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Hunting Introduction - Enrichment Dinner
President Arend D. Lubbers
June 6, 2017

I'd like to invite Allen and Helen Hunting to join me on stage.

It is a beautiful experience when a legitimate need coincides with a strong desire to meet it. Everyone involved is enhanced. Allen and Helen Hunting since their beginnings have lived near or on Lake Michigan. The lake is part of their spiritual anatomy. They want to keep it beautiful. They want to protect it. They want to restore it. They want to use it.

To make happen what they and many others desire requires a plan and the implementation of the plan. Many years ago, a Grand Valley scientist began researching West Michigan's water resources. From then to now, the Annis Water Resources Institute evolved offering today an extensive plan for doing all that the Huntings want for Lake Michigan and its eastern watershed. Allen and Helen have responded in a way that will assist the Annis Institute indefinitely, and give them the satisfaction they have done something significant to make their hope for the lake a reality. Grand Valley, by honoring them tonight, demonstrates that the University is as committed as the Huntings are to this gem of our environment, Lake Michigan.

But there is more. The Huntings, the Huntings mother and father, the Huntings brothers, a Hunting sister-in-law, are and have been a family of strength in West Michigan. They reflect the work ethic and commitment to community we find in so many, making where we live a special place. Allen and Helen were close friends of Bill Seidman, our principal founder. Bill brought Allen and Helen into the Grand Valley orbit at the beginning so they are charter members of the Grand Valley community. We are especially pleased when we can honor our own as we do tonight. Allen and Helen Hunting.

Allen and Helen, at this time it is our pleasure to present you with the 2017 Enrichment Award and officially induct you into the Grand Valley Hall of Fame.