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### **Unable to Attend Official Commencement on May 19 Because They Were Winning the Division III West Region Championship, Panther Seniors Receive Diplomas From President Doti on Steps of Memorial Hall**

**ORANGE, Calif.** Four Chapman University seniors and one graduate student missed the university's official Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 19 because they were helping the Chapman Panthers baseball team win the NCAA Division III West Regional Championship. On Tuesday, May 22, Chapman President James L. Doti presented the five with their diplomas in a private ceremony on campus.

President Doti presented seniors Tyler Norman, Tyler Dean, Devin Drag and Chase Twedell and MBA candidate Matt Ricatto with their diplomas on the steps of Chapman's Memorial Hall.

We are so proud of you for representing Chapman so triumphantly, and we'll all be cheering for you in Appleton, the president told the five graduates.

The Chapman Panthers baseball team, ranked #1 in Division III, will compete in the Division III World Series in Appleton, Wis. as the favorite to win its second national title in five years. The Panthers face defending champion Marietta College (Ohio) on Friday at 2:30 p.m. (PDT) at Fox Cities Stadium.