Good afternoon. It is my great pleasure to introduce Dr. James J. Duderstadt, president of the University of Michigan. A renowned researcher, scholar, and educator, Dr. Duderstadt graduated from Yale University with highest honors and obtained his Ph.D. in engineering science and physics from the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Duderstadt joined the University of Michigan in 1969 as an assistant professor of engineering. He worked his way up to dean of engineering in 1981, provost and vice president for academic affairs in 1986, and was named Michigan's tenth president in 1988. That's what I call working your way up the ladder of success!

He has received numerous awards for his teaching, research, and service activities, including the President's Medal of Technology, the National Engineer of the Year Award and election to the National Academy of Engineering. He has served on the National Science Board, including a stint as chair of the board.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. James Duderstadt.