANOTHER REASON.

AND THAT IS BECAUSE THE WOMEN AND MEN RECEIVING DIPLOMAS AND

CERTIFICATES TONIGHT ARE ONCE AGAIN PART OF THE LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S HISTORY.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] THIS YEAR, THERE ARE NEARLY 3800 CANDIDATES FOR

GRADUATION, A RECORD FOR THE SCHOOL AND TRULY A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS IS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT PIMA HAS SET

A SCHOOL RECORD WHICH IS EVEN MORE PHENOMENAL.

THE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES TO BE AWARDED TONIGHT ARE DIVERSE AS THE

STUDENTS THEMSELVES.

THIS YEAR'S CLASS RANGES IN AGE FROM 15 TO 76.

WOW.

RIGHT.

LIKE ALL PREMIER COMMUNITY COLLEGES, PIMA SERVES EVERYONE AND GIVES

EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED.

70 GRADUATES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES WITH THE HIGHEST OF ACADEMIC

HONORS AFTER EARNING THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.9 OR BETTER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

OUR GRADUATES ARE GOING ON TO CAREERS AS NURSES, AS ENTREPRENEURS, FIRE FIGHTERS, ACCOUNTANTS, TEACHERS, PARALEGALS, PHARMACY TECHNOLOGISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND THE LIST GOES ON.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

AND MANY OF YOU WILL ALSO BE HEADED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY, AND ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY.

AND OF COURSE, TO THE OTHER FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS OUR NATION.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT INDIVIDUALLY YOU WILL ALL GO ON TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS AND THAT COLLECTIVELY YOU WILL FORM THE FOUNDATION OF A STABLE, PROSPEROUS TUCSON, AND PIMA COUNTY.

PCC IS, OF COURSE, PROUD OF YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE PROUD OF YOU.

SO LET'S GIVE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY A HAND.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

AS YOU KNOW WITHOUT THEM THE JOURNEY TO TODAY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN



POSSIBLE.

ALSO, YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS DUE IN PART TO THE WONDERFUL STAFF AND FACULTY THAT HAVE SUPPORTED YOUR JOURNEY THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME WITH PIMA.

SO LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND AS WELL.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT YOUR PART -- YOU'RE PART OF A LONG TRADITION.

OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, PIMA HAS AWARDED DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES TO NEARLY 32,000 STUDENTS.

AND YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT PIMA IS ALWAYS TRYING TO IMPROVE.

AS YOUR CHANCELLOR, THIS, THIS PAST YEAR, I HAVE MADE IT A PRIORITY TO LISTEN TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, EMPLOYEES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO GET THEIR INSIGHTS ABOUT THE COLLEGE.

I HAVE MET WITH OVER, WELL OVER 1,000 INDIVIDUALS BOTH FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY.

STUDENTS IN OUR REFUGEE EDUCATION PROGRAM HAVE COME TO PCC FROM AROUND THE WORLD, FROM PLACES LIKE SUDAN, RUSSIA, IRAQ, MEXICO, CHINA, AND INSTRUCTORS WHO HAVE TAUGHT FOR DECADES AT PCC, OWNERS OF BUSINESSES,

LARGE, AND SMALL, STUDENT VETERANS, COMING TO PCC TO RESTART THEIR CIVILIAN LIVES, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS, AND AGAIN, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.

SO I HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO MEET SO WONDERFUL, FINE, INDIVIDUALS IN THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

SO EVERYWHERE I GO, THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME.

THIS COMMUNITY IS PROUD OF HAVING PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

AND THEY WANT PIMA TO GO ON TO BE A GREAT INSTITUTION, THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE IMPORTANT TO MEETING YOUR NEEDS, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO POWER EDUCATION AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE FOUNDATION OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

AND AS YOU KNOW, EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ACHIEVING THE AMERICAN DREAM.

