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ORANGE, Calif., May 17, 2010 Chapman University's 2010 Commencement ceremonies, which will be held on the Chapman campus in Orange on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, will be divided into separate ceremonies for each of the seven Chapman schools and colleges for the first time in the university's history. The commencement ceremonies will be held both on Wilson Field (the university's football field) and on the Bert Williams Mall (the lawn in front of Memorial Hall). Each ceremony will have its own speaker delivering the Commencement address.

Commencement speakers will be Rep. Loretta Sanchez, a 1982 Chapman alumna, who will address the Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences ceremony; Martin Benson, co-founder of South Coast Repertory, who will address the College of Performing Arts ceremony; noted education expert Linda Darling-Hammond, Ph.D., who will address the College of Educational Studies ceremony; Justice Richard D. Fybel of the California Courts of Appeal for the 4th District, who will address the School of Law ceremony; Tony Bill, Oscar-winning director of *The Sting*, who will address the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts ceremony; and Nicolaos Alexopoulos, Ph.D., vice president for antenna and RF research and university relations at Broadcom, who will address the Schmid College of Science ceremony. Dr. Alexopoulos will also be presented with an honorary doctoral degree from Schmid College.

Chapman will also graduate its first Ph.D. candidates this weekend as the first four doctoral candidates in education receive their degrees. The university has long offered doctoral programs in physical therapy (D.P.T.) and law (J.D.), but the doctoral program in education, established in 2006, offers the first academic Ph.D.s in the school's history. Chapman's College of Educational Studies offers Ph.D.s in three areas of emphasis: Cultural and Curricular Studies, Disability Studies and School Psychology.

Another first: graduating senior Parker Bush, an economics major from San Diego, will become the first student Commencement speaker in Chapman history when he gives the address during the Argyros School of Business and Economics ceremony on Friday evening. Bush is the recipient of Chapman's 2010 Cheverton Award, the top award given to a graduating senior and the equivalent of valedictorian.

Chapman University Commencement Weekend Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 21

4 p.m. Baccalaureate Interfaith Service, Fish Interfaith Center

5 p.m. School of Law Commencement and Hooding, Wilson Field

Speaker: Justice Richard D. Fybel, California Courts of Appeal for the 4th District.

8:15 p.m. Argyros School of Business & Economics Commencement, Wilson Field

Speaker: Parker Bush, Bachelor of Arts in Economics Candidate and recipient of the 2010 Cheverton Award for outstanding Chapman senior.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

8 a.m. College of Performing Arts Ceremony, Bert Williams Mall

Speaker: Martin Benson, Artistic Director and Co-Founder, South Coast Repertory

9:15 a.m. Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences Ceremony, Wilson Field.

Speaker: The Hon. Loretta Sanchez 82, member of the U.S. House of Representatives

10:45 a.m. College of Educational Studies Ceremony, Bert Williams Mall.

Speaker: Linda Darling-Hammond, Ph.D., Charles Ducommun Professor of Education, Stanford University

1:30 p.m. Department of Physical Therapy doctoral hooding, Memorial Hall

4:30 p.m. Schmid College of Science Ceremony, Bert Williams Mall.

Speaker: Nicolaos Alexopoulos, Ph.D., vice president for antenna and RF research and university relations, Broadcom Corporation. Dr. Alexopolous will also receive an honorary doctorate.

6:30 p.m. Dodge College of Film and Media Arts Ceremony, Wilson Field.

Speaker: Tony Bill, Oscar-winning director and co-producer of The Sting