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• Good afternoon, Broncos--Golden Broncos!

• It's a great day to be a Bronco every day, but today is our day to celebrate those of you super Broncos who have gone above and beyond to help build a Western Michigan University campus culture of scholarship, spirit, pride and community service. We're here to honor student leaders, advisors, and registered student organizations who not only were judged as the best in their categories this year, but also have set the standard for the years to come.

• Congratulations, and thank you for all that you do. Your accomplishments give me new opportunities to tell a wonderful story when people ask me what's happening on campus, or what kind of student chooses Western Michigan University. We're very, very proud of what you do and how you represent your fellow students and the entire campus community.

• The lessons you've learned as you've led your respective organizations will serve you throughout your careers--and more important, throughout your lives. Your ability to inspire others to work toward a common goal is a quality that will be treasured in the community you choose to live in. I take great pride in the fact that we are preparing students to become citizens who will make a difference. We want you to be citizens who value diversity and civility and who are equipped to critically evaluate all sides of an issue. You are already doing that. Today's awards are just our chance to recognize your abilities.
• Another quality that Broncos value is the ability to find ways to handle those inevitable times when flexibility is needed to make sure we adequately honor someone's accomplishments even when we can't do so in the standard timeframe. Dean Carla Koretsky has made arrangements to do just that for one of our Lee Honors College seniors who can't be here for June commencement. I'd like to ask Dean Koretsky to step forward to explain and help us all be part of a great celebratory moment.

Thank you.