

Students—the Class of 2023—I am thrilled to welcome you to The University of Akron and to have the opportunity to share this convocation with all of you.

What a great day—this is a historic day for the University of Akron, and for you, John Messina, and their teams for the work it required.

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