(FOLLOWING PROCESSIONAL)

PRESIDENT MILLNER: (Keep the mic about 6" from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

“Please be seated.” As President, I am pleased to welcome you on behalf of the faculty, staff, and governing boards of Weber State University to the university’s 140th commencement. The prelude and processional music were performed by the Weber State University Orchestra conducted by Dr. Michael Palumbo......... (Pause)

Seated on the platform are members of the Board of Trustees: James Beardall, Bryan Bowles, Andrew Gardiner, Alan Hall, Mary Hall, Kathryn Lindquist, Scott Parson, Steve Starks and Kevin Sullivan. We are very pleased to have with us today, Rod Brady a past president of the university. Also seated on the platform are Scott Marquardt and Teresa Theurer, members of the Utah State Board of Regents and the Utah System of Higher Education Commissioner, Dave Buhler.

Faculty, staff, student body officers and past honorary degree recipients are seated on the floor. I would especially like to acknowledge our faculty and staff who are retiring this year. We appreciate their dedication and service to the university, and we wish them well in their new endeavors. Let's give them a round of applause........
Welcome, graduates! Today we gather to celebrate a major achievement in each of your lives, the conferring of your degree from Weber State University.

For some of you, this is the realization of a dream that started as a child. For others, this may be a goal you set for yourself as an adult. In either case, commencement represents a significant milestone for you. It represents years of hard work, dedication, perseverance and personal sacrifice.

The dream was powerful. It motivated you. It sustained you and inspired you to achieve what might once have seemed impossible. Today you celebrate this dream coming true in your life!

Through the university’s collective commitment to core themes of access, learning and community, Weber State University aspires to have been – and to continue to be – “worthy of your dreams” as a student and an alum of this university. Our faculty, staff and supporters have facilitated extraordinary and personalized learning experiences for you. They have helped you pursue a rich array of research, creative and applied experiences that have enhanced your learning and assisted you in applying your knowledge locally and globally. Each and every day they have focused on enabling you to develop your potential as a person, a professional and an engaged citizen. So
commencement is a celebration for each of us as well – because your success is our success!

As my tenure as President of Weber State University draws to a close, I am reminded of a quote I shared at my inauguration. William James said “The best use of life is to invest it in something that will outlast it.” The faculty, staff, alumni, friends and donors of this university together have chosen to invest in you. Your life, your family and generations to come will be changed by your educational achievements. In turn, I charge you to leave here today with a personal commitment to “invest your life in something that will outlast it.”

Make us proud. (… Pause…)

Now, I like to think of this next segment as the “interactive” portion of my remarks. Given the social media age in which we live, I’m asking today’s graduates to actively participate in a demonstration that will “show” our audience a little more about the class of two thousand twelve. Graduates, are you “game?”

Graduates, please stand if you are the first in your family to graduate. (……Pause…..) You may be seated. Thank you.

Please stand if you worked part-time or full-time while attending the university. (……Pause…….) You may be seated. Thank you.

Please stand if you participated in a service-learning project, had an internship,
conducted undergraduate research or completed a capstone or senior project…(......Pause......) Thank you.

Please stand if you have a job or are continuing in graduate or professional studies. (......Pause......) Thank you.

You have just demonstrated why we should all have faith in the future.

Congratulations to each of you and best wishes for your future success – wherever your dreams may take you!

Graduation does not mean the end of your connection to Weber State University. The knowledge you’ve gained and the relationships you’ve formed will last a lifetime. Approach each new day with the zeal and determination that led to the accomplishment we are celebrating today.

Stay in touch. Tell us about your successes. Keep chasing your dreams. And don’t ever forget that you bleed purple!

........ (Pause)........

Now, you will have the opportunity to hear from Zachary Jones, one of our outstanding graduates, who as a representative of the 2012 class, will deliver the student address. Following Zachary’s remarks, Steve Starks, a member of the Board of Trustees, will present an honorary Doctorate of Humanities to Gail Miller.

...... (Pause) .........
Zachary Jones is graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in Political Science. A lifelong Ogden resident, Zach has demonstrated a strong commitment to service and working with area youth. He worked at the Elizabeth Stewart Treehouse Museum prior to serving a church mission in Northern California. During his mission, he worked with the Hmong people from Laos, who now call California home. After returning to Utah, Zach spent two semesters teaching elementary school-aged students at Harmony Educational Services, a Utah charter school. This fall he’s teaching junior high and high school courses on constitutional history, intensive writing and British literature.

After graduation, Zach will continue to teach high school and junior high school students for a year, while he prepares to take the LSAT and applies to law school. Once he has earned his law degree, Zach plans to return to the Ogden area to teach literature, history or law classes at a private or charter school.

