CSUDH Inaugurates 10th President:
‘We are Fulfilling America’s Promise’

In an affair filled with promise and hope, California State University, Dominguez Hills celebrated the investiture of President Willie J. Hagan on May 2.

Standing in front of an audience of 450 attendees which included faculty, staff, students, political figures and notable community members, Hagan delivered his inaugural address during the ceremony on the campus’ North Lawn.

“I cannot help but be humbled by the small role I have been given the privilege to play,” Hagan said. “I promise to do everything in my power to live up to the responsibilities of this position and to advance our mission and to make this institution even stronger.”

Investiture speaker Martha Kanter, a visiting professor of higher education and senior fellow at the Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy at New York University and former undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Education, spoke about Hagan’s duty to the university.

Previously, Hagan served as interim president and vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer at CSU Fullerton.

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Inauguration Dinner Celebrates University President and Scholars

Music serenaded as more than 400 guests gathered for a dinner celebration of Dr. Willie Hagan, after his presidential investiture at CSUDH on May 2.

Inside an elegantly decorated tent on the campus North Lawn, university friends and supporters were treated to performances by CSUDH music major Osbaldo Maravilla and concert pianist Elizabeth Joy Roe, who played several numbers on one of 21 new Steinway pianos on campus. The university was recently designated an “All-Steinway” campus, demonstrating a commitment to excellence by providing students and faculty with the highest quality pianos for the study of music.

Univision news anchor Gabriela Teissier, serving as emcee, recognized the exemplary achievements of the 2013-14 Presidential Scholars as well as the generosity of Presidential Inauguration sponsors. Inauguration activities combined to result in one of the most successful fundraising events in the university’s history; a total of $460K was raised in cash and gifts-in-kind.