Good afternoon ACES family. On behalf of the ACES student body I would like to welcome you and thank you as we celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our ACES students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the donors, alumni, friends and students for being here today. I believe that these events are a great way to highlight how connected we all are to our ACES family and how, together, we make such a significant impact.

Alumni and donors continue to make a difference in our lives everyday by showing us the value you place on our education. This allows so many of us to attend this world-class university and it is opening doors to the future of tomorrow. We are so appreciative of the investment you have chosen to make in us, especially when we know you do not have to.

ACES Students are following in your footsteps already. We are making a difference by becoming even more involved in philanthropy for our college and university. Because of our alumna's generous donations of time, talent, and donations, current students are motivated now more than ever to give back and continue to make a difference. This is evident tonight by the students who were able to be here thanks to the college's first ever student-run philanthropic initiative; the "I Pay It Forward: Students Helping Students Scholarship Campaign."

Alumni and current donors, thanks for setting such a wonderful example of the importance of giving back. This is what makes our ACES family stand out from all the rest: our desire to give back, our gratitude and our sincere commitment to serving others. Thank you to everyone for being here and for your investment that shows us that we are valued. We will continue pursuing excellence and making a positive impact in the world for generations to come.