Undergraduate Winter 2012 Commencement Ceremony
Heiges Field House
Saturday, December 15, 2012 • 11 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

GOOD MORNING GRADUATES, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND GUESTS. I'M BILL RUUD, PRESIDENT OF THIS GREAT UNIVERSITY WE KNOW AS SHIP. WELCOME TO SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY'S TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE UNDERGRADUATE WINTER COMMENCEMENT.

BEFORE WE START OUR PROGRAM, I AM SURE YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF THE HORRIFIC TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED YESTERDAY AT THE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWTOWN CONNECTICUT. IT IS ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE TO THINK THAT SUCH AN ACT CAN OCCUR AND THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE MOST VULNERABLE AND THE MOST PRECIOUS AMONG US — OUR CHILDREN. TONIGHT, PLEASE KEEP THE VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE OTHERS AFFECTED IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

IT IS TRADITION THAT SPECIAL MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS FAMILY LEAD THE PROCESSIONAL OF STUDENTS. THIS SPECIAL EVENT CONNECTS THE UNIVERSITY'S PAST WITH ITS FUTURE AND EPITOMIZES THE FULFILLMENT OF DREAMS AND THE HOPE OF DREAMS TO COME.

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE SIX MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO LEAD THE PROCESSIONAL. WITH US TODAY ARE JAMES BEHM, DONALD H. DOEBLER SR., KAY DELP GUISE, DALE HESS, NANCY POE RAE, AND DUANE SAUFLEY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME MACE BEARER DOCTOR WILLIAM KINGSLEY, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CLASS OF NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

PROCESSIONAL

PLEASE STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, WHICH WILL BE SUNG BY SENIOR EZRA THRUSH OF CHAMBERSBURG WHO GRADUATES TODAY WITH A DEGREE IN HISTORY. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE INVOCATION OFFERED BY THE REVEREND JAN BYE, CAMPUS MINISTER.

SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION IS PRESENTED

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

THANK YOU EZRA AND REVEREND BYE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS TIME I AM HONORED TO PRESENT OUR GUEST SPEAKER. SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY IS PROUD OF ITS MORE THAN 60,000 ALUMNI AND WE APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO HIGHLIGHT THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS.

OUR SPEAKER TODAY HAS USED HIS SHIPPENSBURG EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION IN HIS EFFORTS TO FIND A CAUSE FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

DOCTOR WILLIAM E. KLUNK IS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY AND CO-DIRECTOR OF THE ALZHEIMER DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. HE ALSO SERVES AS VICE CHAIR OF THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION.

HE EARNED HIS CHEMISTRY DEGREE FROM SHIPPENSBURG IN NINETEEN SEVENTY EIGHT AND LATER EARNED A DUAL M.D. AND PH.D FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS FOCUSING ON NEUROPHARMACOLOGY AND MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY.

DOCTOR KLUNK IS A PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF INVIVO AMYLOID IMAGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CAUSE OF ALZHEIMER'S. HE IS A PROLIFIC AUTHOR WITH MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS. HE IS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF THE RONALD AND NANCY REAGAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARD FOR RESEARCH IN ALZHEIMER'S.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE WELCOME DOCTOR WILLIAM E. KLUNK.

DR. KLUNK PRESENTS THE ADDRESS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BILL. I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TODAY TO JOIN US AND FOR SHARING YOUR WISDOM AND INSIGHT WITH ALL OF US.

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT THIS TIME I AM HONORED TO PRESENT OUR HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT. I ASK THAT DR. KINGSLEY AND DR. BARBARA LYMAN, PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, ACCOMPANY OUR RECIPIENT TO THE PODIUM. AFTER I READ THE CITATION, OUR RECIPIENT WILL BE HOODED BY WILLIAM PIPER, SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES, AND PROVOST LYMAN.

READING OF CITATION

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO READ THE CITATION FOR OUR HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT.

LOUIS PASTEUR, FRENCH CHEMIST AND MICROBIOLOGIST, SAID:

"I AM ON THE EDGE OF MYSTERIES AND THE VEIL IS GETTING THINNER AND THINNER."

DR. WILLIAM E. KLUNK, A 1978 GRADUATE OF SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY, AND ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING EXPERTS IN THE EARLY DETECTION OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, HAS DEDICATED HIS

PROFESSIONAL CAREER TO HELPING OTHERS RELIEVE THE PAIN AND BARRIERS CONNECTED WITH THE HEARTBREAKING CONSEQUENCES OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

ONE DAY SOON, THANKS TO THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF DR. KLUNK AND THOUSANDS OF RESEARCHERS AROUND THE WORLD, THE CAUSE OF THIS DISEASE WILL BE KNOWN — AND A CURE DISCOVERED.

DR. KLUNK USED HIS SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AS THE FOUNDATION FOR HIS PIONEERING SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION IN THE FIELD OF IN-VIVO AMYLOID IMAGING FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. THIS WORK SPANS FROM BASIC SYNTHETIC CHEMISTRY AND NEUROPHARMACOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF AMYLOID IMAGING TRACERS TO HUMAN P.E.T. STUDIES OF THESE TRACERS.

