Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome. My name is Jeff Wood and I currently serve as Interim Dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology.

I am honored to have the opportunity to join President Bowman and other distinguished guests at the podium today. It isn't often that we have the opportunity to dedicate an old but new building devoted to the research and education that our young people need for conducting themselves in the job market. This building—Schroeder Hall--has been renovated to accommodate and enhance the ability of the faculty and students of ISU to prepare for an exciting future in our global economy.

The completion of this huge project would not have been possible without the strong collaboration, persistence and excellent work of
a great many people over an extended period of time. This
certainly includes President Bowman who has seen the project
through to renovation of the beautiful building before you today.

So "thank you" to everyone for making the Schroeder Hall
renovation a reality. We can all take pride in this beautiful building
and the fact that it will serve the needs of our faculty and students
for many more years.

Winston Churchill said, “We shape our buildings: thereafter, they
shape us.” By virtue of appearance and presence alone, the new
Schroeder Hall makes our campus more attractive and inviting.
Beyond the building itself, we are shaped by the activities that take
place in it. The range of purposes Schroeder serves, including
academics, administration, gathering places, and study spaces,
truly captures the energetic spirit of this university and the essence
of how we view the future.

The future is an unusual and exciting place. As Churchill also
noted, “It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look farther
than you can see.” Yet, as has been said before, “Knowing your
destination is half the journey.” It was others who preceded us
here today, who were able to look farther than many could see;
who knew the destination.

It is now my sincere pleasure to introduce the 17th President of
Illinois State University, Dr. Al Bowman.

Thank you President Bowman for your remarks.

Schroeder Hall, located on the north end of the Quad at Illinois
State University, is the academic home for the offices of Criminal
Justice Science, History, Political Science, Social Work and
Sociology-Anthropology. Approximately 35 classrooms are
located here which receive some of the heaviest usage on campus.
Originally dedicated on September 16, 1957, the building is being
re-dedicated today 49 years later. Criminal Justice Science, a
department within my College is housed within Schroeder Hall. If
the facial expressions are any indication of the nurturing teaching and learning environment provided by Schroeder, I would say the building is serving us well indeed. Modern offices house our faculty and students have access to classrooms where state-of-the-art technology is used for instruction.

I would now like to introduce the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Sam Catanzaro.

Thank you Dr. Catanzaro for your remarks.

I’m told that each department has cookies and punch for us. You may find the departmental offices on the third and fourth floors of Schroeder. Again, thank you for coming, enjoy the dedication of this grand facility and please take time to visit the academic departments who occupy Schroeder Hall.