

**OUWB Reunion Event
President Pescovitz Remarks
October 22, 2022**

- Thank you Jordan.

- And thank you to the OUWB School of Medicine Development Association and advisory board members for your commitment and support...
 - Your ongoing dedication to develop our medical school is a driving force at the heart of our success and promise.

- Welcome to our OUWB alumni, we are so proud of each of you.

- Today, we are gathered to celebrate our common values, connections and community. Our community may be in a range of geographical locations, but we are connected as a vibrant network of medical professional working to improve the wellness and health of people everywhere.

- And everywhere we go.... Everywhere we live.... We carry each other in our hearts and minds.
- I am so appreciative of the OUWB alumni who have returned to reconnect with friends, classmates and instructors... This reconnection can be called by another name – tradition.
- And that’s what we’re building today – the OUWB tradition.
- And what is the core of our tradition?
 - The spirit of collaboration.
 - The demonstration of compassion and empathy.
 - A deep appreciation and practice of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - A commitment to excellence
 - And a shared valued that OUWB graduates embody the highest level of professionalism.

- Why do OUWB graduates make a difference?
 - Because our students are more than a score.
 - Our community is more than diverse.
 - And our doctors are more than a degree.
- Recall when you stood together at the White Coat ceremony.
- How far have you traveled since stepping through that rite of passage in your journey toward a healthcare career?
 - Wherever you call home, please know this: You will always be part of the OUWB story, and we hope we play a central role in the story of your lives. . . And that OUWB will always be your home.
- Thank you for staying connected today... and for returning to OUWB, and for keeping us a part of your lives.