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President John M. Dunn
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• Welcome to the second annual WMU Day at the Capitol--the largest and most successful collegiate recognition event ever held at the Michigan capitol.

• More than 850 faculty, staff and students registered for the event--100 more than last year's wonderful event. We even had a waiting list of people who also wanted to participate. And we've had Lansing-area Broncos drop by all day just to be part of the fun.

• Thank you for coming, for telling the Western Michigan University story and for helping our state leaders attach real-live Bronco faces and names to the important examples of what we do as a university. You represent your University in a way that no one else can do as well.

• You've exceeded our expectations in terms of number of people here, and the number and quality of the ways you've decided to demonstrate Bronco pride--all over the capitol grounds and in your conversations with our representatives.

• Best of all, it looks like you are having fun. I know I am having a great time, and I could not be more proud of our University and the kind of impact it has every day on the state of Michigan.
• It's days like this that really make me relish my job as cheerleader-in-chief. But I'm going to turn the microphone over to the pros now. I understand we have a cheer contest coming up, and then we'll sing the Fight Song and the Alma Mater. Sing loud. Let people know how you feel. Go Broncos.