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Speaker 1

I pledge allegiance.

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To the flag.

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Speaker 3

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with real joy and pride that I open the commencement of the Class of 1980.

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Nine San Jose City College.

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Speaker 3

Before I welcome you individually and collectively, let me introduce a space party from my right. Your last Mrs. Piggy apparently expand President.

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Unknown

Of the classified council. Ms.. Mary Rose.

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Speaker 3

President of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District. Mr. Richard Casey, Administrator, Dean for the College. Dr. Richard Gonzales Chancellor, Evergreen Community College District. Dr. Leo Chavez.

Instruction will be Mr. Henry Gates Senior Honoree and Recipient, Part 83. You'll hear more about him later. Mr. Lima may not be the.

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Unknown

President of the association, but Dr..

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Speaker 3

Eugene Costello.

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Speaker 4

President of the.

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Speaker 3

Senate English Teacher Scholarship.

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Unknown

Walker Alvarado, Vice Mayor of Central Valley Media and recipient of the Great Hall of the.

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Speaker 3

Mr. Sonora Gibson, Director of Transfer Program.

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And Head of our Honors Program at Ceremony Call our interpreter.

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Speaker 3

Debbie Strong and Christine, the poet.

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Unknown

Cover poet and Mr. Charles Freiberg. In the second row.

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Speaker 3

Associate dean of Student Services. Michelle Powers, trustee, Ms.. Virginia Scales Vice President, Kia.

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Representing Mr. Bruce Carroll.

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Speaker 3

President of the CTA. Fran McBrien, Instructor at City College, Haverhill, former President of the CPA. Chapter three.

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Three. Mr. Robert Brown, Director.

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Speaker 3

Of the Admissions and Records of the District. Mr. Michael Hill.

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Speaker 1

Vice Chancellor.

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Speaker 4

Of Evergreen Community.

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Speaker 3

College District. Mr. Charles Blackmore, Trustee. Mr. Marie Yoder.

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Trust Student Trustee. Mr. Renee BLOCK.

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Speaker 3

Trustee. Without a program instructor and reason for this graduation ceremony. And lastly, Mr. Richard Bowers, Trustee. Time will not permit for me to introduce them individually, but I write for the faculty and staff of staff assembled here to span or to give these people tribute because we're not for them. You will not be where you are. They are the ones who provide the structure.

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Speaker 3

And how do support staff. These are the dedicated servants of the college or the faculty and.

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Unknown

Staff there so we can them in those proceedings complete.

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Speaker 3

Let me greet you all. You are the last class of the 1980. You are indeed embarking upon your next level of endeavor, especially for our work. Are your career at a very exciting time in human history, scholars and educators are calling to remember that you left your footprint a gateway, a gateway to the nation through excuse me, college.

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Speaker 3

We believe we are.

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Speaker 1

Preparing workers.

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Speaker 3

For this. You were in charge of this exciting and significant occasion and the challenges that lay ahead. We will now have the presentation of awards.

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Speaker 4

I will be presenting the honorary degree to both America. I'm proud of myself, but I was not actually born in Santa Fe, born in Colorado. But she moved here and enough time to graduate from Santa Fe High School after a career in social work and much community involvement. She was first elected to the Santa Fe City Council in 1980.

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Speaker 4

Immediately following the immediately following the new district system, and she's represented the fourth District since that time at the very foundation is the highest ranking Hispanic woman in Northern California. She's a member and founder of the Hispanic Elected Officials of Santa Clara County and has taking a leadership role in the Latino Issues Forum, which is a an organization that will have a tremendous impact on both education and business in this county.

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Speaker 4

It is with a great deal of criminal pride and pleasure that I find myself in a position to be the president of the board at this time when Blanca Alvarado is receiving a an honorary degree. But over the years.

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Speaker 1

She and I have worked together on political campaigns and personal campaigns.

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Speaker 4

And campaigns in the community. She heard great deal about people, about young people and and about women coming up, Hispanics coming up.

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Speaker 1

And taking our rightful place.

