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Weslaco High School & Weslaco East High School Welcome

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• I'm happy to see you here today and so pleased that you are considering Western Michigan University for your college education. You've already made a good decision by putting WMU on your shortlist. I know what you experience today will keep you interested.

• When you make that important decision, I hope you think carefully about this University. There are two critical pieces of information I want you to take home with you today.

- **First**, this is a place where you will have choices--great choices. Whatever field you're considering, we're likely to have a program that will prepare you to succeed. We have 141 undergraduate majors--the second highest of any Michigan university. And those programs are among the best anywhere.

- **Second**, this is a university that is set up to make you successful. You'll develop close relationships with faculty members who are at the top of their game. Because this is a research university, our faculty are constantly generating new knowledge. What you learn in the classroom will be taught by people who really know their stuff--in fact, it’s possible they "wrote the book" on the topic they're teaching.

- **Third**, there is no place like Kalamazoo. This region of Michigan is the perfect location to study and explore, to prepare for your future, and to consider your new academic home. Located midway between Detroit and
Chicago, Kalamazoo blends the big-city feel with small-town hospitality. There’s a wealth of recreational, cultural and social opportunities in this community. And the Western Michigan University campus is front and center—the heart of the community.

- **Fourth**, Western Michigan University is committed to being learner centered, discovery driven and globally engaged.

• As president of WMU, I'm in a unique position. I get to interact with students at every point in the higher education process. On the front end, I get to meet student who are just beginning the college search process--students like you.

• At the other end of the continuum, I get to see alumni who found success on our campus and have turned their experiences into meaningful and fulfilling careers. I remain in touch with alumni all over the world. They are living very interesting lives and earning recognition in their chosen fields.

• Keeping up on accomplishments of our alumni is one thing, but by far my greatest privilege is getting to know our terrific students and standing on the stage of Miller Auditorium to congratulate them when they earn their degrees.

• Enjoy your day here. Explore the campus and ask lots questions. We are here to make certain that you get the answers you need to choose the best university for you. Without question, we hope you choose to Grab the Reins and become a Bronco.