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## AMBUCS Contest Draw

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AMBUCS  
Dr. John M. Dunn  
April 29, 2009

- It's great to be here again here with the AMBUCS membership. I never miss an opportunity to visit and celebrate the support you have provided for Western Michigan University students over the years. I continue to be grateful and amazed at the level of funding you have provided over the years, particularly for young health care professionals.
- We're enormously proud of the opportunities we provide in the health care professions. I can tell you the quality of those programs is really unparalleled--especially in one of the areas that has been a particular focus for AMBUCS--occupational therapy.
- You'll be interested to know that this fall, we'll be offering our OT master's degree program for the first time in Grand Rapids. Our OT program, which is ranked (US News) among the top 40 such graduate programs in the nation, was our first non-teaching program at WMU. We're going to celebrate our 100th anniversary of offering classes in Grand Rapids by taking that wonderful program to that community.
- We regard AMBUCS as our partners on two important fronts:
  - Keeping the quality health care education at WMU accessible. What you do literally helps us keep the door open to the young people we'll need tomorrow to ensure quality health care.
  - Helping our community address the needs of children with disabilities. Many of our OT students, for instance, do their practica and perform volunteer work in the pediatric area of our Unified Clinics.

- I understand my role here today is to draw the winning lottery ticket. It's my pleasure to do so, and some lucky person at this luncheon is today's winner. But our community is the real winner, thanks to the work your organization does every day.