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Speaker 4

In society, in positions of leadership. And so it's with a great deal of pleasure that by the authority vested in me as the president of the governing board and with the concurrence in the faculty that I award this associate of arts.

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Speaker 1

And Letters a great degree to my friend, mentor and.

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Unknown

Sister, my girlfriend, you.

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Speaker 5

Know, I'm Dick Barris, and I have the honor of presenting the honorary degree tonight to and my friend Henry Gage and I first met Henry when I came to this county. I was a country boy. He got a job in a big city, and I would drive around trying to acquaint myself with the cities and the counties. And I got lost.

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Speaker 5

And I called up Henry and I said, Henry, could you tell I was living in Senegal at the time? I said, Henry, could you tell me how to get on the freeway? I need to get home? And he said, Yeah. And he said, Go to the intersection there and look at the signs and tell me where you are, and then I'll give you the directions on how to get the freeway.

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Speaker 5

So I did. I came back and I said, okay, yeah, I did that. I said, I'm at the corner of a walk and don't walk.

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Unknown

So I've known that Henry a long time.

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Speaker 5

So he understands my problems and I understand he is. As a matter of fact, it might have been the intersection out there. And so that sort of occurs. I came in. Henry was born in Louisiana in 1927. Henry is someone who's a little unusual. He was born on a plantation. He comes from a large extended family system that still meet regularly garnered Louisiana periodic.

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Speaker 5

He attended elementary school, high school in Louisiana, attended the University of Puget Sound in the state of Washington, San Jose City College and San Jose State, majoring in real estate and insurance. He spent two and a half years in the military and the Navy, the Air Force and the U.S. Army retired to San Jose and became a division manager for the Prudential Insurance Company.

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Speaker 5

He was. Henry was elected to East Side Union High School Board of Trustees in 74 and completed 14 years of service with that district. He initiated programs and ideas that benefited the school district and many of the students within the school district. Henry was one of the two taxpayers that filed a lawsuit against other ABC for the return of school district interest monies that resulted in the return of some \$15 million to the school districts some years back.

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Speaker 5

He served 13 years on a Santa Clara County committee for School District Organization. He's a charter member of Friends of Lake Cunningham. He's a past president of the San Jose branch of the Endowment ACP, currently as educational chairperson. He's a past member of the trustee for the Antioch Baptist Church, and he's a past member of the board of directors of the economic and social opportunities he's received.

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Speaker 5

The Prudential community Service Award. Santa Clara. Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators Award. Santa Clara County Community Safety Service Award, and the ACP Leadership and Public Education Award. Henry has been my good friend since I've been in this county over 20 years, and it's also with a great deal of pride that I'm able to make this award to him.

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Speaker 5

And it's for these reasons that by the authority vested in me as a member of the governing board and with the concerns of the faculty, I award Henry just honorary Associate of Arts and Letters degree. If he was a woman, I do the heavy kissing.

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Unknown

But I always get a chance. And that you send.

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Speaker 5

Me now from San Francisco and you're in his master's degree at Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York. After graduating from Sacramento State College, he is especially active in the heart of chamber music, having founded the Chamber Music program at San Jose City College, where he supervises over 100 students each semester. This is the largest chamber music program in the western region.

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Speaker 5

During the summer months, he has coached on songs at both Humboldt State University and the University of Southern Oregon. In 1958, Donald jumps to the top of the San Jose Wind Symphony. His dream was to develop eventually an adult ensemble of outstanding high school and college graduates who could continue their musical growth and perform the best in symphonic band literature.

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Speaker 3

Since its inception, the.

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Speaker 5

Band has become one of the finest adult bands in the United States, with 95% of the musicians, college graduates, and many of them formally first chair of the class. The Wind Symphony has been accepted as.

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Speaker 3

The featured.

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Speaker 5

Program ensemble for the Western Instrumental Band Clinic to be held in Portland, Oregon, November 18th, 1989. It should be noted that the San Jose City College One Symphony is the only community college band invited to this prestigious community band festival. And so it is for these accomplishments and for these contributions to our college community that we honor all Faculty Member of the Year Would you welcome, please, Mr. David Johnston.

