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Fall Open House Welcome
John M. Dunn
Oct 28, Nov 11, Nov 18, 2016

- Thank you all so much for being here this morning. Welcome students. And welcome student families.
- You're here because you want to know what Western Michigan University has to offer and whether the right move for you is to "Discover Gold." I can and will gladly give you a litany of reasons why you should carefully consider Western Michigan University and why you should listen closely and look carefully at what you'll hear and see today. It doesn't take much to get me going for I can give reason after reason why you should become a Bronco. That's why there's an admission staff member stationed in the back of the room to tell me when to stop. I have a tendency to get carried away and go on too long when I tell people what GOLD you'll discover here.
- We have programs that are known nationally and internationally. As a matter of fact, if there was a "final four" in areas like jazz studies, supply chain management, aviation or medieval studies, we'd be included every year. We're known for the quality of our academics and for the quality of a host of other initiatives.
- No matter what major you choose, we want you to be successful, so we've invested ourselves and our resources in making our programs the very best they can be. We have people in every college and in every office whose first priority is to make sure our students succeed in class, find their career path and prepare to be the confident, innovative, productive citizens and professionals who will lead our nation forward.
- Your university experience will be transformative--because of what you learn both inside and outside the classroom. I know that because I had the good fortune to attend a

diverse public university as a student. My worldview was changed by what I learned from my professors, of course, but also from what I learned by having the opportunity to study, eat, live and work with students from around the globe and from every conceivable walk of life. That was--a few--years ago, but that experience guided my career path and still influences and informs me every day. That transformative experience is what we all wish for you.

- What kind of people will you meet here?

- Students from every conceivable income level and background
- Students from every state in the nation and all of Michigan's counties
- Students from 100 other countries on all the world's continents
- Students from all the world's major belief systems and religions
- Veterans--we have more vets of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars than any other Michigan university, and we've been honored for being one of the nation's best colleges for vets.

- I hope your visit today is wonderful and informative and I hope it provides you with all the information you need to make the right decision to become a Bronco. Be sure to pay close attention to Western Heights, our spectacular new residence halls. Also stop for a meal at the new Valley Dining Facility which opened just weeks ago.

Whatever you do, enjoy the day. Ask lots of questions. We're here to see that you receive the information you need to make one of the most important decisions of your life. Needless to say, I too am ready to respond to you.

I look forward to seeing you all on campus in the near future. WMU is where you belong! A Golden educational experience is right here waiting for you. And because

our students Discover their own personal Gold each and every day, one of my favorite closing statements is: It's a great day to be a BRONCO!