‘Ladies and gentlemen, Zachary Jones...

(President Millner takes her seat and Zachary comes to the podium)

Zachary Jones:

[SKIP AHEAD]

MUSICAL SELECTION
Weber State University’s Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by Michael Palumbo

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PRESIDENT MILLNER:

Thank you (directed to the orchestra) . . . and thank you, Gail Miller. . . .

(Pause)

We shall now proceed with the conferring of certificates, diplomas, and degrees to the graduates. The candidates for graduation will be presented by Provost Michael Vaughan.

(President Millner remains standing as Mike Vaughan comes to the podium.)

MIKE VAUGHAN: (Keep the mic about 6" from the mouth and just below the chin.)

Will the candidates for the Institutional Certificate please arise. Will the candidates for the Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Pre-Engineering, Associate of Science and Associate of Arts please arise. Will the candidates for the Bachelor of Integrated Studies, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education please arise. Will the candidates for the Master of Arts in English, Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction, Master of Science in Athletic Training, Master of Health Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Business Administration, Master of Accounting and Master of Taxation please arise.

(CANDIDATES REMAIN STANDING AS A GROUP)

MIKE VAUGHAN (continues)

President Millner, as Provost of Weber State University, I have the honor to present these candidates who have completed all requirements of the certificates and degrees indicated in the Program of the Day and are deemed worthy of this distinction.

(MIKE VAUGHAN REMAINS STANDING, THE GRADUATES REMAIN STANDING)

PRESIDENT MILLNER:
In the name of Weber State University, upon recommendation of its faculty and by the authority of the Utah State Board of Regents, I hereby confer upon each of you the appropriate certificate and degree indicated in the Program of the Day. As a symbol of this achievement, will all of the candidates move the tassels from the right side of their caps to the left side.

DR. VAUGHAN RETURNS TO HIS SEAT AND PRESIDENT MILLNER CONTINUES...

(THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY START MOVING TO THE FLOOR.)

PRESIDENT MILLNER:

The graduates for Certificates, Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master degrees will be presented by the dean of each of the academic colleges; the Director of Bachelor of Integrated Studies Program; and the Associate Provost. You can refer to the Program of the Day for the order of presentation.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL EXIT THE STAND AND PROCEED TO THE BACK OF THE ARENA (BETWEEN THE

WARREN HILL WILL STEP UP TO THE MICROPHONE ON THE FLOOR:

WARREN HILL: (At the microphone on the floor - (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

PLEASE PAUSE UNTIL THE GRADUATES APPEAR AT THE READER’S TABLE.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from the College of Applied Science & Technology. Graduates, will you please come forward.......... 

WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COME FORWARD, WARREN HILL WILL STAND AT THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AL TALBOT WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER. AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, WARREN AND AL WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.)

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YAS SIMONIAN SHOULD QUICKLY COME TO THE FLOOR MICROPHONE AS SOON AS WARREN HILL SITS DOWN.

YAS SIMONIAN: (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

IMPORTANT NOTE: begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from the Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions. The first degrees to be awarded will be the Master of Health Administration and Master of Science in Nursing. Graduates, please come forward......
WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS COME FORWARD, YAS SIMONIAN SHOULD QUICKLY PROCEED TO STAND AT THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. KEN JOHNSON WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, YAS AND KEN WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

MADONNE MINER SHOULD COME TO THE FLOOR MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.

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MADONNE MINER: (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities. The first degree to be awarded will be the Master of Arts in English. Graduates, please come forward......

WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE TELITHA E. LINDQUIST COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES COME FORWARD, MADONNE MINER SHOULD QUICKLY PROCEED TO STAND AT THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. CATHERINE ZUBLIN WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, MADONNE AND CATHERINE WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

DALE OSTLIE WILL COME UP TO THE FLOOR MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.

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DALE OSTLIE: (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)
IMPORTANT NOTE: Begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from the College of Science. Graduates, please come forward......

WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE COME FORWARD, DALE OSTLIE SHOULD QUICKLY PROCEED TO STAND AT THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. BRAD CARROLL WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, DALE AND BRAD WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

JACK RASMUSSEN WILL COME TO THE MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.)

JACK RASMUSSEN: (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from the Jerry & Vickie Moyes College of Education. The first degree to be awarded will be the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and Master of Science in Athletic Training. Graduates, please come forward......

WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COME FORWARD, JACK RASMUSSEN SHOULD QUICKLY PROCEED TO STAND AT THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. JACK MAYHEW WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, DEAN RASMUSSEN AND JACK MAYHEW WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

RICHARD SADLER WILL COME TO THE FLOOR MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.)

FRANK HARROLD: (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)
Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences. The first degree to be awarded will be the Master of Criminal Justice. Graduates, please come forward.....

WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES COME FORWARD, RICHARD SADLER WILL PROCEED TO STAND AT THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. ERIC AMSEL WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, DEAN SADLER AND ERIC AMSEL WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

CLIFF NOWELL WILL COME TO THE MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.)

CLIFF NOWELL: (Keep the mic about 6" from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates from the John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics. The first degrees to be awarded will be the Master of Business Administration, Master of Accounting and Master of Taxation. Graduates, please come forward.....

WHILE THE CANDIDATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS COME FORWARD, LEWIS SHOULD QUICKLY PROCEED TO STAND AT THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. ROLF DIXON WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, LEWIS AND ROLF WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

KATHLEEN SITZMAN WILL COME TO THE MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.)

KATHLEEN SITZMAN: (Keep the mic about 6" from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)
IMPORTANT NOTE: Begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to you the graduates who are earning a Bachelor of Integrated Studies.

Graduates, please come forward........


AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE THE DIRECTION THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, KATHLEEN WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO HER SEAT ON THE FLOOR.

BRUCE BOWEN WILL COME TO THE MICROPHONE.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND DR. VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR.

BRUCE BOWEN: (Keep the mic about 6” from the mouth and just below the chin. Speak loudly and slowly)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Begin speaking as soon as the last graduate from the previous college is halfway down the aisle.

It is my pleasure to present to you the final group of graduates we will honor today. Will the students who are earning an Associate of Arts in General Studies, or an Associate of Science in General Studies please come forward........

BRUCE SHOULD QUICKLY PROCEED BACK TO THE END OF THE LEFT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. JILL GROB WILL PROCEED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE END OF THE RIGHT DIPLOMA TABLE TO HAND THE GRADUATES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER AND SHAKE THEIR HAND. AS THE FIRST GRADUATE RECEIVES THEIR DIPLOMA COVER, PLEASE INDICATE WHERE THEY SHOULD WALK AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COVER.

AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA COVER, BRUCE BOWEN AND JILL GROB WILL RETURN TO THEIR SEATS ON THE FLOOR.

PRESIDENT MILLNER AND MIKE VAUGHAN WILL REMAIN AT THE BACK TO GREET STUDENTS.

REX BAXTER COMES TO THE PODIUM AND WAITS UNTIL AFTER THE LAST GRADUATE HAS BEEN GREETED BY PRESIDENT MILLNER AND MIKE VAUGHAN. HE THEN BEGINS TO SPEAK.
As President of the Weber State University Alumni Association, I would like to invite all the alumni present today to please stand. (Pause).... Graduates, on behalf of these alumni and the Alumni Association, I welcome the class of 2010 into the ranks of the WSU alumni. Hopefully, your status as a member of the class of 2010 will be an incentive for enthusiastic participation and continued involvement with the alumni association and your alma mater in the years to come.

Now that you have become an alumnus, please take the opportunity to visit your alumni center. It is a beautiful structure that represents how we feel about the importance of our alumni. You can take great pride in your facility and the activities taking place through the Alumni Association. Again..... congratulations and welcome, class of 2010! It’s a great day to be a Wildcat.
Thank you....... (Pause) ........

Graduates..........today is a personal achievement to be celebrated, but you didn’t do it alone. Your family and friends encouraged and supported you in your studies and they are here to celebrate with you today. Let’s give them a round of applause. (Clap, clap, clap) Thank you!

We appreciate everyone who planned and participated in the commencement program this afternoon or who’s been instrumental in its organization and planning. If there are any in the audience who would like an additional program, they will be available at Portal 14. You may pick them up after the conclusion of this ceremony.

For those who would like to view this entire ceremony, please refer to page 23 in your program for information on watching commencement on Weber State’s YouTube channel or instructions for obtaining your personal DVD of this ceremony.

Alumni, as you leave here today, I encourage you to continue your connection with Weber State University. We hope it is a lifelong relationship where you return to learn, to foster relationships with faculty and colleagues, to support students who follow in your footsteps and to engage in university activities. You will always be a part of Weber State University - a place that played a role in changing your life.
Now, would you please join the Weber State University’s Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Michael Palumbo and vocalist, Nicole Atkinson, in singing the school song, *Purple and White*.

For those of you who have not yet memorized *Purple and White*, the words are printed inside the back cover of the program.

This will conclude Weber State University’s 140th Commencement Exercises. Graduates, if you would like to visit with your professors, please feel free to come down on the floor following the singing of *Purple and White*.

Will you please rise for our school song.

RETURN TO SEAT BUT REMAIN STANDING

SCHOOL SONG -- "PURPLE AND WHITE".

BRING HOUSE LIGHTS UP AS THE WSU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY THE POSTLUDE