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Unknown

As are all graduates of the campus.

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Speaker 5

Simplex Tableau, so we'll give it to him privately. Sterling deserves the award.

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Speaker 4

My last mention is presented at the class by counsel and to honor one of our own. But before I do that, let me ask you, do you know who the Class five staff are? You all know who the faculty and the administrators are, Right? But who are in a classified final name, isn't it? I don't know where it came from, but a better descriptive name is support staff.

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Speaker 4

We are often referred to as the backbone to this college support without us. And we are everywhere. This college probably would not function. We are in the admissions office where you registered, where you are in the classrooms as a platform and labs as instructional aide. Every administrator has a secretary. We are the ground custodians, the maintenance staff who take care of our campus and so on and so on.

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Speaker 4

We are even the evaluation officer who reviewed and granted the degrees and certificates you are receiving here tonight. We have always been there for you. We are here tonight working to make sure your graduation ceremony goes smoothly. For the first time. We are on this stage tonight because you recognized Earth as an equal part of this campus. And for that, I thank you.

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Speaker 4

A fan of the city college class. That Employee of the year is selected through nominations submitted from the classified staff. Those nominations are committed to a subcommittee of the class by counsel who reviewed the candidate's qualifications to the criteria, which is a permanent classified employee with exemplary work performance and be of good character served on committees representing staff.

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Speaker 4

But staff, volunteers, personal time or on campus functions actively represent Santa Fe City College through community involvement contributes positively to the morale of Santa Fe City College, exhibits consistent efforts and professional growth. The finalists are then submitted to the class by Council for a vote. I was very pleased with the response to the announcement plus for nomination, but there was one that stood out not only because she was the most, she had the most nominations because she had the most diverse, encompassing coworkers from all over the campus.

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Speaker 4

Let me tell you a little bit about this year's honoree. She started working at San Jose City College in 1967 as a secretary to the dean of instruction. In 1972, she was the secretary to the president of the Faculty Senate. In 1983, she was the executive secretary to the president. She is now the administrative secretary to the dean of administration.

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Speaker 4

She has been very involved in campus activities. She is the founder of the Affirmative Action Committee. During the 1982-83 school year, she earned 34 college credits with a 4.0 rate point average as a participant in an in-service training program, which trained Spanish speaking bilingual individuals to teach vocational subjects. She has served on numerous districts and training committees.

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Speaker 4

In April of last year, she attended the National Conference of American Association, a community of junior colleges, as a delegate from City College. She is the treasurer of the Latino Education Association, a member of the FDA. Her community activities are or were formerly a member of the Lee High School Band booster, formerly a member of the Board of Directors of the Last Helping of a local Mexican folkloric dance company.

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Speaker 4

A member of the family chapter of American GI Forum. A member of the Director of Direct I'm sorry, a member of the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Foundation of the Saturday GI Forum, which awards over \$70,000 in scholarships to graduating high school Hispanic students. You're a member of the Latino leader group Leaders Network, which is a community college network, mutual support organization committed to leadership development for Latinos in all levels in the California community colleges.

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Speaker 4

She is a mentor in the Evergreen Valley College and Lafave program. For the past two years, she has been married to her husband, Al, her wonderful husband, Al, for the past 26 years. She is the proud mother of three beautiful children, all who are attending college. Maria, her daughter, is in the MBA program at San Jose State University.

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Speaker 4

Carmela has just completed her first year of law school at Yale, and Armando is a freshman in the music department here at San Jose City College. Will you join me in honoring Carmen Carmen Castellano as the most outstanding and deserving San Jose City College.

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Unknown

Classified employee of the Year?

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Speaker 4

I accept this award on behalf of all.

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Speaker 1

Of the past five employees of 77 college, some of whom are seated alongside faculty on.

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Speaker 4

The stage of the evening, some of whom.

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Speaker 1

Are in the audience. I thank.

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Speaker 4

My colleagues for this.

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Speaker 1

Recognition. They are the.

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Speaker 4

Absolutely best.

