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Chairman Spurgeon, President Daniels, members of the board. It is my pleasure to speak in front of you today on the behalf of all the students at Purdue University North Central.

First, I would like to briefly tell you a little about myself. My name is Matthew Migliorini and am currently in my third year studying Mechanical Engineering. I am a first time Purdue North Central Student Government member and was elected President in the Spring of 2014.

I come from the small town of Sullivan, IN about the size of Westville, In. Growing up, I knew from the start that I wanted to go to a Purdue school, and here I stand. I’ll be honest with you, I had never even heard of Purdue North Central, but as my Senior year of high school began, I soon had to explore all of my options. I discovered Purdue North Central, and my campus tour was not what I was expecting. It was a cold, windy, rainy day, but that didn’t stop the faculty and staff showing me what Purdue North Central was all about. I instantly fell in love, as PNC soon became my second home.

Purdue North Central gave me a chance to explore more and allowed me to raise my own bar. As a freshman, I became involved with the Dean’s Leadership Group and that eventually evolved into my current position in Student Government.

This school year, our Student Government has several activities and events going on. On September 13th, we hosted a car show in order to raise money for our organization and, raise awareness for a veteran’s foundation in our local community. In mid-October, we are hosting our annual High School Leadership Conference as High School students from the surrounding area are invited to PNC and learn about different ways to be a leader and how to become involved in not only their schools but also their community. Throughout the remaining months of the school year, we host different student events and fundraisers, as well as, Open Student Forums. We will then draw an end to our school year with our Student Government Spring election; and host the Honors Convocation where students are recognized for
their achievements and a Student Government scholarship is awarded to the student recipient.

As a student, I simply cannot express how overjoyed the other students are about the new Student Services and Activities Complex at PNC. This building will promote student life as we will now be able to host sporting events, multiply our amount of student clubs, and host larger scale public events at PNC such as the Sinai Forums. Purdue North Central will now be able to have its own Graduation held again on the North Central campus; which all of the students are looking towards.

Every year, Purdue North Central grows bigger and bigger. Since James Dworkin became Chancellor in 2000, PNC has gone from 6 Bachelor Degrees to 24. This Fall in 2014, PNC hit its all-time record of 6,177 students enrolled. Purdue North Central has over 10,000 alumni that can be found in 49 of the United States and 5 foreign countries.

At Purdue North Central, if you blink, you might just miss something. In February, 2014, it was announced that Purdue was in preparation of unifying the North Central campus and the Calumet campuses. At first, thousands of questions were raised as everybody had their own concerns and opinions about this monumental change. Through time, questions became answered one by one. As a student, the unification will aid in the continuation and formation of new degrees at both campuses along with the ease of transferring credits.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the opportunity you have given me today. And I look forward to see what next adventure Purdue University will start.