

**REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
INVESTITURE OF PRESIDENT BILL PATH
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On behalf of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, I bring greetings to all in attendance, including the OSU family and particularly to all of the faculty, staff, students, and industry partners of Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. It is a pleasure to share this occasion with so many distinguished members of groups who are important to the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology.

Few skills are as important to the members of our Board of Regents as is leadership. Under great leadership our institutions thrive. Just look at what has happened over the last several years for the OSU System under the superb leadership of President Burns Hargis. Our Board has every reason to be optimistic about the future of OSUIT under the leadership of Bill Path. In fact, Dr. Path's leadership has already made a huge difference at

OSUIT. A couple of months ago, I had the opportunity to spend a day on this campus with Dr. Path, and I saw firsthand what he and his team are accomplishing. Dr. Path is leading our exceptional programs with great energy and enthusiasm. His background has been a perfect fit for this institution.

OSUIT provides students with the opportunity to receive a great education. Even more impressively, in virtually all instances it links that education directly to the needs of the workforce and our corporate partners. Graduates of OSUIT obtain high quality jobs following graduation and they do exceptional work.

OSU provides our graduates with the opportunity to have successful careers. Today we can celebrate yet another inspirational example of how an OSU degree can be a launching pad to success without limits.

Congratulations, President Path, on your investiture. Please be assured that you will enjoy the interest and support of our

Board as you encounter the challenges ahead. We look forward to marking the many accomplishments that are sure to come.

Thank you.