

Amy Wendt: Thank you Gary, and I'd like to just make a few closing remarks on behalf of the organizing committee for this event. And I didn't check my remarks out with anybody, so I apologize if I'm putting words in your mouth. Linda, I was thinking, as Susan was reading some of the cards, and also reflecting on the thoughts I had while hearing the presenters today, and I had an idea. Several of the speakers talked about just checking in with one another, and I think that's something that we can all do, and maybe something that we can do in the context of the things that we put on our cards. So not only make a personal commitment to doing what you wrote on your card, but connecting with another person, or more than one person as you do it. Because I think, that's one of my biggest lessons from Denice. Denice had this favorite song, "I've Got Friends in Low Places" – Denice had friends in low places, in high places, in all kinds of places. And she made use of that network in all kinds of ways to get things done. So that's something I think that we can all do as we move forward.

And I also wanted to say to stay tuned, because I hope that a year from now we will be inaugurating a Denice Denton Memorial, or Distinguished Lecture Series, and that will be an opportunity to bring us back together and check in as a group.

And I'd like to end by reading something written by a colleague of Denice's. This is Dr. Milan Buncick. And I knew Milan very well, he was here at UW for a few years as a postdoc working in Denice's group. And he had intended to come to the symposium today, and then some conflict came up that he just couldn't resolve. So he sent some remarks that very well summarize Denice's impact on many of us. So in Milan's words: "Denice was a great friend, colleague, and mentor. I thoroughly enjoyed knowing and working with her during my time at UW. She was a great asset to the profession, and a great contributor to education at all levels. We are all better off having been able to call her 'friend,' and 'colleague,' and I will miss her very much." Thank you.

[Applause]

Amy Wendt: And I almost forgot – in true Denice style, the party will now convene at the Terrace.

[Laughter] Please join me in walking down the street. Thank you.