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Chair, Members of the Board and audience members.
Thank you for joining us this morning.

And, Jeff -- thank you for your insightful comments regarding open inquiry at public institutions. Indeed, the very nature of open inquiry is the crucible of discovery and innovation at an institution like Michigan Tech.

As I take stock in the numerous advances made by Michigan Tech faculty and staff over the past five years, I am reminded of the Tech Forward initiatives that continue to define Michigan Tech's role as a leader in the Fourth Industrial revolution.

In 2018, we launched nine initiatives. Several of those already have been institutionalized. The initiative on diversity and inclusion has resulted in the hiring of Dr. Wayne Gursie as Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion. Sustainability continues through the new Office of Sustainability, Health and Quality of Life through the creation of the Health Research Institute and data



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revolution and sensing is instantiated in the new College of Computing. It is a delight to see such progress being made at Michigan Tech.

Two weeks ago we held our first in-person career fair since the pandemic. A special word of thanks to Cody Kangas and the Career Services team for hosting the most successful career fair to date, with a new record of 373 companies represented.

I think this speaks volumes to the talent of the Michigan Tech graduate.

Today, you will learn more about how we are continuing to build upon the excellence Michigan Tech is known for. Especially, through our efforts to recruit the best and brightest students, the launch of our faculty hiring initiative and the implementation of the new campus master plan.

The campus master plan is the result of numerous conversations with faculty, staff, students and stakeholders to redefine Michigan Tech in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. And, I could not be more excited with the outcome. Divided into several phases, the initial phase will modernize existing facilities and expand our on campus housing options.

By investing in our faculty and staff, research, and facilities, we will continue to meet the demands of a new



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generation of students. And for their benefit the demands of those who will employ those students.

It's exciting times for sure and I thank you for your efforts to continue the tradition of excellence at Michigan's flagship technological university.