



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM™

Office of the Chancellor

May 5, 2014

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice

Dear Secretary Rice:

I recently learned of your withdrawal as commencement speaker at Rutgers University and wanted to let you know that you are more than welcome to speak at Texas Tech University any time. As a distinguished diplomat and great leader, you would be an outstanding individual to speak at one of our upcoming graduation ceremonies, and we would be honored to pay the honorarium. Provided below are dates for your consideration.

- August 9, 2014
- December 12-13, 2014
- May 15-16, 2015

Texas Tech is a university of ideas, and our commencement ceremonies have featured speakers from various political parties and with a wide range of professional backgrounds from all over the world.

I believe if a university attempts to stifle free speech, it is the greatest injustice for the market of free ideas. Institutions that do so are opposing the basic liberties that our great nation was founded upon.

We salute you for your dedicated service and look forward to having you join us on campus in the near future. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, or my staff, if I can ever be of assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Hance".

Kent Hance

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