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Dr. John M. Dunn
April 22, 2010

• Good evening. I'm happy to be here to celebrate your achievements. In fact, there are few things I'd rather do than collect more information I can share about the terrific work being done in our labs and offices here on campus by our graduate students. I can be pretty shameless when it comes to singing your praises, and events like this evening simply give me more material--more pages to that songbook.

• In fact, I've been pleased at the increasing number of opportunities to showcase our graduate students' work.

- Late last fall, there was the Hilltop Review, which featured the papers and art of 7 graduate students.

- Two weeks ago, there was the Fourth Annual Research and Creative Activities Poster Day at which 15 graduate students were honored for their work with a faculty advisor.

- And tonight, we are honoring the recipients of some of our top graduate awards.

  10 All-University Scholars

  30 Departmental Scholars

  8 Graduate Student All-University Teaching Effectiveness Awards. And, 26 Graduate Student Departmental Teaching Effectiveness Awards

  2 Full-year Dissertation Completion Fellowships
4 Half-year Dissertation Completion Fellowships

• I've been enormously proud of this University's commitment to graduate education and proud of the leadership of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee. Brandi has been a strong advocate for all of you, and Joel will be as well. I'm looking forward to working with him.

• You've played an important part in making this the vibrant university that it is. For those of you who will be back with us next session or this fall, I look forward to more chances to get to know you. For those of you who will receive degrees in the coming weeks, I'll see you at Miller and proudly shake you hand and wish you all the best.

• Enjoy your evening.