

Western Governors University

Commencement

October 19, 2002



MISSION STATEMENT

"The principal mission of Western Governors University is to improve quality and expand access to post-secondary educational opportunities by providing a means for individuals to learn independent of time and place and to earn competency-based degrees and other credentials that are credible to both academic institutions and employers."

Degrees Conferred

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

James R. Swartz

Senator Robert F. Bennett

Associate of Applied Science – CNE Emphasis

S. Michael Johnson

Master of Arts in Learning and Technology

Arna Clark

Gay W. Jackson

Connie Keogh

Catherine Ann McAtee

Leigh Ann Riding

Kenneth Rowley

Matthew H. Stowell

Shannon Walter

Robin Yucus

Western Governors University

Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Governor Michael O. Leavitt

Conferral of Honorary Doctoral Degrees

President Robert W. Mendenhall

Commencement Address

The Honorable Robert F. Bennett

Conferral of Degrees and Remarks by Graduates

President Robert W. Mendenhall

Closing Remarks

Governor Michael O. Leavitt



James R. Swartz

Jim Swartz has been active in venture capital since the early 1970s. Experienced in the operating needs of young companies, he particularly enjoys working with start-up teams that are defining new industries.

Jim is a former Director and Chairman of the National Venture Capital Association and a former President of the New York Venture Capital Forum. He is a graduate of Harvard University with a concentration in Engineering Sciences and Applied Physics and holds an M.S. in Industrial Administration from Carnegie Mellon University. His current interests include serving as Chairman of the Swartz Foundation Trust, the Christian Center of Park City, a Board Member of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Foundation, and the Management Committee for the Winter Olympics of 2002 (SLOC). He is also a member of the board of Advisors to Silicon Valley Community Ventures and Western Governors University.

Senator Robert F. Bennett

Senator Robert Bennett is serving his second six-year term in the U.S. Senate where he is a member of the Appropriations, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Governmental Affairs, Joint Economic, and the Small Business Committees.

As a current member and immediate past chairman of the Senate's Republican High-Tech Task Force, Senator Bennett is helping shape the future of the digital age as he leads efforts on legislative initiatives in the rapidly evolving high-tech arena. He was among the first in Congress to recognize the many challenges associated with the millennium date change and led efforts to heighten awareness and assess the threat of Y2K to the nation's electronic infrastructure. In March of 2000, he was named to chair a newly-formed working group within the Senate to serve as a central clearing house for information on cyber safety and critical infrastructure protection issues and efforts to address them.



