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MICH BIO WELCOME
John M. Dunn BULLIT POINTS
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ON BEHALF OF OUR REGION AND WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2009 MICH BIO EXPO.

There's no place quite as appropriate as Kalamazoo for an event of this kind. THE GREATER KALAMAZOO COMMUNITY HAS A LIFE-SCIENCE LEGACY DATING BACK MORE THAN 100 YEARS. PEOPLE LIKE W.E. UPJOHN AND HOMER STRYKER WERE TRUE PIONEERS IN THE FIELD...AND THEY STARTED IN KALAMAZOO.

TODAY WORLD-CLASS COMPANIES LIKE PFIZER, STRYKER, MPI, METABOLIC SOLUTIONS, KALEXSYN, PROTEOS AND MANY OTHERS ARE LOCATED HERE. And just two days ago, we learned of the intentions of another firm--South Bend-based Mossberg&Co.--that has signaled its intention to join our science and research community.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE 30-PLUS COMPANIES IN THE WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH PARK ARE LIFE SCIENCE FIRMS, INCLUDING THOSE LAUNCHED WITHIN THE SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN INNOVATION CENTER.

WESTERN'S BIOSCIENCES RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER IS A COMMERCIALY FOCUSED,

SCIENCE-DRIVEN, TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER,
DEDICATED TO GROWING THE LIFE SCIENCE BUSINESS SECTOR
IN MICHIGAN.

Not only do we have a rich tradition in discovery science and
commercialization, the city also is HOME TO TWO OUTSTANDING
TEACHING HOSPITALS, BRONSON AND BORGESS AND THE W M
U COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IS RANKED AS
ONE OF THE TOP ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS IN THE
COUNTRY.

Just this week we took a giant step forward in bringing those three entities
and some additional partners together to begin a new medical school to take
advantage of the amazing infrastructure that exists here and to leverage our
community's rich scientific legacy. THE FUTURE LOOKS EVEN
BRIGHTER AS WE CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR
COMMUNITY PARTNERS ABOUT CREATING THE WESTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

LIFE SCIENCE...IT IS PART OF THIS COMMUNITY'S DNA.