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SALT LAKE TRADE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

ACCOMPLISHMENT EXERCISES

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, GRADUATES, INSTRUCTORS, PARENTS,  
FRIENDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THERE IS A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO THE PRESENCE  
OF EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE AUDITORIUM TONIGHT. IF YOU WERE THE  
INSTRUCTOR OF SOME OF THE GRADUATES, THEN YOU MAY RIGHTFULLY  
FEEL THAT ALL THEY CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY WILL BE PARTLY THE  
RESULT OF YOUR WORK. IF YOU ARE A FRIEND AND HAVE COME TO WISH  
THE GRADUATE WELL, THEN YOU ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE ENCOURAGE-  
MENT CAN BE NOURISHMENT TO A PERSON HUNGRY FOR EXPERIENCE.  
IF YOU ARE THE PARENT OF A GRADUATE, YOU CAN LOOK PROUDLY ON  
YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER AS BEING A VITAL PART OF THE WORLD OF  
TOMORROW.

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATE, THEN YOU ARE LIKE THE INDIAN BOY IN  
AN OLD STORY. <sup>an indian</sup> ONE SUMMER DAY THIS BOY APPROACHED THE OLD CHIEF  
AND SAID: "THE STREAMS ARE FULL OF FISH, THE SUN WARMS OUR LAND  
AND THE CORN GROWS TALL. MY MOTHER LAUGHS AS SHE WORKS WITH  
THE COOKING POTS AND THE SMALL CHILDREN GROW ROUND FROM LITTLE  
HUNGER AND MUCH SLEEP. EVERYTHING IS WELL WITH ME, O CHIEF,  
BUT SOMEHOW I AM UNHAPPY." THE OLD CHIEF POINTED TO A NEARBY  
MOUNTAIN AND SAID: "GO AND CLIMB. WHEN YOU REACH THE TOP, YOU  
WILL FIND HAPPINESS." AND SO THE BOY BADE HIS FAMILY FAREWELL AND

BEGAN TO CLIMB. CAUGHT UP WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS FIRST REAL ADVENTURE, THE BOY BEGAN TO SING. SOON HIS THROAT WAS DRY. HE WALKED UNTIL HE FOUND A STREAM AND TOOK OFF HIS BUCKSKIN SHIRT TO COOL HIMSELF. THE SHIRT FELL INTO THE STREAM AND WASHED AWAY. WITHOUT THE SHIRT TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE SUN, HIS CLIMB WAS MORE DIFFICULT, BUT THE BOY WOULD NOT TURN BACK. HE FELL FROM A LEDGE AND INJURED A LEG, BUT HE CONTINUED UPWARD. A BOULDER DISLODGED AND HIT HIS OTHER LEG. NOW THE BOY HAD TO CRAWL. BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO REACH THE TOP AND WHEN HE DID, HE FOUND ONLY ROCKS AND COLD, HOWLING WIND. THERE WAS NO COMFORT, NO FOOD, AND NO WATER. EMBITTERED, THE BOY HEADED DOWNHILL FOR HIS VILLAGE. WHEN HE STRODE PAST THE BOULDER THAT STRUCK HIM, HE SMILED. WHEN HE WALKED OVER THE LEDGE WHERE HE FELL, HE LAUGHED. NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN HE FOUND HIS BUCKSKIN JACKET AND BEGAN TO SING AGAIN. BUOYANT OVER CONQUERING THE MOUNTAIN, THE CONFIDENT YOUNG MAN APPROACHED THE OLD CHIEF TO TELL HIM OF THE EXPERIENCE. AFTER RELATING HIS ADVENTURE, THE BOY SAID: "I DID NOT UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE THINGS YOU TOLD ME, GREAT CHIEF. WHEN I REACHED THE TOP, I DID NOT FIND HAPPINESS. I WAS MISERABLE." THE OLD CHIEF SAID THAT PERHAPS THE BOY DID NOT FIND HAPPINESS IN WHAT HE FELT AT THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN, BUT IN WHAT HE SAW.

"YOU ARE RIGHT, MY CHIEF," SAID THE BOY, THOUGHTFULLY.

"AND WHAT DID YOU SEE, MY SON?"

THE BOY LOOKED SQUARELY AT THE CHIEF WITH THE EXPRESSION OF ONE WHO HAS JUST LEARNED A GREAT TRUTH, AND SAID:

"I SAW MORE MOUNTAINS."

PERHAPS I CAN SAY THAT OUR GRADUATES, LIKE THAT INDIAN BOY, STAND AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. PERHAPS YOUR SCHOOL WORK AT TRADE TECH WAS NOT EASY. CERTAINLY WE DO NOT TRY TO MAKE IT SO. PERHAPS YOU MADE SACRIFICES TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL UNTIL YOU COULD COMPLETE YOUR WORK. CERTAINLY YOU WILL APPRECIATE YOUR TRAINING MORE THAN IF THE PRICE HAD BEEN LESS. ~~PERHAPS YOU OVERCAME GREAT OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.~~ CERTAINLY WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, YOU WILL HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO SING AS THE INDIAN BOY WHEN HE PICKED UP HIS BUCKSKIN SHIRT.

