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Dedication and Celebration
of the
International Hall of Flags
Represented by 142 National Backgrounds and 73 Main Languages

Thursday, September 27, 2007
9:30 a.m.
Program

Opening
Drums Played by Alyssa Julien, Student

Welcome
Master of Ceremony
Dr. Reza Fakhari
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science

Remarks
Dr. Regina S. Peruggi
President
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The Honorable Yvonne Graham
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The Honorable Alec Brook-Krasny
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The Honorable Cosmus Cozier
Alumni Representative
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Ribbon Cutting and Presentation of the Dedication Plaque
President Regina S. Peruggi and Special Guests

Remarks
Mr. Rudy Chase
President, Student Activities Coordinating Board

Dance
Performed by Bangladeshi Club

Readings
Ms. Joy Marchionni, Student
President of the Honors Club

"Here is not merely a nation but a teeming nation of nations."
(Own essay, drawing on Walt Whitman)

"Why are there so few stories of peace?"
(From Ariel Dorfman’s essay, “A Different Drum”)

"The walls must come down."
(From Kofi Annan, see below)

Closing Remarks
Dr. Stuart Suss
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

The Walls Must Come Down
“We seek a world defined by solidarity and understanding, tolerance of dissent, celebration of cultural diversity, an insistence on fundamental, universal human rights, and a belief in the right of people everywhere to have a say in how they are governed. It is a world characterized by the belief that the diversity of human cultures is something to be celebrated, not feared. Such a world demands that we tear down the walls in our own minds — those separating us from them, rich from poor, white from black, Christian from Muslim from Jew — so that we are able to recognize the untold ways in which we can all benefit from cooperation and solidarity across lines of nationality, race or economic development.”

—Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations, October 2002.