Orientation Welcome

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• Good afternoon. I'm John Dunn, president of Western Michigan University. It is my pleasure to welcome you--students and families--to the Bronco community.

• Here’s your chance to learn, first-hand what make us all so proud of being Broncos. I have great confidence in our orientation team, and I know all of your questions will be answered and you'll get a complete picture of the outstanding people, programs and resources in place to ensure your success.

• Students, today is your first official day as a Bronco. You'll register for your first semester classes, and when you leave, you'll be an enrolled student--ready to hit the ground running when you return in a few short weeks.

• You've made a terrific choice by selecting WMU. You'll be a student at a major public research university--one of just 139 in the U.S. according to the Carnegie Foundation. You'll also be part of a university that is large enough to provide the resources you need and small enough to make you feel at home and part of a community that really cares about you and your success.

• I suspect you already know how special many of our programs are. For those of you who are sports fans, I like to point out that if there were a "Final Four" in degree programs like aviation, creative writing, engineering management, speech pathology, jazz studies or accounting, we'd be there every year. I've named just a few of our 230 programs. There are many more with the same kind of national and international reputation.
• We won’t stop looking at ways we can grow and add to our university's reputation and our ability to serve you. New programs and initiatives are being created because we know that every time we enhance what we do as a university, it makes the degree you will earn here even more valuable. You're coming to WMU at a particularly exciting time. The WMU Home Stryker M.D. School of Medicine as well as the WMU Cooley Law School are attracting top-notch students. Both institutions have added significantly to this university's overall programming and stature.

And, be sure to stop by the new dining facility in the Valley. What a marvelous addition that facility is to our already-amazing landscape. As finishing touches are being added to the structure, you can count on it being totally “open for business” when you arrive.

• We pride ourselves on being a "heads up" campus and always taking time to greet and acknowledge each other. I'll be looking for you this fall. We're all very proud that you have chosen to be a Bronco.

• If I can help you or your family in any way, please send me an email message. My address is simple--john.dunn@wmich.edu--and I read and respond personally to my email messages.

•Welcome again to Western Michigan University, your home for the next few years. Ask lots questions, meet new friends and prepare yourselves for the exciting, productive, “golden” life as a Western Michigan University Bronco.