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• Good evening. I'm John M. Dunn, president of Western Michigan University, and it's great to see so many Bronco faces here this evening. Whenever we gather—but especially when we have a visitor of this caliber, I'm reminded of the Western Michigan University Points of Pride and the fact that our students--you--are so proud of WMU, you actually had a pretty fierce competition a while back to narrow those points down to the Western Michigan University Top 100 Points of Pride.

You're here to listen to the governor, so I want to keep this short, but I want to start this evening off with my own favorite "Top Five WMU Points of Pride"--recounted David Letterman-style in reverse order

• No 5. Our faculty has developed academic programs renowned internationally--from geosciences to jazz, from aviation to medieval studies.

• No. 4 We're home to one of the nation's oldest collegiate honors programs--the Lee Honors College

• No. 3 WMU is one of only 101 public universities in the nation granted its own chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious honor society.

• No. 2 We're one of fewer than 200 public research universities in the nation and one of only five in Michigan.
• And the No. 1 Western Michigan University Point of Pride--our students.

WMU is the school attended by the finest student body anywhere. That student body is represented here tonight by you and by Nate Knappen, head of the Western Student Association who will introduce Gov. Granholm.