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### Meet the Great John Goodman

Specific Purpose: To introduce John Goodman as the speaker for the Freshman Convocation.

Central Idea: John Goodman was a simple boy from Missouri who made it big in the world, and will talk to the incoming freshman class about his college experiences, and what each of us as students can do to get the most out of our education.

#### Introduction

I am glad you all could show up here today, and I would like to welcome you to the 2004 Freshman Convocation. It is my privilege to be able to introduce to you today a man I highly admire and respect, and an alumnus of this university, John Goodman. Today, he will be speaking to you about his college experiences. He will also talk about what you as students can do to maximize your college education.

(Transition: Let me tell you a little more about him.)

#### Body

- I. He was born in June of 1952 in the small farming community of Afton, MO.
  - A. He had a brother and a sister.
  - B. He went to Afton high school.
    1. There he played football.
    2. He was also in the school play.
    3. He graduated in 1970.
- II. After High School he attended Meramec Community College, and shortly after transferred to Southwest Missouri State University.
  - A. He Graduated from SMSU in 1975.
  - B. He was accredited with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre.
- III. After College he left for New York to make it big.
  - A. His acting career was just getting started.
    1. He started out small, performing as minor characters in a few off-Broadway productions.
    2. By 1978 he had made his big break in the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream".
    3. After that he quickly raised to Broadway in the plays "Big River", and "Loose Ends."

4. He has also been in the plays “Henry, IV”, “Anthony and Cleopatra” and “the Palace of Amateurs”
- B. While on stage, he thought he should try to expand his career for a larger audience by doing commercials.
    1. He was in a Campbell’s soup commercial.
    2. He was also the voice of the yellow M&M, when they first came out.
  - C. He also made us laugh on the big screen in such movies as Monsters inc., the Flintstones, Born Yesterday, Arachnophobia, King Ralph, The Blues Brothers 2000, and Coyote Ugly, to name a few.
  - D. However, the role he is probably best known for was the part of Dan Connor in the Television Series Roseanne.
  - E. New projects for John Goodman.
    1. He will star in a sitcom that is to start this fall called “Center of the Universe.”
    2. He will also be the voice of an animated lion in a parody about Siegfried and Roy.

(John Goodman has gone from theatre, to television, to movies and back.)

### Conclusion

As you can see John Goodman is a man of varied experiences, whom has an incredible depth of talent. I hope you all will give him your full attention as he talks with you about his college experiences and about what you can do as a student to get the most out of your college education. So without further delay, let us all give a big round of applause to John Goodman.

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