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President John M. Dunn  
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Thank you. It is indeed a pleasure to accept the Arts Education Organization Award on behalf of Western Michigan University, one of the state's greatest assets and an institution with a rich and well deserved reputation for its commitment to the Arts.

Our College of Fine Arts has as its mission a commitment to elevate the human condition through the arts.

This award affirms that we are achieving our mission and doing so with distinction. The acknowledgement is well deserved and we thank Governor Granholm and Art Serve Michigan for this recognition.

On behalf of Dean Margaret Merrion and her leadership team, a talented and dedicated faculty, students *par excellence*, distinguished alumni, and a generous WMU philanthropic community, we gratefully and humbly accept this award.

Thank you.