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Tau Sigma Induction Welcome

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Good evening. Welcome and congratulations to all of this evening's inductees to the Tau Sigma Honor Society for Transfer Students.

We celebrate the accomplishments and potential of 113 of you--both those of you able to be here with your families to mark this moment in your academic career and those unable to be here because of other commitments. If there is one thing we know about our students--it is that all of you lead incredibly busy, complicated lives in which scheduling and finding balance is always a challenge.

But you do that successfully. That's why we honor you this evening.

I'd like to single out some additional special honorees--people who play an important role at and for this university and our students. They will be inducted this evening as honorary members of Tau Sigma.

• WMU Provost and chief academic officer Timothy Greene;

• The presidents of the three community colleges whose students come to Western Michigan University in phenomenally large numbers
  -Kalamazoo Valley Community College President Marilyn Schlack
  -Grand Rapids Community College President Steven Ender, who was not able to be here; and
  -Kellogg Community College President Mark O'Connell, who will give this event's keynote address;
• And finally, WMU Associate Director of Transfer Admissions Ken Schaefer. Ken is retiring from WMU in May with 38+ years of service to WMU and tens of thousands of transfer student fans to his credit.

Please join me in welcoming them and thanking them for all that they do to ensure you enjoy a top-notch education and easy transition.

Students, you've studied hard and prospered at your community college. You’ve already shown that you are capable of great accomplishments. That's why you've been invited to be part of Tau Sigma. As a Bronco, we expect more great accomplishments from you in the months and years to come, and we know that even greater things will define your future as a proud Bronco alum.

Thank you for staking your future here at Western Michigan University. And remember, it's always a great day to be a Bronco!