Good morning. I am delighted to meet all of you—accepted students as well as parents, guardians, and friends who have nurtured these remarkable young people.

For those of you who are still undecided about your college choice, I'm confident today's visit will move the needle for you. And for those of you who have already made that very important decision, congratulations.

Either way, today we have planned a targeted experience for you to get a glimpse into life at Mercyhurst, prepare for the transition, and get your questions answered.

I'd like to take a moment to share some personal observations with you.

No doubt you have considered many options for your college education. Certainly, the basic building blocks of all universities are pretty much the same:

What differentiates universities is how they put these building blocks together, and howF1 1l3 1ihey

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Consider biology professor Dr. Christopher Dolanc. Dr. Dolanc embraced the opportunity to share his appreciation for nature with his students