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Speaker 3

Group of employees that exist.

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Speaker 1

Anywhere, and I will treasure this always.

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Speaker 5

Thank you. Congratulations, Class of 1989. You you set an objective and you achieved for that. You deserve a lot of credit. You don't deserve all the credit because I you are benefited by having an outstanding faculty. And in addition those moments when you were depressed or cantankerous or sharing joy or situation, you had that support that might be mom and dad, might be grandparents, your spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend.

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Speaker 5

Why don't we take this opportunity to stand and turn around and say thank you with applause to that support group that that got you through and helped me a lot. And one rise here is my Cousin Vinny reading to introduce the graduation speaker for the class of 1989. And there is no way I can match the well-crafted introduction of our term on the Mark Mary Red Cross.

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Speaker 5

But looking at the summary of accomplishments of the vice mayor from Colorado, I'm amazed to see the quality of the things that she has done. So briefly, let me just go over some of the things that she has accomplished in respect of economic development in the city of San Jose. She has co-chaired the city of San Jose Economic Development Board and in respect of minority business development and climate equity, she offered the city of San Jose Minority and women owned business enterprise programs, and she also offered the City of San Jose prevailing wage resolution to extend federal and state mandates to the city construction projects.

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Speaker 5

And in housing, she led the effort to form a separate housing department in the city of San Jose to consolidate housing efforts. And she also co-chaired the Mayor's Task Force on Housing. And lastly, in respect of youth services and drug prevention, she has initiated the participation of the City of San Jose with the Council of Santa Clara in creating the Interagency Council on at Risk Youth to identify youth at risk populations and the development of a comprehensive strategy to utilize resources more effectively.

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Speaker 5

And a track record like that cannot be any wonder. While the class of the committee and the class and the faculty of the class of 1989 has chosen for its graduation. Speaker Vice Mayor Blanca Alvarado, will you welcome.

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Speaker 1

And thank you very much, Dr. Castelo, for that very, very kind introduction. And I share it with you with a great deal of pride. Thank you, my friend. Mary Rose. Thank all of you who have made this evening possible for me. I am truly grateful to Dr. Skinner, members of the Community College Governing Board, honored guests, faculty and staff honorees, members of the wonderful 19 nearly nine graduating class, and of course, all of your friends, relatives and well-wishers.

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Speaker 1

A very special evening to all of you.

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Speaker 1

It truly is my pleasure and profound honor to be here with all of you to share in a very exciting and special evening. For tonight, we celebrate an important milestone for the graduating class of Santa Fe City College. This ceremony also represents an important and important achievement for all the educators, families and friends who share in this joyous event.

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Speaker 1

Yet these commencement exercises are also an opportunity to reflect on an important milestone in our country's history the drafting of the constitution of the United States.

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200 years ago. Two centuries ago, a group of leaders.

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Speaker 1

Convened and drafted a document that has endured longer than any of its counterparts in the history of the world. It is especially fitting that tonight we celebrate the educational achievements of this graduating class and the 200th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States, for I believe that the values and ideals embodied in the Constitution are empowered by the educational institutions of our country as the student populations of our schools and colleges become more ethnically diverse, it is very important to reflect on the meaning of the Constitution in our lives today and the critical role that our educational systems and leaders must play to ensure that the Constitution endures for another 200 years and beyond,

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Speaker 1

with equal protection for all of the people, regardless of country of origin.

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And we the people. Thus begins the preamble.

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Speaker 1

To the Constitution of the United States of America. Never in the history of the English language have such beautiful words been written, and never in the history of the world have such simple.

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Words empowered humanity with the conviction that the freedoms.

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Speaker 1

And ideals outlined in our Bill of Rights are necessary Freedoms of the human endeavor. We, the people, justice, equality.

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Unknown

Opportunity and freedom, ideals that form the.

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Speaker 1

Basis of the United States of America. Ideals that flow from these simple the very powerful words We the people, beautiful words which inspired the belief that we are one nation.

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Unknown

One people, and that the dream of the Reverend.

