

MONICA WHITE: We are honored to have two members of the SUNY Board of Trustees with us today, Dr. Angelo Fatta, of Lakeview, who joined the board on July 1 of this year, and Eunice A. Lewin of Buffalo who has served on the board for three years. A bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, Ms. Lewin serves on several Boards of Directors in the Buffalo area, but makes time to travel the state in support of SUNY and its institutions. She will deliver greeting on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Lewin:

EUNICE LEWIN: Good afternoon. It is a beautiful day at SUNY Fredonia, and I'm proud to be here. President Horvath, Chancellor Zimpher, members of the Platform Party, visiting delegates, emeriti, faculty, staff, students, and distinguished guests, it is my distinct pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the State University of New York Board of Trustees Chairman Carl McCall, Trustee Angelo Fatta - who is with me on the platform today - and the other members of the board.

It is an honor to be here to celebrate such an important milestone in the life of Virginia Schaefer Horvath and SUNY Fredonia.

For the past three years, I have had the pleasure of visiting many campuses throughout SUNY in my role as SUNY Trustee. Ever since my first visit, I have looked forward to an occasion to return to SUNY Fredonia. Let me tell you, I cannot think of a finer occasion than this one.

This campus is known for its beautiful buildings and grounds, its friendly atmosphere and its can-do attitude. However, SUNY Fredonia is especially known for its outstanding academic programs, the intellectual and artistic

accomplishments of its faculty and students, and for its productive engagement beyond the campus.

Dr. Horvath, you have assumed leadership of an institution that has had a reputation for excellence; an institution that has experienced considerable growth; an institution with tremendous success. Dr. Horvath, although you are assuming responsibilities at the time when shift in demographics, economic uncertainties and the rapidly changing landscape of higher education will provide you with abundant challenge you have as you strive to take SUNY to even greater heights.

Ginny, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate you on your success and your appointment to the office of President. We have every confidence in your abilities, your concern for the students, the faculty, staff and alumni, and in your vision to make SUNY Fredonia an even greater presence to continue engagement of the community, the state, and the world.

We look forward to working with you and watching SUNY Fredonia reach new heights of accomplishment, under your leadership, in the years ahead.

My sincere congratulations.