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Pomona College Commencement 2013

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Thank you, Professor Summers Sandoval, for your generous introduction and for all you do for the College.

President Oxtoby, my fellow Truste(d)-3 (uj /ncf. (m)-6 (y1)10 (f)-3 (e)-3G(d)4 ade)-3 3 (ll)2 (e)-te(n)6 s(C

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our collective mission, to prepare future citizens to leave college inspired to create, build and
work collectively at something greater than personal gain? Philanthropists have given
generously to found and sustain Pomona. In fact, that spirit of volunteerism, generosity, and
philanthropy sets our country apart from most other nations.

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am sure you will respond. I have been blessed with good fortune, and I feel compelled ^
inspired by those words on the gates ^to do what I can to address pressing social problems
that I see.

A high point in my philanthropic work has been to help establish the Center for Community
Partnerships here at Pomona. The Center directs the rich human capital of our faculty and
students to civic engagement and service and to be good neighbors and partners to those not
so well off just beyond our gates. It is so exciting to see our students become engaged in lives
of service, and from these experiences, I hope, new leaders and ideas will emerge to solve
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As a student at Pomona College, Draper majored in history and served as captain of the football team and secretary of the Ghosts Honor Society.