A PAPER BY THE RESEARCH GROUP HE LED WAS CITED BY *NATURE MEDICINE* AS THE MOST HIGHLY CITED RESEARCH PAPER ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PUBLISHED SINCE 2004.

AS CO-DIRECTOR OF THE ALZHEIMER DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AND VICE CHAIR OF THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, HE IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP RESEARCHERS IN THIS FIELD. HE HAS SERVED AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF SEVERAL NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND FOUNDATION GRANTS AND HAS RECEIVED A MERIT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING.

HE IS A PROLIFIC WRITER ON THE SUBJECT WITH MORE THAN 175 PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS.

FOR HIS INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE FIELD HE HAS WON MANY PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS INCLUDING THE 2004 METLIFE FOUNDATION AWARD, THE 2008 POTAMKIN PRIZE, AND THE 2009 RONALD AND NANCY REAGAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARDS FOR RESEARCH IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

DR. KLUNK HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE GROUND-BREAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

IN HONOR OF HIS CONTINUED DEDICATION TO SCIENCE AND RESEARCH, AND HIS QUEST TO CURE ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING DISEASES OF OUR TIME, SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO CONFER THE **DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, *HONORIS CAUSA*,** UPON DR. WILLIAM E. KLUNK.

GIVEN ON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING ONE OF SHIPPENSBURG'S MOST DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI, DR. BILL KLUNK.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN, BILL.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

AT THIS TIME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF SOME VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOINED US FOR THIS MORNING'S PROGRAM.

WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE WITH US MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES. IN ADDITION TO SECRETARY PIPER, ARE TRUSTEES CHARLES GOODHART AND ELNETTA JONES. REPRESENTING THE SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS THE BOARD'S PRESIDENT TIM SMITH.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION. IT IS THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS THAT YOU AS GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE DISTINCTION THAT WILL BE BESTOWED UPON YOU. I ASK THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS TO PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE TWO MEMBERS OF OUR FACULTY WHO WILL RETIRE SHORTLY OR WHO HAVE RETIRED WITHIN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THEY ARE FREDERICK NORDAI AND JEFFREY BIZTER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

DR. BARBARA LYMAN, PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, WILL PRESENT THE CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.

CONGRATULATIONS AND REMARKS

BEFORE I CONTINUE, I ASK THAT ALL OF THE GRADUATES PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED AGAIN AS A GROUP.

NOW, GRADUATES PLEASE GIVE YOUR PARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT DURING YOUR YEARS HERE.

STATESMAN WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID:

*"*TO EACH THERE COMES IN THEIR LIFETIME A SPECIAL MOMENT WHEN THEY ARE FIGURATIVELY TAPPED ON THE SHOULDER AND OFFERED THE CHANCE TO DO A VERY SPECIAL THING, UNIQUE TO THEM AND FITTED TO THEIR TALENTS. WHAT A TRAGEDY IF THAT MOMENT FINDS THEM UNPREPARED OR UNQUALIFIED FOR THAT WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN THEIR FINEST HOUR."

TODAY, GRADUATES, YOU ARE TAPPED ON THE SHOULDER. YOU ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SUCCEED, TO ACHIEVE, AND TO REACH GOALS YOU DON'T YET KNOW YOU WILL SEEK.

AND YOU WILL SUCCEED BECAUSE YOUR EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCES HERE AT SHIP HAVE GIVEN YOU THE PREPARATION AND THE QUALIFICATIONS YOU NEED TO REACH THOSE GOALS.

WHILE HERE YOU LEARNED FROM OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND OTHERS. YOU GAINED VALUABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE THAT GAVE YOU A RANGE OF SKILLS AND TALENTS NEEDED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR EVER-CHANGING WORLD. YOU LEARNED HOW TO LEARN AND THAT EDUCATION IS A LIFE-LONG ENDEAVOR. THESE ARE LESSONS YOU WILL USE NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO.

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

"I'M A SUCCESS TODAY BECAUSE I HAD A FRIEND WHO BELIEVED IN ME, AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO LET HIM DOWN."

AROUND YOU TODAY ARE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO SUPPORTED YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED IT MOST. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO SAW GREATNESS IN YOU — AND HELPED YOU ON YOUR PATH TO IT. TAKE SPECIAL PRIDE IN THIS FACT: YOU DID NOT LET THEM DOWN.

EACH YEAR, A NEW GROUP OF STUDENTS ENTERS SHIP EVEN AS OTHERS, LIKE YOU, LEAVE TO FULFILL DREAMS. IN DOING SO, YOU HAVE GIVEN OF YOURSELF AND LEFT A LITTLE BIT OF YOURSELF HERE. YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE LEGACY THAT SYMBOLIZES THE SHIP FAMILY.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING SHIP TO BE PART OF YOUR LIFE, AND THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

INTRODUCTION OF ALMA MATER

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RISE FOR THE SINGING OF THE *ALMA MATER*, WHICH WILL BE LED BY EZRA THRUSH AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE BENEDICTION BY REVEREND BYE.

***ALMA MATER* AND BENEDICTION**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. ON BEHALF OF THE SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY FAMILY, I OFFER OUR BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON. THIS CONCLUDES THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. GRADUATES AND GUESTS, PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE RECESSIONAL.

RECESSIONAL