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Sigma Phi Epsilon Welcome

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• Good evening. It's wonderful to be back here to welcome the Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni back to campus. Thank you for inviting me to be part of your reunion.

• You know it's always a pleasure for me to hear from people who are my contemporaries (1955-65 alums) and hear about your experiences at Western Michigan University in an era that is familiar to me. As I've gotten to know this University well, I find myself wanting more and more information about what student life was like here during different periods. Your conversations and stories set the bar pretty high for recounting moments of friendship, loyalty, discovery and good times.

• My takeaway is that membership in sigma Phi Epsilon and being a student at Western Michigan University were experiences that had a lasting impact on your lives. These were experiences that bring you back here year after year to reconnect and celebrate a very special time for all of you. These were experiences that nurtured lifelong friendships.

• That's as it should be. The kind of life-altering experiences are what I wish for our current students. We have made a commitment to helping our students be successful in and out of the classroom. Student success is, in fact, a mantra on this campus. You are all good examples of what student success leads to as the years go by.

• My request of you is that when you are in your home communities, you share with friends, neighbors and even family members, just how much your connection to
Western Michigan University has meant to you. You never know who's listening or what kind of impression that will make on a prospective student or their family.

Thank you for reconnecting with each other and the University we all love. Have a great time together.