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INTRODUCTION FOR COMMENCEMENT

TWO YEARS AGO, DR. EDWARD H. HAMMOND BECAME THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY. HE BROUGHT WITH HIM A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP STYLE AND A BACKGROUND IN HIGHER EDUCATION OF WHICH ANY PRESIDENT WOULD BE PROUD.

HE HOLDS BACHELORS AND MASTERS DEGREES FROM OUR SISTER INSTITUTION, EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND A PH.D. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. WHILE IN COLUMBIA, HE ALSO TOOK COURSES IN THEIR LAW SCHOOL.

PRIOR TO ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY HERE, DR. HAMMOND WAS VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE. BEFORE THAT, HE HELD ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AND PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

DR. HAMMOND HAS PUBLISHED WIDELY AND IS IN DEMAND NATIONALLY AS A SPEAKER AND CONSULTANT IN THE AREAS OF STAFF AND INSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY AS WELL AS DRUG EDUCATION ISSUES. DR. HAMMOND IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATE BOARDS OF BACCHUS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS. HE ALSO IS THE CHAIRMAN FOR NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK.

AS YOU CAN SEE, HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS ARE NOT ONLY RECOGNIZED ON OUR CAMPUS AND IN OUR STATE BUT NATIONALLY AS WELL. DR. HAMMOND'S FAMILY INCLUDES HIS WIFE VIVIAN, DAUGHTERS KELLY AND JULIE AND A SON LANCE.

"IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT THE PRESIDENT OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY, DR. EDWARD H. HAMMOND."

MR. SAMPSON IS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SAMPSON COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF HUTCHINSON. HE IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE BEE, INC., WHICH PUBLISHES THE BEE, A HUTCHINSON SHOPPERS GUIDE; IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PLAINS BROADCASTING, WHICH OPERATES KHAZ RADIO IN HAYS; IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HARVEST PUBLISHING INC., WHICH PRINTS THE BUCHANAN COUNTY FARMER IN ST. JOSEPH, MO.; AND IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SUNFLOWER PRINTING INC., OF MCPHERSON.

MR. SAMPSON HAS SERVED AS AN ADJUNCT LECTURER AT THE WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS. HE GRADUATED FROM KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1950 WITH A DEGREE IN RADIO AND TELEVISION JOURNALISM. HE IS A PAST MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OKLAHOMA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION, PAST PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSOURI BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION.

JACK BRINGS WITH HIM A STRONG COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION. I GIVE YOU MR. JACK S. SAMPSON . . .

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