

# Greta Van Susteren Applauds May Graduates



**STETSON'S MAY GRADUATES** were inspired by keynote speaker **Greta Van Susteren**, a CNN legal analyst, host of "The Point with Greta Van Susteren" and co-host of CNN's "Burden of Proof" with Roger Cossack.

"Each generation has a duty to make the world better for the next, and now my generation has begun the process to turn to you," said Van Susteren, who has provided legal

analysis for CNN on the O.J. Simpson murder trial, the William Kennedy Smith rape trial, former President Bill Clinton's impeachment proceedings and the 2000 presidential election. "It's your turn to make America and the world better."

Just five months before terrorists attacked New York City and Washington, D.C., Van Susteren told graduates they could influence the development of international law.

"This world has seen ad hoc criminal trials – Nuremberg and Yugoslavia to name two – but never a permanent tribunal to attempt to right the wrongs and punish those who have violated basic human rights," she said. "A permanent international criminal court has recently been proposed because today the world refuses to look away as people are slaughtered in countries not our own."

"There is a worldwide effort to find some solution to justice for all. At this time in history, legal scholars debate whether America should be involved or not in a permanent international criminal tribunal. America has not yet signed the treaty creating this court. It is not clear if it ever will, but this is an important issue that your generation of graduates will ultimately be called upon to decide."

"No nation comes close to ours. No nation has the freedoms, the opportunity, or the power – or the responsibility."

During her career as a trial attorney, Van Susteren represented clients in civil and criminal cases ranging from murder, racketeering and death penalty cases, to divorce, product liability and patent/contract disputes.

She holds a law degree and a master of laws in trial advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center, where she served as an adjunct law professor from 1982 to 1999.

# Stetson Alumni Parents Are Invited to Present Graduation Certificates to Their Sons and Daughters During the Graduation Ceremonies



*(Left-right) Matthew A. Vazquez-Mitcham with his father Bob A. Mitcham '62 before Matthew's graduation.*



*(Left-right) Richard A. Hirsch '66, Russell J. Ferraro, Jr. '74, Roger N. Messer '77 and Thomas F. Panza '71.*



*(Left-right) Thomas F. Panza '71, Dana Marie Panza '01, Steven Andrew Messer '01, Roger N. Messer '77, Matthew A. Vazquez-Mitcham '01, Bob A. Mitcham '62, Russell Joseph Ferraro, III '01, Russell J. Ferraro, Jr. '74, Cortney Meredith Hirsch '01 and Richard A. Hirsch '66.*