GIVEN THAT YOU HAVE GAINED MUCH FROM PIMA, IT AN APPROPRIATE TEAM TO TALK ABOUT GIVING BACK.

FOR THE FIRST THINGS FIRST.

IN A FEW MINUTES YOU WILL BECOME PCC ALUMNI.

AND I HOPE THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHEN YOU ARE IN A POSSESSION TO DO SO, NOT FORGET, WHERE MANY OF YOU GOT YOUR START, RIGHT HERE AT PIMA

COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

SO WE CAN HELP THE NEXT GENERATION MOVE FORWARD AS YOU HOPEFULLY WILL  
JOIN OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE FROM THE PHILOSOPHER, HERBERT SPENCER.

"THE GREAT AIM OF EDUCATION, HE WROTE, "IS NOT NOT EDGE BUT ACTION."

THAT RINGS TRUE.

IT IS NOT MERELY ENOUGH TO KNOW THINGS ONE MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO  
THINGS, ESPECIALLY THINGS THAT MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL OF US.

AND YOU DO HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

AS KOFI ANNAN, THE FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAID,  
ARGUING ABOUT GLOBALIZATION IS LIKE ARGUING ABOUT GRAVITY.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES ARE MAKING OUR PLANET TRULY A TINY  
PLACE.

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HAVE AN IMPACT NOT ONLY IN YOUR COMMUNITY, BUT IN  
COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE ACROSS OUR PLANET.

I'LL CLOSE WITH A QUESTION FOR EACH OF YOU -- THAT QUESTION IS -- WHAT IS YOUR  
NORTH STAR?

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

WHAT EXCITES YOU?

WHAT DOES YOUR LIFE REVOLVE AROUND?

EACH OF YOU WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT ANSWER.

FINDING A JOB.

EARNING A GOOD INCOME.

THERE ARE NO WRONG ANSWERS.

I BELIEVE THAT YOU CANNOT GO WRONG TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OTHERS.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR SAYS, LOOK OUTWARD, AS WELL AS INWARD, BUILD BRIDGES INSTEAD OF WALLS.

WHEN YOU MAKE HELPING OTHERS A CORE PART OF YOUR LIFE, EVERYONE BENEFITS.

I URGE YOU TO TAKE THE LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED AT PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND CREATE A LIFE WORTH LIVING FOR OTHERS AS WELL AS YOURSELF.

THANK YOU.

AND CONGRATULATIONS.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] >> THANK YOU, CHANCELLOR LAMBERT.

PIMA COLLEGE IS FULL OF MANY STORIES THAT ANY ONE OF YOU COULD SHARE.

ON HOW YOU PERSEVERED TO EARN YOUR DEGREE.

TONIGHT ONE OF YOUR CLASSMATES IS GOING TO SHARE HER STORY.

ATHANASIA CHALKIOPOULOS, REFLECTS THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT PIMA STRIVES TO CULTIVATE IN EVERY STUDENT.

SHE WILL BE RECEIVING HER ASSOCIATES IN LIBERAL ARTS AND WILL BE TRANSFERRING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA TO WORK ON HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION.

SHE WAS AMONG SEVERAL THAT WERE RECENTLY RECOGNIZED AT AN HONORS AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

HER PASSION FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AND HISTORY WILL EXCITE THE YOUNG MINDS OF HER FUTURE.

PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME, YOUR STUDENT SPEAKER, ATHANASIA CHALKIOPOULOS.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] >> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

ARISTOTLE'S PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE HAPPINESS IS THE IDEAL CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY, PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE MAJORITY OF ALL PEOPLE.

AS I LOOK AROUND THIS AMPHITHEATER TONIGHT, I SEE COLLECTIVE HAPPINESS.

BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL WORKED HARD TO EARN THIS UNIFIED VICTORY TO CELEBRATE.

AND I UNDERSTAND THAT RIGHT NOW ALL WE WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO DO IS CHERISH

THIS EXCITING MOMENT.

