

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

OUWB MATCH DAY

March 14, 2023

- Every year, I look forward to sharing this moment with the OUWB students.
- Take a moment, look around.... Put your arm around a friend, a family member...and enjoy your accomplishment.
- No one succeeds without the support, guidance and love of mentors, friends, and family.
- And....success is meaningless if you cannot share it.
- On this proud occasion of Match Day, I'd like to extend my admiration to OUWB students, and my appreciation to Corewell Health, Dean Duane Mezwa, and the OUWB faculty.
- Thank you for your work and commitment to your students... and for playing a vital role in preparing them for the next step along the path of lifelong learning.
- So, we've come to Match Day.
- You've gone through interviews, learned of open residency positions and ranked your preference.
- And now, inside an envelope is the answer to: "Where do I go from here?"
- It's a moment of achievement.
- Yet it can be also an anxious time.
- Not too long ago, I stood in your place, and felt the excitement of knowing my life was about to change.
- I earned my medical degree from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine (<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/>).
- My primary medical-research work was on the physiologic and molecular mechanisms responsible for disorders of growth and puberty, and the development of novel therapies for these conditions.
- But think about this for a moment: Here I am today, standing before you, not as a physician or medical researcher, but a

university president.

- Frankly, in life, you never know where the road may lead. Wherever you go, whatever you do, the key is often remaining open to possibilities and positive when the unexpected arrives.
- Regardless of where you are headed, remember the pursuit of excellence will always keep you on the right path.
- As you embark on your residencies, go forth with the OUWB values in mind and in your heart...
- Be compassion – Serve with dignity and empathy in all your endeavors.
- Seek partnerships, collaboration and teamwork
- Be an innovator – Be bold and seek answers.
- Conduct yourself honestly – Value decency, fairness and ethical behavior in all matters.
- Medicine may be your chosen profession, but a physician's true focus is the study of life and the role he and she plays in treating and healing people.
- We are very proud of all of you and know you will carry on the OUWB tradition wherever you go.
- Congratulations.