

Remarks for Locker Room Dedication and Grand Opening - October 5th, 2019.

Could everyone please standup? Bob Busbey and I had a tradition over a 68-year span of having the Team make one big clap for an outstanding accomplishment such as a best time, pool record etc. after every Meet. It usually was done in the Locker Room. It must be together as ONE TEAM! LET'S PRACTICE! (CLAP)

A clap for everyone who made today's celebration possible and all those present today!
(CLAP)

A clap for my wife Carol who has been with me for over 50 years has provided so much to CSU as a professor, faculty athletic rep and endless service to swimming and diving in every way possible. (CLAP)

A huge clap for President Sands, who has an incredibly busy schedule, to take the time to be here today. His energy and visibility in being anywhere and everywhere at one time is INSPIRING and he will take this GREAT University to greatness! (CLAP)

A big clap for AD Scott Garrett for your fantastic words and support for CSU Swimming and Diving. The first time I met you, it was evident that you were a wonderful human being who was humble, sincere, and dedicated to taking CSU Athletics to a new level of success. Your deep involvement with the search process of your first hire, the Head Swimming & Diving Coach, demonstrated to me that you truly care! (CLAP)

A big clap for our new Head Coach Hannah Burandt and her staff of Rich Karban, Ben Colley, and Pieter Ritz. They are the "Dream Team " of Coaching. I have no doubt that Hannah will take this Team and many more to unprecedented success by putting each individual first as it relates to personal development and as an athlete second! She represents a bold new future and WILL get it done! (CLAP)

A big Clap to our alumni and friends who are the best in any sport in the nation in their support as demonstrated by this project of connecting the past with the present and the future. (Clap)

A big clap to Dave Guinther and Joe Stockwell for their generosity and time for leading this two-year effort. The "Extra Mile Committee" which is comprised of CSU employees, students, alums and coaches, got it done! (Clap)

Swimmers Sean Mulvin, DJ Arslanian and Bob Leonard deserve a big clap for their creativity, dedication, and craftsmanship in going the "Extra Mile" with Technology from the School of Engineering (clap)

CSU Swimming and Diving alums and the current Team are driven by its mission statement that "Team is Forever" and we represent "Excellence in all We Do" !

Thank You for this great honor!

Forever a Viking, Wally