

OUWB Match Day

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- Thank you for inviting me to share in this memorable and proud occasion.
- I want to express my appreciation to Beaumont Health, Dean Duane Mezwa, and the OUWB faculty.
 - Thank you for your work and commitment....
 - Because of you and our amazing students, the reputation and possibilities of OUWB are so promising.
- Match Day is one of the most significant moments in your medical careers.
- You've gone through interviews, learned of open residency positions and ranked your preferences.
- And now, inside an envelope is the answer to the pressing question: "Where do I go from here?"

- It's a question that is as practical as it is philosophical.
- It's an anxious time.
 - An exciting time....
 - A time when your hopes, expectations come together in the moment when you open the envelop and read the name of your next destination, and the next chapter of your lives.
- My advice: Appreciate the pride of accomplishment ...
 - ...and take a moment to appreciate your family, friends and mentors who have contributed to your success.
 - Success is a team sport.
- I earned my medical degree from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. 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.
- Years later, here I am. A university president.

- This I know for sure: You never know where the road may lead.
- The key is to remain open, positive and focused.
- Today marks a new direction for you...
 - ...but through the change, there will be always one constant: Your dedication to serving the health needs of people who you will meet in a range of circumstances, and communities.
- As you embark on your residencies, go forth with the OUWB values in mind and in your heart...
 - Be compassion
 - Seek partnerships, collaboration and teamwork
 - Be an innovator – and be bold and seek answers
 - Conduct yourself honestly... and value decency, fairness and ethical behavior in all matters.
 - And, always seek excellence.

- We are very proud of all of you and know you will carry on the OUWB tradition wherever you go.

- Your life is about to change.... Enjoy the moment.

- Congratulations.