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Century Graduation Is Joyful Event

A record number of Century graduates, plus their families and friends, filled Aldrich Arena to capacity on Friday, May 13. A total of 470 graduates participated in the ceremony this year – more than we have ever had.

President Larry Litecky was the commencement speaker this year – his last year as president because he plans to retire at the end of June. His message for the graduates: learning is among the most noble things that people do. “Learning transforms people,” said Litecky. It helps them find their bliss – that fire within them that will sustain them for the rest of their lives.”

Quoting T.H. White, Litecky said, “Learning is the only thing in life that never fails. It is the only thing in life the mind can never exhaust or dream of regretting.”

Go East design firm founder Tim Deis, the 2011 Outstanding Alum, told graduates that as one of 10 children in South Dakota, his family had limited financial resources. Attending Century College when it was known as 916 Vocational-Technical Institute changed his life.

David Wahl, the 2011 Exemplary Student and the Outstanding Student in philosophy, stressed the importance of individual responsibility in his address to the graduates. “Do not waste a breath,” he said. “Never surrender. If you do not attempt to walk on water, you will find yourself at sea.”



Photo: Mike Bruner, David Wahl, Larry Litecky