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E. C. T. I. ALMA MATER

(Tune - Gaudeamus Igitur)

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1. Al-ma Ma-ter hail to thee Symbol of in-teg-ri-ty
 2. Er-ie Coun-ty from these halls To the world we will go forth
 3. Al-ma Ma-ter we re-turn All the songs of praise you've earned

1. Halls that house our friend-li-ness Halls that share our hap-pi-ness
 2. With the know-ledge we have gained May your stan-dards we sus-tain
 3. Faith-fully to stu-dents guide Thank-ful-ly to stu-dents pride

we are proud to have be-fore us Brilliant ban-ners Red and gray

Em-blem of our loy-al-ty, Em-blem of our loy-al-ty

ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, hail to thee,
Symbol of integrity,
Halls that house our friendliness
Halls that share our happiness.

Erie County from these halls,
To the world we will go forth
With the knowledge we have gained
May your standards we sustain.

Alma Mater we return
All the songs of praise you've earned,
Faithfully a student's guide,
Thoughtfully a student's pride.

Chorus

We are proud to have before us
Brilliant banners red and gray,
Emblem of our loyalty,
Emblem of our loyalty.