

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FALL 2016 STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Chair Wilkinson, Members of the Board of Trustees, President Erickson:

One of the special components of tomorrow's graduation ceremony is the student speaker's commencement address. I am pleased to introduce the young man who was selected as the student who will address the graduates tomorrow, Mr. Andre Stringer.

Please join me, Andre.

Andre came to NMU from Detroit in the fall of 2012. He is the first in his family to attend college. He will graduate tomorrow with a degree in Marketing.

Andre completed the Student Leader Fellowship Program and the Superior Edge. He was a Resident Assistant in Hunt Hall for two years. He has been the president of the Black Student Union for three years and serves as a student member on the President's Committee on Diversity. He is also the current president of the Student Law Forum. Andre played on the club lacrosse team last year and has been a Student Ambassador through the Admissions Office for two years. He is the Student Engagement and Community Outreach Coordinator in the NMU Diversity and Inclusion Office.

Andre is a McNair Scholar. His McNair research evaluated prejudice attitudes using the "Lost Letter Technique." He presented his research at the Black Doctoral Network Conference in Atlanta. He has interned at the Lake Superior Youth and Family Center and the Department of Veterans Affairs through the Washington Center. He participated in the Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program at the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Andre will be working in the marketing field for a small business through August. He is waiting to hear about acceptance to law schools for next fall.

The theme of Andre's address tomorrow is the journey through Northern and the need to continue to lift each other up.

Chair Wilkinson, I believe you have a presentation to make.