

Installation Speech:

President McArthur, distinguished guests, faculty, staff, and students. Let me first say that it is an honor to be here today to represent the more than 5,800 students of Cameron University.

Every student, Every story is our motto here at Cameron. At this University, we are fortunate to have students from many different backgrounds who each bring unique experiences and diverse thought to the classroom. Every student is able to receive an excellent education while being more than just a number. We know President McArthur “gets” that.

We know that President McArthur gets that because he has been department chair, dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs as well as Provost, and is now the President of Cameron University. But President McArthur was, and still is, a professor at heart. He has seen the aspects of the classroom that many administrators have not. His passion for creating an inspirational learning environment and leading the classroom gives me hope for the future of our university.

Cameron has made tremendous strides in the past few years towards being the University of Choice for the Southwest Region of Oklahoma. We are growing and learning each year, and implementing what we learn into our classrooms. 64% of our students graduate with no debt, and they graduate with the knowledge that they need to be competitive. The President of the university is instrumental in shaping and forming the university and the policies that lead to these achievements. We believe that Dr. McArthur will lead Cameron University into the future and further the advances we have already made.

Today we mark the beginning of a new chapter here at Cameron, one with Dr. John McArthur as president. We look forward to the many exciting years ahead.

Dr. McArthur, on behalf of the student body of Cameron University, I would like to welcome you into your new role as president.

Additionally, I would like to thank you for taking up this role and the accompanying responsibilities, and say that I look forward to working with you and supporting you as leader of this university.

Thank you.