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WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs David W. Anderson will address the May 14 commencement ceremony for the 2003-2004 graduates of Haskell Indian Nations University, a Bureau of Indian Affairs operated post-secondary institution located in Lawrence, Kan. Anderson, himself the son of Haskell alumni, is very proud and honored to be with the students at this important event in their lives. For 120 years Haskell Indian Nations University has educated generations of Indian students from tribes around the country. It was originally established in 1884 as Haskell Institute, a boarding and vocational school for American Indian children and youth. During the 1980s, it was renamed Haskell Junior College and began offering associate degrees. In 1995, the school, now called Haskell Indian Nations University, was approved by the North Central Accreditation Association to offer its first baccalaureate degree. HINU now offers associate degrees in applied science, science and art, as well as baccalaureate degrees in elementary education, Indian studies, natural resources and environmental studies, and business administration.

WHO: David W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

WHAT: Anderson will give the commencement address to the 2003-2004 graduating class of Haskell Indian Nations University.

WHEN: Friday, May 14, 2004 starting at 10:00 a.m. (CDT)

WHERE: Haskell Indian Nations University, Warner E. Coffin Sports Complex, 155 Indian Avenue, Lawrence, Kan.

Note to Editors: Credentialed media covering the event should be in place by 9:45 a.m. Press seating will be provided. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m.