

# President's Message to Campus

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This week the men's basketball team is in Sioux Falls, S.D. competing in the NCAA Division II national championship. Tuesday in the Elite Eight the men led for the entire game, defeating Barry University (Fla.) 87-84. With the win, the team advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history. Last evening, the men played an outstanding game, again led for the entire game and defeated West Texas A&M 85-79. The men are now 37-1 and have won 25 games in a row heading into the championship game against Northern State University (S.D.) on Saturday. The game will be telecast live on CBS at 3 p.m. eastern time.

Congratulations to Coach Andy Bronkema and all of his student-athletes for their wonderful success this week. We are extremely proud of this team for all of their accomplishments and delighted to see them receive the national recognition they so richly deserve. This week Coach Bronkema was selected as the 2018 Basketball Times Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading our team to their most historic season in school history. Center Zach Hankins has been selected to the Basketball Times and the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-America Teams and is a national finalist for the Bevo Francis National Player of the Year.

The outpouring of community support, from those who traveled to Sioux Falls, those cheering on our team from home, and from those on social media is very humbling. Thank you to everyone on campus, those in the Big Rapids and West Michigan communities, and our alumni and friends from across the United States for supporting our team. Please join me in cheering them on as they compete for the national championship Saturday afternoon.

Go Dawgs!

David L. Eisler, president