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Good morning and welcome. Actually, I should say “welcome back” for we are in the throes of Homecoming week here at WMU and some of you—I hope many of you—are returning Broncos. No matter if you think you’re familiar with our University or not, I always like to slip in a Cliff Notes update--WMU in 100 words or less.

WMU is a Carnegie-designated research university with 24,000 students from 100 nations and nearly every state in the U.S. More than 20 percent of our students are at the graduate level, and our students find success at high rates in more than 250 degree programs in seven degree granting colleges. WMU also boasts of an 89 percent post-graduate success rate for our students—finding solid jobs in their fields within a few months earning their diploma. That’s important.

The newest additions to the Western Michigan family are two private professional schools, the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (just blocks away) and the WMU Thomas M. Cooley Law School, with campuses across Michigan and in Florida.

We are partners with you in many ways and our missions dovetail beautifully. All of us in this room today are pursuing the same goals. We want to see students succeed. We want to make the transition from high school to college easy, efficient, effective and empowering. We all want students to find the right fit in a post-secondary environment. As educators, how could we want anything less for our students?
Colleges and universities are feeling the same stresses and for the same reasons. It's been a tough few years for Michigan schools financially, but there's a central thought that drives us all to rise above the difficulties. For each of our students, this is their time--their time to explore, prepare and succeed. Their futures cannot and will not wait until budgets are better. We have and we will continue to focus every bit of our attention on making sure they have what they need to succeed.

Thanks for coming today. Enjoy your Webinar.