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## Medallion Spring Brunch for Graduating Seniors

Welcome

John M. Dunn

April 15, 2012

- Good morning. Welcome to all of you. I'm so pleased that you are here for what has become one of my favorite spring events. I never tire of hearing about the success and future plans of our Medallion Scholars.
- In fact, my pleasure in attending this event grows with each passing year. I feel like I know many of you well. Some of you were prospective students or new freshmen during the first months as president of Western Michigan University. Your accomplishments as students and your plans for the future are nothing short of inspiring. Congratulations on your success so far. Please know you carry with you the best wishes of our entire campus community as you move on to the next steps in your lives and careers.
- For the parents here today, I want to reiterate what I know you heard from me the first time we met--perhaps at a Medallion Scholarship competition or during a campus visit. Thank you.
- You have done a great job first in preparing these young people for college and then supporting them as they took full advantage of the opportunities along the way. You deserve now to sit back and enjoy the next few weeks as your student is honored, embraced and sent off with commencement festivities. Thank you for entrusting your student to us.
- And to our donors here today, thank you. We could not have done this without you. These students have a world of opportunity in front of them because you chose to invest in them. I know you, like all of us, will be watching these young people with

keen interest, and I know you'll be feeling justifiable pride and pleasure in what they will accomplish.

- Thank you all, and enjoy yourselves here this morning.