

GM Spirit Awards, March 26th, Michigan Union

Format:

- 11:15 am** Meet Roger Smith in Tappan Room for discussion and briefing
- 11:30** Proceed to Kuenzel Room and take seats on podium
Ceremony JJD, then Roger Smith will be introduced by Master of Ceremonies for brief remarks, followed by presentaion of awards.
- 12:15** Reception and Press Availability, Michigan Union Terrace

Talk Points

Great pleasure to welcome members of GM here today

and to greet members of the University community.

Special welcome to Roger Smith, one of our most distinuished alumni.

Our ceremony today symbolizes the important and growing partnership

between business and education.

Of course, our University has always had a close association

with the auto industry, one that has been benefited us

and and all the people of our State.

But the need to work together

has never been greater than today.

It has become an urgent national imperative.

Now that the future of Michigan and of our country

our international competitiveness

depends on improving education for all of our people

at every educational level.

Roger Smith and his GM colleagues have been

at the forefront of efforts to improve education.

And to their credit, too,

they are supporting education in its broadest sense.

They recognize that in today's world

education must be broad and liberal

and it must prepare students for leadership in our society

not just for narrow vocational ends.

Of course, at Michigan our students have always been known

for their involvement in social issues and for a spirit of caring and

of volunteerism that they carry forward after graduation.

I think this is why our alumni are leaders in whatever they do

in all walks of life across America and even around the world.

The GM Spirit Awards give us an important opportunity to recognize this student leadership, hard work and commitment to help others.

The students we honor here today represent the best of Michigan.

I am very proud of each of them. David Krone, Steve Edelstein,

and Pamela Crockett all demonstrate the qualities that

will make them leaders throughout their lives.

These students make us proud of what we do in Michigan

and proud to join with GM in recognizing the special talents

and contributions of these three students.

I congratulate and thank them for their exceptional accomplishments

and their success in making the University and our community better.

and more caring places.

My congratulations and thanks to Roger Smith and the GM Corporation for helping to recognize and encourage student leadership.