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Speaker 1

Martin Luther King Jr was a dream and that equality and a civil rights should be the homeland forever. Powerful words which fueled the struggle of Cesar Chavez for farmworkers rights and motivate those who continue his stand for life.

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Unknown

We the people words know around the world.

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Speaker 1

Which make America the new home of immigrants and refugees in search of freedom and opportunity. People who make us stronger and add to the richness and greatness of our country. We the people, whether it be the voters movement to doubt to oust the dictator Noriega in Panama, or the enlightened leadership that has led to glasnost and perestroika in the Soviet Union.

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Speaker 1

The cry for freedom by We the People was overwhelmingly expressed by the victory of the Labor candidates of solidarity in Poland just three days ago. And all of us, all of us have been profoundly moved by the recent events for democracy in China, where the student version of the Statue of Liberty was erected by the university students who now so many of them have been brutally massacred in Tiananmen Square.

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Speaker 1

The image which will forever be etched on my mind is that of the powerfully moving figure of the long Chinese student standing against a column of tanks in Beijing. We cannot help but be affected by the struggle for freedom throughout the world at a time when so many of the freedoms fought for throughout the history of this country are being eroded and challenged through, for example, the actions of a conservative Supreme Court and the racial tension and unrest on university campuses such as is occurring at Stanford, the movement.

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Toward democracy and the freedoms and opportunities it affords its.

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Speaker 1

Citizens began with the signing of the contract tuition in the United States of America.

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Yet after 200 years.

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Speaker 1

Some of us in America, five of these need to become complacent. Find it easy to forget the martyrs, the men and women who sacrificed their lives to protect that sacred document known as the Constitution. Even today, while we are a nation symbolized democracy, while other countries attempt to emulate our Bill of Rights, we in the United States must remain vigilant to the threats that surround us, the threat that would erode and dismantle the civil rights struggle of the recent past, or even today, we see the Supreme Court, the interpreter, defender of the Constitution, making decisions that violate the principles of equality and justice for all.

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Speaker 1

Even now, diminishing voter participation in the electoral process. One of the fundamental principles of our democracy, something that is occurring here after year, that each one of us must take major steps to correct. So with all of these things occurring.

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We can never take for granted the ideals upon which our country was founded. And it is through the empowering tools of education.

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Speaker 1

That our Constitution and freedoms will be safeguarded. So it is important to recognize the role that our community colleges must play to ensure that these democratic ideals are manifested in the lives of our students and of all people. Again, regardless of their country, of origin. Tonight, as I looked out among the graduating class and their families, I am reminded once again that the greatness of our country lies in its people.

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Speaker 1

We are one nation made strong by the rich cultural diversity of our citizens. In California, we lead the nation toward a population that is becoming increasingly ethnically diverse. So it is our mandate to lead the nation in building a pluralistic society consistent with the values embodied in the Constitution of the United States.

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While educators are the first to feel the impacts of these demographic changes.

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Speaker 1

They must also be the leaders in responding to these challenges and opportunities. The California Postsecondary Education Commission recently published its demographic forecast to the year 2000, which projects a significant increase in capital in California ethnic minority populations. And this also shows little improvement in educational attainment. Thus, it is clear that the American ideals of economic equality and social justice have not been attained by all of the people.

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Speaker 1

In this context, in the context of economic equality and social justice, minority groups have looked to our educational institutions to open the door of opportunity through quality education. The very same California postsecondary commission documented that 75% of minority students began higher education through community colleges. We can therefore safely conclude that our minorities students

are non minority students. Look to our community college system to achieve the American dream of a better life and a better future.

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Speaker 1

Our community colleges must continue to fill those educational services which exist and provide opportunities to advance to four year universities. Unfortunately, not enough minority students are moving on to these higher institutions of learning. The Joint Committee for the Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education. In this report, California faces California in the Future, concluding that the renewal of a healthy transfer system is the absolutely essential reform in California's system of higher education.

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Community colleges are more than ever vitally important as an innovative.

