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Closing remarks
Dr. John M. Dunn
Aug. 13, 2014

- Good morning. What a great way to begin a day. Thank you for coming together to celebrate what is remarkable about our community and the University we all love.
- Marilyn, thank you for your remarks about (???). Ana, thank you for sharing your story with us. You have all the hallmarks of being a great Bronco alum in the future, and we will be watching your pathway with delight and pride. The fact that your Medallion Scholarship was funded by the Emeriti Council is icing on the cake this morning--but very important icing. I need to add my thanks to this organization for supporting the Medallion program--and you.
- It's just two weeks before our students return for the fall semester. They'll be returning to a campus that has changed from the one they left in April. The pace of activity and accomplishment has not slowed a bit over the summer.
 - This week, for instance, we're celebrating the news that our integrated supply management program has been ranked No. 5 in the nation by Gartner, the organization that sets the benchmarks for that industry. Three years ago when the last ranking was announced, we were at No. 12.
 - Next week the first students of the Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine will begin their studies and on Sept. 18, we'll celebrate the grand opening of that game-changing facility. Please plan to be there.

-And this afternoon, we'll be announcing the successful outcome of our yearlong work to forge an affiliation with a private law school--the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. It's a change that will have a profound impact on WMU and our community.

- Change will continue. On Sept. 1, the campus will become a tobacco-free living and learning environment. It's a move designed to enhance the health of our campus community and boost our ability to sustain the environmental quality we are committed to.

- This is the campus and the change environment you helped build. We look forward to seeing you on campus this academic year to enjoy the fruits of your labor and help us continue our progress forward.

Enjoy your day and remember--It's always a great day to be a Bronco.