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Troy Gold Pride Reception Video Script

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Good evening. There is ABSOLUTELY nothing I like better than the opportunity to tell prospective students and their families about Western Michigan University.

Only extraordinary circumstances could keep me from being with you this evening in Troy.

Western Michigan University is an outstanding university of exceptional quality and academic rigor.

One of the people who helped make WMU what it is today was Dr. Diether Haenicke, WMU's fifth president, who served for 14 pivotal years.

He died last week, and late today in Kalamazoo, thousands of people from around the world gathered to remember him in a memorial service on our campus.

As president of the University, host to the memorial service, and a friend and admirer of former President Haenicke, I needed to be here on campus for this important event.

But you're in good hands. The Western Michigan University staff members with you this evening can tell you all the important things you need to know about our wonderful University.
If you ask them, I'll bet each one has his or her own anecdote about Dr. Haenicke.

Ask them to share a story and you'll understand just what a champion of students he was and how grateful for his service we will always be.

I hope you also get a true sense of this University's sense of community and its commitment to student success--your success.

While I won't be able to meet and speak with you this evening, I am looking forward to seeing you on our campus soon.

If you've already made the decision to become a Bronco, we'll see you at orientation. If you're still mulling your options, come and visit soon.

I guarantee, you'll want to take advantage of all we have to offer. As a WMU student you'll have opportunities second to none.

You'll study at a research university with some of the world's top scholars.

You'll begin friendships that will last a lifetime, and you'll earn a degree that will open doors to the career you want.

We want you to join the worldwide community of Broncos.

Don't leave this evening until you have all your questions answered. I'll see you on campus soon.