

Floor Speech Recognizing Gustavus Adolphus 150 Year Anniversary

As Prepared for Delivery

Mr. / Madam Speaker

It is my honor to rise today to congratulate Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, Minnesota, on 150 years of academic excellence.

For a century and a half, Gustavus Adolphus College has thrived as a prestigious and nationally recognized liberal arts college and cultivated the values of faith, service, justice and community in its students.

The Gustavus mission is: Make Your Life Count. My family and I live about fifteen minutes away from Gustavus and I have the opportunity to see first-hand many Gustavus students and graduates live that motto in our southern Minnesota community.

Gustavus students are bright, engaged and my interaction with them leaves me feeling optimistic about the future.

I am also lucky enough to be married to a Gustavus graduate.

Every year, Gustavus hosts a unique and world-renowned science conference named after Alfred Nobel. The conference is dedicated to the ideals Alfred Nobel professed in the final years of his life: international collaboration, science for the sake of improving our lives and progress.

This conference embodies what Gustavus is all about: pursuing academic excellence with the purpose of making it count.

Gustavus can be extremely proud of an accomplished 150 years, and I am quite confident that its tradition of excellence will continue to leave a profound impact upon Minnesotans and future students for years to come.

I yield back.