

MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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OUTLINE OF REMARKS

GRADUATES, DEAN WASYLENKO, COLLEAGUES, FAMILIES, FRIENDS

I PRESENT TO YOU: THE TOP TEN LIST
THE TOP TEN THINGS WE HOPE YOU LEARNED AT THE MAXWELL SCHOOL

NUMBER TEN: YOU CAN HANDLE DIVERSITY

NUMBER NINE: NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK

NUMBER EIGHT: BE A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

NUMBER SEVEN: TEAMWORK IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT

- MARGARET MEAD: "NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED
CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS."

NUMBER SIX: ACCEPT PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE

NUMBER FIVE: SPEAK UP FOR OTHERS WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE AND LESS POWERFUL

NUMBER FOUR: DO THE RIGHT THING - EVEN IF IT IS DIFFICULT

NUMBER THREE: TAKE CALCULATED RISKS

- ROBERT F KENNEDY: "THERE ARE THOSE WHO LOOK AT THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE AND ASK
WHY; I DREAM OF THINGS THAT NEVER WERE, AND ASK, WHY NOT?"

NUMBER TWO: DREAM - AND ACT

AND THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT WE HOPE YOU LEARNED AT MAXWELL:

LEAVE THE WORLD BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

- ATHENIAN OATH: "WE WILL TRANSMIT THIS CITY NOT ONLY NOT LESS,
BUT GREATER, BETTER, AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT WAS TRANSMITTED TO US."

IT IS YOUR TURN NOW TO MAKE THIS WORLD GREATER, BETTER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH YOU DO IT!

CONGRATULATIONS, MAXWELL 2011 GRADUATES!