BUT TOMORROW WE WILL WAKE UP TO FACE THE FACT THAT EACH GRADUATE CLASS INHERITS THE PROBLEMS AND RHETORIC OF YESTERDAY.

WE STAND AS RELAY RACERS PASSING ON THE SAME BATON, RUNNING THE SAME RACE WITH NO WINNERS, BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, THE ECONOMY, EDUCATION, HEALTH, WARS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT ISSUES THAT WE SHOULD ALL AGREE TO MAKE PEACE WITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE, CONTINUE TO DIVIDE US, RATHER THAN UNITE US.

THEREFORE, AS WE REVEL IN OUR COLLECTIVE HAPPINESS TONIGHT I WANT US TO ALL REMEMBER TOMORROW AND EACH DAY FORWARD HOW WE WILL UPHOLD THE IDEAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY BY EXEMPLIFYING A GRADUATE CLASS THAT TAKES ACTION TO REINFORCE IDEALISM BY RAISING OUR EXPECTATIONS.

WE ALL KNOW THAT IT ONLY TAKES ONE INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

AND THIS STATEMENT RINGS TRUE WHEN WE SELFLESSLY HELP OTHERS.

BECAUSE COMPASSION BREEDS HAPPINESS AND RESPECT FOR HUMANITY.

BUT AN INDIVIDUAL IS LIMITED TO ONE'S OWN POWER.

ARISTOTLE'S MOST FAMOUS PUPIL, ALEXANDER THE GREAT UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF UNITY.

WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF UNITY, ALEXANDER COULD NOT HAVE OBTAINED THE

POWER OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE HIS IDEALISTIC DREAM, TO BRING FREEDOM AND EDUCATION TO ALL PEOPLE.

ONCE UPON A TIME THOUSAND OF YEARS BEFORE WE HAD THESE COLLECTIVE IDEALS OF HAPPINESS, TRANSMITTED DOWN TO JOHN LOCKE AND THOMAS JEFFERSON'S WORD OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, AND LONG BEFORE SLAVERY WAS ABOLISHED IN AMERICA, ALEXANDER THE GREAT HAD ALREADY ACHIEVED THE IDEAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY.

HOWEVER, I BELIEVE IT IS BEST NOT TO HEAR MY PERSPECTIVE, OR THE PERSPECTIVES OF CERTAIN HISTORIANS WITH BIASES OR HIDDEN AGENDAS.

WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO ILLUMINATE THE TRUE IMAGE AND SOUL OF OMEGA ANDROS THROUGH HIS OWN WORD, THUS BEFORE I CONCLUDE I SHALL READ THE OATH OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

IT IS MY WISH NOW THAT THE WARS ARE COMING TO AN END THAT YOU SHOULD ALL BE HAPPY AND LIVE IN PEACE.

FROM NOW ON LET ALL MORTALS LIVE AS ONE PEOPLE IN FELLOWSHIP FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

SEE THE WHOLE WORLD AS YOUR HOMELAND WITH LAWS COMMON TO ALL.

WHERE THE BEST WILL GOVERN REGARDLESS OF RACE.

UNLIKE THE NARROW-MINDED, I MAKE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN GREEKS AND

BARBARIANS, THE ORIGIN OF CITIZENS OR THE RACE INTO WHICH THEY WERE BORN IS OF NO CONCERN TO ME.

I HAVE ONLY ONE CRITERION BY WHICH TO DISTINGUISH THEM, VIRTUE.

FOR ME, ANY GOOD FOREIGNER IS A GREEK, AND ANY BAD GREEK IS WORSE THAN A BARBARIAN.

IF DISPUTES SHOULD EVER OCCUR AMONG YOU, YOU SHALL NOT RESORT TO WEAPONS, BUT WILL SOLVE THEM IN PEACE.

IF NEED BE, I SHALL ARBITRATE BETWEEN YOU.

