

PRESIDENT COMBS GREETINGS TO GRADUATES

Thank you, Chair Wilzack.

I'm am honored and humbled to share this remarkable evening with you, our 2017 graduates.

Laozi once said, *An ant on the move does more than a dozing ox.* And Mahatma Gandhi once said, *In a gentle way, you can shake the world.*

By choosing to attend Maryland University of Integrative Health and build your future in the field of integrative health, you have embarked from a place of authenticity and embraced your role as a catalyst for change. This shows up in your work with clients, it shows up as you partner with colleagues, and it shows up in the way you hold yourself every day.

The goals of the "triple aim" of healthcare have always been at the heart of our work: improving the experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing costs. As health and wellness moves toward values-based rather than volume-based care, you are perfectly prepared to join those who have come before you, your fellow graduates, and your teachers in gently and inexorably changing our world.

I encourage you to bring your highest self into your work every day and to live into your role as an agent of change. I also encourage you to stay connected with MUIH, to use us as a resource, and to invest in the next generation of integrative health practitioners by teaching, mentoring, and partnering.

I believe in you and in the power of this noble work.

I wish you fulfillment and success in all your endeavors.

Go out and shake the world – gently.