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Fall Open House Welcome
John M. Dunn
Sept 30, Oct 21, Nov 11, Dec. 2, 2011

- Thank you all so much for being here this morning. Welcome students. And welcome student families.
- You're here because you want to know what Western Michigan University has to offer and whether it's the right fit for you. I can and will gladly give you a litany of all the reasons why you should carefully consider WMU and why you should listen closely and look carefully at what you'll hear and see today. As a matter of fact there's an admission staff stationed in the back of the room to tell me when to stop talking. I have a tendency to get pretty excited and go on too long when I tell people about all of the wonderful options they'll find here.
- We've got a lot to boast about, and I always urge our faculty, staff and students to let our Bronco pride show. We have programs that are known nationally and internationally. As a matter of fact, if there was a "final four" in areas like jazz studies, engineering management, aviation, geosciences, creative writing or medieval studies, we'd be there every time.
- No matter what major you choose, we want you to be successful, so we've invested ourselves and our resources in making our programs the very best they can be. We have people in every college and in every office whose first priority is to make sure our students succeed in class, find their career path and prepare to be the citizens and professionals who will lead our nation forward.
- We want you to be Broncos as you start your career. We want you to find success in every aspect of college life. We want you to take real pride in what you find here

and we want you to boast about your college experience--while you're a student and long afterward when you're an alum and making your mark on the world.

- Your university experience will be transformative--because of what you learn both inside and outside the classroom. I know that because I had the good fortune to attend a diverse public university as a student. My worldview was changed dramatically by what I learned from my professors, of course, but also from what I learned by having the opportunity to study, eat, live and work with students from across the globe and from every conceivable background. That was--a few--years ago, but that experience guided my career path and still influences and inspires me every day. That transformative experience is what we all wish for you.

- What kind of people will you meet here?

- Students from every ethnic and economic background.

- Students from every state in the nation and all of Michigan's counties.

- Students from more than 90 other countries on all the world's continents

- Students your own age and nontraditional students of all ages

- Students from all of the world's major belief systems and religions

- Veterans--we have more vets of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars than any other Michigan university, and we've just been honored for being one of the nation's best colleges for vets.

- Your opportunity to broaden your horizons will only be limited by your own interests and inclinations.

- I hope your visit today is wonderful and informative and I hope it provides you with all the information you need to make the right decision to become a Bronco. Enjoy the day. I look forward to seeing you as a student on our campus very soon.

