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Education Career Fair

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• Good afternoon. This is a terrific turnout today for our 21st annual Teacher Education Career Fair. I understand we have representatives here from more than 90 school districts in Michigan, from 17 other states and from China and Korea.

• This University began as a teachers’ college more than 100 years ago, and we have always kept teacher education as part of our core identity. It's our heritage--something we continue to do really well.

• Our faculty members are on the cutting edge of developments in education. Our students leave here with the knowledge that can only come from working and studying with people at the top of their profession. That's one reason our list of recruiters grows every year. They know we're committed to turning out the very finest educators for our state and nation.

• The other reason our recruiter list keeps growing is the reputation that our students build in the districts that hire them. We have more than a few repeat districts here today. We owe a note of thanks to our past graduates who demonstrate their professionalism every day on the job.

• For those of you who meet your future employers today, remember how the students before you paved the way and showed what a WMU alum can do. Please vow to do the same as you enter the work place. If you do, next year the path forward will be even smoother for the Class of 2010.
We're proud of our graduates, proud of the level of teacher education we provide and delighted to have so many guests with us today. I wish you all the best and most productive of conversations. Happy interviewing.