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Salt Lake Community College

CONVOCATION

September 14, 1999

Generation EXcellence

Processional: Bingham High School Drum Line

Posting of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance: Cub Scout Pack 3004

National Anthem: SLCCSA Executive Council

Conducting: Marjorie Carson
Vice President, Academic Services

Welcome: Frank W. Budd
President, Salt Lake Community College

Remarks: Paul Lerdahl
President, Faculty Senate
(Read by Shirlene Luke, President-Elect)

Remarks: April Rowe
SLCCSA Studentbody President

Guest Speaker Introduction: Tito Valdez
SLCC student and son of Andrew A. and Joyce P. Valdez

Keynote Speaker: Judge Andrew A. Valdez

Lunch Call Robert Price
Director, Food Service

Korean barbecue short ribs
Steamed white rice
Cabbage stir fry

Rotisserie chicken
Baked potato
Vegetables

CONVOCATION:

A derivative of the Latin word *convocatio* which literally means "to call together." Colleges and universities around the world participate in this tradition which was established in Anglo Saxon England. The original function of convocation was to assemble a group of scholars to exchange opinions and to reach agreements through free discussion.

Today, convocations are generally associated with the European tradition of wearing the academic regalia of robes, hoods and caps. This tradition originated in the twelfth century and has been a part of American heritage since colonial times.

In 1992, Salt Lake Community College formed a convocation committee to plan and present an event designed to welcome faculty and students to a new school year. Traditions began that year and have continued ever since. A standard of excellence was set in 1992 and has continued with subsequent programs. Featured speakers have been:

- 1992 – Jon Huntsman, Salt Lake City businessman
- 1993 – Dr. Nicholas Goncharoff, a Russian-born scholar and statesman
- 1994 – Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw State College, Georgia
- 1995 – Dr. Chase and Grethe Peterson, past president of the University of Utah
- 1996 – Terry O'Bannion, executive director, League for Innovation in Community Colleges
- 1997 – Kurt Bestor, musician and composer
- 1998 – Kathy Buckley, comedian

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1999 Teaching Excellence Award Recipients

- Randal Chase, Assoc. Professor – Natural Sciences & Communications
- Linda Cunningham, Assoc. Professor – Business Administration
- Diane Edwards, Asst. Professor – Developmental Math
- Paul Lerdahl, Assoc. Professor – Electro-Mechanical Technology
- Tiffany Rousculp, Asst. Professor – English
- Melamene Chong Wong, Adjunct Faculty

1999 NISOD Winners

- Marilyn Nowell-Bown, Assoc. Professor – Writing/Composition
- Neal Grover, Professor – Auto Collision Repair/Refinishing
- Dorene Jorgensen, Professor – Office Information Systems, Skills Center
- Jeff Plant, Asst. Professor – Architectural Technology
- Shari Lee Sowards, Asst. Professor – Political Science
- DelMar Stevens, Assoc. Professor – Building Construction/Const. Mgmt.

Andrew A. Valdez.



Three generations—Baby Boomers, Generation X and now Generation Y, have paraded through Judge Andrew A. Valdez's Third District Juvenile courtroom—generations that have often inherited the troubles of the previous generation(s).

As a juvenile court judge and former public defender, Valdez says he wants to help break the cycle of dysfunctional behavior between generations. He takes any available opportunity to encourage young people to develop good habits to strengthen future generations. He sees hope for those who pursue their education, learn consideration for others, and pass along beneficial habits to their descendents.

Valdez was appointed to the Third District Juvenile Court in August, 1993, by Governor Michael O. Leavitt. Prior to his judicial appointment, Valdez was trial counsel for nine years with the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association. Since his appointment, Judge Valdez has developed a court-based mentoring program created to provide at-crisis youth with mentors recruited from both public and private sectors of the community. He advocates meaningful rehabilitation for young people in secure facilities, with opportunities for job training, skills development, apprenticeships, and employment with the public and private sector partnerships.

Valdez graduated from West High School. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Utah and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah College of Law.

He served as a commissioned captain in the U.S. Army and practiced law in Central Europe representing soldiers in five countries. He was a member of the statewide Youth Parole Authority from 1986 to 1993 and served as chair in 1992 and 1998. In that capacity, Valdez gained extensive experience with juvenile offenders.

Valdez currently is a member of the Board of Juvenile Court Judges and the Juvenile Justice Task Force. He was Presiding Judge for the Third District Juvenile Court and chair of the sub-committee on juvenile justice with the Utah Sentencing Commission. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Primary Children's Hospital.

Judge Valdez is married to Joyce P. Valdez, who is a marketing coordinator of SLCC's Skills Center. They have four children: Sophia, Andrew Jr. (Tito), James, and Daniel.

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(the Marshmallow Man)

Cub Scout Pack 3004

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