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.
  
  o Thank you for your work and commitment….

  o 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.