SEE GOD, NOT AS AN AUTOCRATIC DESPOT, BUT AS COMMON FATHER OF ALL AND THUS YOUR LIVES WILL BE LIKE THE CONDUCT OF BROTHERS WITHIN THE SAME FAMILY.

I ON MY PART SEE YOU ALL AS EQUAL, WHETHER YOU ARE WHITE OR DARK SKINNED, AND I SHOULD LIKE YOU NOT SIMPLY TO BE SUBJECTS OF MY COMMONWEALTH, BUT MEMBERS OF IT, PARTNERS OF IT.

TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, I SHALL STRIVE TO DO WHAT I HAVE PROMISED.

KEEP THIS OATH WHICH WE HAVE MADE TONIGHT WITH OUR LIBATIONS, AS A SYMBOL OF LOVE.

AND THAT DISTINGUISHED FACULTY, FELLOW GRADUATES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WAS RECORDED IN 320B.C., BY OPIS, IS IT NOT QUITE SAD.

YET THIS DREAM CAN BE RESURRECTED IT REQUIRES YOU AND I TO TAKE ACTION TO



DO SO.

WHEN WE THINK IN TERMS OF COLLECTIVE HAPPINESS, WE SHALL SUPPORT NOTHING  
LESS THAN THE BEST FOR ALL PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

THUS, LET US REMEMBER THIS OATH OF ACTION TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR  
EVERYONE!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH ATHANASIA FOR SUCH A THOUGHT-PROVOKING SPEECH.

LET'S GIVE HER ANOTHER HAND.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] I THINK YOUR FAMILY IS HERE TONIGHT IN SECTION 104.

SO LET'S RECOGNIZE THEM.

WHERE ARE YOU?

RAISE YOUR HANDS.

I KNOW YOU ARE VERY, VERY PROUD.

[APPLAUSE]

AND THE CHANCELLOR WILL JOIN ME IN PRESENTING A PLAQUE TO ATHANASIA FOR  
HER PRESENTATION TONIGHT.

AND ALSO TO THANK HER FOR HER LEADERSHIP WHILE AT PIMA.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

NOW, THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND CHANCELLOR LAMBERT, AS THE INTERIM PROVOST

AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES, I HAVE THE

HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FACULTY OF PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS

CERTIFIED THESE STUDENTS, THEY HAVE FULFILLED THE COLLEGE'S REQUIREMENT FOR

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES.

AND NOW, COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES WILL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATES AND

DEGREES EARNED BY THE CLASS OF 2014.

AND REMEMBER, STUDENTS, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEAT AND REMAIN THERE

UNTIL THE DEGREES HAVE BEEN CONFERRED BY CHANCELLOR LAMBERT.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

[GRADUATES' NAMES ANNOUNCED]

>> CHANCELLOR LAMBERT, I HAVE THE HONOR OF PRESENTING TO YOU THE CLASS

OF 2014.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

[APPLAUSE]

>> ALL RIGHT.

CONGRATULATIONS.

[APPLAUSE]

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK PROVOST HARRIS FOR OFFICIATING

TONIGHT'S EVENT.

SO PLEASE THANK HER AGAIN.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] ALSO, WANT TO THANK THE READERS AND THE

INTERPRETERS FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS GRADUATION

CEREMONY SPECIAL FOR THE CLASS OF 2014.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] SO CAN EVERYBODY PLEASE STAND.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] >> YEA!

[APPLAUSE]

>> YES!

OK.

THIS IS THE IMPORTANT PART NOW.

BY THE AUTHORITY AND POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA, I NOW DECLARE YOU

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH ALL OF THE EARNED RIGHTS,

RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PRIVILEGES.

YOU MAY NOW MOVE YOUR TASSELS FROM THE RIGHT TO THE LEFT, AS A SYMBOL OF

YOUR NEW STATUS.

YES!

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

[APPLAUSE]

WE HAVE GOT A SPECIAL VIDEO.