SINCE THIS IS THE END OF A YEAR AT TRADE TECH, I WILL SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT THIS YEAR.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE SAW FIT TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT OF OUR CAMPUS BUILDING PROGRAM, AND SOON CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN ON THE CLASSROOM AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. MONEY WAS ALSO APPROPRIATED FOR TWO ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS TO BE CONSTRUCTED DURING THE 1965-67 BIENNIUM. THE NEW CAMPUS IS LOCATED AT 4600 SOUTH REDWOOD ROAD.

MORE CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO STUDENTS THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE--474.

HOWEVER, THAT FIGURE IS INCORRECT IN A WAY. IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR THE MAN WHO SERVED AS OUR SUPERVISOR OF RELATED TRAINING AND FACULTY ADVISOR TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ~~DIED.~~ *passed away* BECAUSE WE ALL LOVED HIM SO MUCH, BOTH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE SCHOOL ARE AWARDED PLAQUES TO THE ALGOT E. ANDERSON

FAMILY AS MEMORIALS TO THE YEARS OF TEACHING AND KINDNESS HE GAVE TO TRADE TECH. THIS IS THE PLAQUE PRESENTED BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. IT WILL REMAIN IN THE HALLS OF TRADE TECH IN HONOR OF HIS YEARS OF DEVOTION TO EDUCATION. THIS IS THE PLAQUE THE SCHOOL WILL PRESENT TO HIS WIFE JULIA. IN A WAY THOSE PLAQUES ARE "CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT," TOO.

BECAUSE WE REVERED THIS MAN AS A TEACHER, OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, AND ALUMNI GAVE GENEROUSLY OF THEIR FUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE ALGOT E. ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. ALTHOUGH MR. ANDERSON IS NO LONGER WITH US, HIS MEMORY WILL BE PERPETUATED.

IT MAY BE SURPRISING TO SOME OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE THAT TRADE TECH'S STUDENTS COME FROM EVERY ONE OF UTAH'S 29 COUNTIES. THIS IS ONLY RIGHT, BECAUSE THE TAXES OF ALL UTAHNS PAY FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR COLLEGE FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF OUR DAY SCHOOL STUDENT BODY is 23.2 YEARS. OUR YOUNGEST STUDENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WAS 16. THE OLDEST WAS 66. ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE STUDENTS IN OUR DAY SCHOOL ARE MARRIED, AND WE HAD 17 GRANDPARENTS ENROLLED.

MORE THAN 2800 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN DAY AND EVENING CLASSES DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE A FEW PERSONAL THOUGHTS WITH THE GRADUATES.

YOU WILL LEARN THAT WHERE THERE IS WORK, THERE IS ACCOMPLISHMENT; WHERE THERE IS ACCOMPLISHMENT, THERE IS DIGNITY; WHERE THERE IS DIGNITY, THERE IS PRIDE; WHERE THERE IS PRIDE, THERE IS SUCCESS; AND WHERE THERE IS SUCCESS, THERE IS HAPPINESS.

IF YOU ARE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE FUTURE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED AT TRADE TECH, REMEMBER THAT SUCH FEELINGS ARE NORMAL, AND SOMETIMES FEAR IS A FRIEND. IT CAN DRIVE YOU TO DO YOUR BEST, AND KNOWING THIS SWEET TASTE OF FULFILLMENT, YOU MAY NEVER AGAIN SETTLE FOR LESS THAN YOUR FINEST EFFORT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES, MAKE YOURSELVES VALUABLE TO YOUR EMPLOYERS. HOW CAN YOU DO THIS? IF YOU MANUFACTURE A PRODUCT, YOU SHOULD FASHION EVERY ONE AS THOUGH YOU INTENDED TO BUY IT FOR YOUR OWN USE. IF YOUR JOB IS TO PROVIDE A SERVICE, THEN PERFORM THAT SERVICE AS IF YOU WERE DOING IT FOR YOURSELF. IF YOU CAN GAZE UPON THE RESULT OF YOUR LABORS WITH RIGHTFUL PRIDE, THEN YOU MAY KNOW THE SIMPLE BUT SUPREME JOY OF THE PERSON WHO WHISTLES ON THE WAY TO WORK.

I CANNOT SAY THAT THIS WORLD WILL BECOME LESS COMPLICATED AS THE YEARS PASS. BUT I CAN SAY THAT THE DETERMINATION AND ABILITY THAT YOU GRADUATES HAVE DISPLAYED IN EARNING YOUR CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IS SOMETHING THAT GIVES ME EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND COPE WITH ALL THE NEW COMPLEXITIES THAT TOMORROW BRINGS.

AS I SAID EARLIER, OUR GRADUATES HAVE CLIMBED A MOUNTAIN. BUT IS THIS ENOUGH? CERTAINLY, THE CLIMB HAS REWARDED YOU WITH CONFIDENCE. BUT REACHING A SUMMIT GIVES MAN A BETTER PERSPECTIVE OF HIS SURROUNDINGS. AND WHAT DOES HE SEE? HE SEES MORE MOUNTAINS, AND SEEING THEM MUST FEEL THEIR SUMMITS BENEATH HIS FEET.