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Welcome
Dr. John M. Dunn
Transfer Transition 2012

- Good morning. It's my job and my delight today is to offer the official formal welcome to you as new members of the Bronco family. We're glad you're here. You made a great decision when you chose Western Michigan University.
- We expect great things from you while you're a student here, and we know you'll accomplish great things when you become a proud Bronco alum--and believe me, that will happen sooner than you might think it possible at this point. Your next few years will be busy ones and they will fly by with unbelievable speed.
- You may think you already know a lot about this university. Don't get too comfortable with that feeling. You'll be surprised at every turn. You will be continually amazed at everything happening here – academic activities, of course, but also countless social and cultural opportunities.
- Take advantage of everything this university offers. Don't just come to campus, attend your classes and head to your car. Talk to people, get to know your professors and your fellow students. Become a part of the life of this University.
- Your studies come first, but I know you've already figured that out. But being a successful person means being able to balance work and fun. It means trying new things, making discoveries about your discipline and about yourself. Be prepared for transformational learning—both in the classroom and outside of it. Western

Michigan University is teeming with exciting opportunities and activities for you, your friends and your families.

- I hope to see you in Miller watching Broadway shows; in Bronco Stadium, Lawson Arena and Read Fieldhouse for athletic events; on the intramural fields having fun; and downtown enjoying the Kalamazoo community.
- Join a student organization and consider playing a leadership role. Imagine yourself studying abroad for a semester. Find out what's happening and who's speaking on campus. Check out everything that sounds even remotely interesting. In short, take advantage of everything WMU has to offer. You will never regret it.
- I'm looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible. When you see me on campus, don't be shy about introducing yourself and talking. I try to greet and talk with as many students as I can, but I'd love it if you'd say "Hi" as we're standing in line at Biggby's. Tell me who you are and how your student experience is going.
- As the next couple of years speed by--and they definitely will--I will watch your progress with pride. In due course, I'll be standing on the Miller Auditorium stage to shake your hand and present your diploma. It will be a moment in which we both will feel a great sense of accomplishment.

Welcome to WMU and your life as a Bronco. Enjoy your orientation activities, and get ready for the ride of a lifetime.