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Dr. John M. Dunn
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Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Chenery Auditorium
Jan. 20, 2013

Good afternoon. I'm Dr. John M. Dunn, president of Western Michigan University.

On behalf of the entire WMU community, I want to welcome you here today. I also want to tell you how pleased we are to have you join us in celebrating this year's 50th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Kalamazoo.

The major address he delivered on our campus that evening so long ago still holds great power today. His words still remind us that, just as in 1963, there is much still to be done.

In the world we live in today, his messages of nonviolence, brotherhood and justice bear repeating every day. As a University community, it is our intent to redouble our efforts this year to find more ways to embrace and use Dr. King's words and honor his legacy.

Thank you for helping us continue to live the dream that he inspired in us in 1963. I look forward to seeing you at many of the events scheduled to remember and celebrate that milestone event.