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By President Kathleen A. Getz, Ph.D.
Good evening and thank you all for being here tonight: members of the Wolves Club, our student award recipients,
university representatives, families, and guests.

This event reflects an important characteristic of our Erie community, one that is often overlooked: Erie is a college
town. While each of our universities – Penn State Behrend, PennWest Edinboro, Gannon, and Mercyhurst – has its
own unique identity, collectively we contribute to the intellectual and social vitality, as well as the economic well-being of the City and County of Erie.

Here at Mercyhurst, we are widely recognized for our top-notch Intelligence Studies and Cyber Security programs, our
Autism Initiative, and our excellence in the performing arts.

Penn State Behrend is highly regarded for its engineering programs, research capabilities, and the contributions of
Knowledge Park.

Gannon has a great reputation in the healthcare field and for business development and has been fundamental to the
resurgence of downtown Erie.

PennWest Edinboro is widely heralded for its education program and communication and animation technologies as
well as support for students with disabilities.

We’ve each developed a college culture that helps to forge our identity and create pride in our individual institutions.

As well, there are times when we come together, as we are doing tonight, to celebrate our students’ academic success.
We also collaborate on service projects to benefit the community, and, through the NorthWest Pennsylvania BeeHive,
where staff, faculty, and students help local entrepreneurs jumpstart their ideas. These kinds of partnerships build
upon our respective areas of expertise to create collective benefit.

Yes, Erie is fortunate to have such fine schools in our immediate area. The scholarship, ingenuity, and entrepreneurial
spirit of our students, especially those of you here tonight, is a source of renewal for