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Phi Kappa Phi Luncheon

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Good afternoon.

• I want to thank each of you for responding to this afternoon's invitation and for expressing your interest in establishing a deeper connection with the WMU Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

• This is a strong chapter that will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year, and it's a chapter that the national organization has honored as a "Chapter of Merit" for promoting academic excellence in all disciplines and for engaging its scholars in service to others--those are the two directives expressed in the Phi Kappa Phi mission statement.

• One of our important messages to students is the importance of making connections and forming networks. When they are initiated into a nation honor society of this caliber, it is important for them to know that they now have a natural affiliation with PKP members and alumni from other chapters.

• We'd like very much for you to bring your experience as Phi Kappa Phi members from institutions around the nation to the work of the WMU chapter. It can be as small or as large an investment of your time as you would like.

• Western Michigan University is a value-added institution. The opportunity to be a part of the nation's most prestigious honor societies is one significant opportunity we offer that is not available at all of our sister institutions. By acknowledging your membership in the national organization, you serve as an example of the caliber of this
school and its faculty, and you give them a vision for what it means to be a Phi Beta Kappa member.

- Thank you for being here. Enjoy your lunch and the chance to chat with your fellow scholars on this wintery afternoon.