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Speaker 1

Educational transfer system. And those of your students receiving an associate of our degree degrees tonight should feel exceptionally proud because you have demonstrated that our community colleges are a viable means to excellence in education. At the same time, private industry have an insatiable demand for skilled labor. If we are to keep our economic machine thriving, this demand must be met and the community college system must continue to play a critical role through a certificate program.

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Speaker 1

It is therefore also fitting that we honor those students receiving certificates this evening. We know that there are skills will serve them well and that we all benefit from their educational experiences here at Santa Fe City College. Without a doubt, the demands of society on our educational institutions are great. If the ideal of equality that is so woven into the American fabric is to be realized, then our community colleges must continue to play the important role of the breaking equalizer.

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Speaker 1

Education provides our greatest hope for a pluralistic society that embraces and continues to act upon the ideals of the American Constitution. As Dr. Skinner has so eloquently pointed out, quote, Community college leaders can no longer view their colleges as isolated entities, but as integral parts of the community communities in which they exist, unquote. The demographics of our student population may have changed, but the principles of our Constitution and of our democracy have not been there.

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Speaker 1

And therefore, the challenge of our community college system today is to apply the ideals of equality, justice and opportunity for our efforts and for our diverse student population with moral vigor. If we are to fulfill our traditions of democratic promise. In conclusion, let me tell you that I have some very deep personal reasons why was so important for me to share this evening with you.

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Speaker 1

In 1949, as a graduate and a graduate of 17 high school, I wanted desperately to go on to college. Unfortunately, as part of a large firm Working Families, the money was not available to pursue my education. All terrain. I persevered in spite of the setbacks to stop job training. I did a lot of reading, a lot of self education.

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Speaker 1

I pursued my community interest. I raised my five children. And today I am vice mayor of the city of San Jose.

00:41:18:20 - 00:41:20:21

Unknown

Thank you very much for that.

00:41:20:23 - 00:41:55:05

Speaker 1

But I must say that despite the significant accomplishments, accomplishments which I do take great pride in, I still carry within me a deep voice about the fulfillment for I exist ever see me in contradiction,

believing deeply that in the dimension of values, the pursuit for education is the foundation for all human endeavors upon which we build our moral responses to our communities.

00:41:55:07 - 00:42:32:25

Speaker 1

Based on this belief, I continue to advocate for educational equity lacking a formal college education, however, I find myself still at times resenting to some degree that I was denied these same opportunities and access to higher education due to lack of funds. So tonight I have received this honorary degree. I find myself with a very special sense the name of the student for my here.

00:42:32:28 - 00:42:35:09

Speaker 1

I continue to be a student.

00:42:35:11 - 00:42:38:22

Unknown

Always learning, always growing.

00:42:38:25 - 00:43:15:20

Speaker 1

Always striving for educational opportunities and fighting for the ideal that education is everyone's right. I'm deeply honored to have been able to share this commencement exercises with you tonight in particular. And finally, my most sincere congratulations to the graduates and to their families. I know that you recognize that you have accomplished a great deal for yourselves through this exercise that you are about to have to undertake at this particular moment.

00:43:15:22 - 00:43:35:23

Speaker 1

But I also know that you know, that the world is wide open and that not only do you have a responsibility to yourself to fulfill your deepest potential, but that you also have a responsibility to the community in which you live and to the country in which you live?

00:43:35:26 - 00:44:06:19

Unknown

Thank you and God bless you. God.

00:44:06:22 - 00:44:51:27

Speaker 5

Now that you've comfortably repeated yourself, I asked a member of the graduating class and once again, ladies and gentlemen, esteemed colleague, members of the governing board. Madam, having satisfied the requirement of the Associate degree and upon the recommendation of the faculty, I present to you the graduating class of 1989 Percentage based in college.

00:44:51:29 - 00:44:55:04

Unknown

I would like to ask all the members of the parties for all this.

00:44:55:07 - 00:45:02:03

Speaker 5

Down and proceed of with the Department.

00:45:02:06 - 00:46:02:01

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For employed under an acronym seven Bill After Eric R Paul Taylor. Why Victoria A Rise. Why is that? L Why Stephanie and Calvin?