Alma Mater

Oh, CTC, all praise to thee
We will ever sing thy dear name.
And though we go out from thy care
We’ll be loyal and spread thy fame.

Chorus

Oh, dear CTC, honor is thine
We'll always revere thy spirit so fine.
Oh, dear CTC, ever we'll sing
’Til the world with our echoes ring.

Like the gleam from a beacon light,
Shining forth thru the darkest night,
Thy colors of “blue and gold”
Set the standards of truth and right.

Chorus

Oh, dear CTC, honor is thine
We'll always revere thy spirit so fine.
Oh, dear CTC, ever we'll sing
’Til the world with our echoes ring.

OPENING CONVOCATION

August 28, 2006

11:30 A.M.

Dana Athletic Center
State University of New York at Canton
Opening Convocation

Opening Convocation is the official welcoming ceremony of freshmen to SUNY Canton by the President, Provost and faculty and staff. It is designed as an opportunity to convey to students the significance of their educational endeavor and the commitment of the university to support them in the achievement of this goal - both inside and outside the classroom.

Academic Heraldry

It is important to note that academic regalia, gowns, caps and hoods, worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. The gowns are long and pleated. The bachelor degree gown has long pointed sleeves, the master degree has a very long sleeve which is square and closed at the end and the doctor’s degree gowns carry broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves. Caps may be serge or broadcloth. A velvet cap is reserved for the doctor degree only. The tassel may be black or gold bullion.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic regalia. A black shell, varying in size for the three degrees is silk lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of varying widths (depending upon degree) and in the color signifying the field of learning.

The colors of the School flags also denote the field of learning each school represents. The flags can be identified as follows:

- **Canino School of Engineering Technology**: Orange (Engineering)
- **School of Science, Health, & Professional Studies**: Golden Yellow (Science) & Green (Medicine)
- **School of Liberal Studies**: Crimson (Humanities)
- **School of Business & Public Service**: Drab (Commerce), Copper (Economics) & Peacock (Public Service)

Program

Please turn off cell phones and pagers.

**PROCESSIONAL,** *Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar*

**MACE BEARER** .. Erwin A. Selleck
Professor, Physical Science

**PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS** .. Dr. Jeremy D. Brown
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** .. Dr. D. Anthony Beane
Professor, Veterinary Science Technology

**OPENING REMARKS** .. Dr. Brown

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS** .. Dr. Joseph L. Kennedy
President

**CLASS ADDRESS** .. Anthony K. Thompson
President, Student Cooperative Alliance, Class of 2007, Information Technology

**ACADEMIC REMARKS** .. Bruce A. Kenna
Associate Professor, Psychology, 2006 Distinguished Faculty

**CALL FOR FRESHMEN ADMISSION** .. Dr. Brown

**OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF FRESHMEN ADMISSION** .. Dr. Kennedy

**ALMA MATER** .. Dr. Beane

**CLOSING REMARKS** .. Dr. Brown

**MACE BEARER** .. Mr. Selleck

*Request to stand

All are invited to a picnic immediately following on the Roselle Academic Plaza.