Greetings from the Student Body of Randolph College  

on the occasion of  
The Inauguration of President Bradley W. Bateman  
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Good Afternoon. I am delighted to be here today representing the student body in the inauguration of the President of Randolph College.

I would like to start out by saying it has been wonderful working with President Bateman for the past couple of months. I do not believe that we could have picked a more fitting person for this role. Randolph College and President Bateman have much in common.

If I had to imagine the College as a person I think they would look a lot like President Bateman.

They would be tall and confident and have a strong presence in the room.

They would wear unusually round glasses and not wear a traditional tie, but rather a bow tie.

They would be an academic with a vast knowledge of several different subjects.

They would ride a bike and try and be as eco-friendly as possible.

They would respect tradition and understand its importance.

They would be compassionate and friendly.

They would help you move in.

They would do all work with integrity and honesty.

They would be sensitive to many differing opinions, yet able to back up their own.

And finally, this person would be a national leader in defending the liberal arts.

If you have had the opportunity to get to know President Bateman I think you will agree that he encompasses all of the values that we hold very dear to this college. As a senior, I have no doubt that my college is going in the right direction and is under extraordinary leadership. Thank you President Bateman for taking this position, and I wish you many years of happiness here at the college.