Tonight, we bask in the glow of the accomplishments of the Marquette Law School Class of 2005. As we celebrate this graduation, it is easy to feel that this is the center of the universe, at least for one night. However, there is another important celebration going on tonight, only a few blocks away from here: members of the Marquette Law School Class of 1955 are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation from the Law School.

I bring you the greetings and best wishes of the Class of 1955. I have this honor because my own father, Robert Gorske, is a loyal member of that class. I can tell you from personal observation how important Marquette Law School has been in my father’s life, and in the lives of his classmates. They studied hard, they worked hard, and they continue to do what they can to use their talents and education to make the world a better place.

The members of the Class of 1955 are reflecting on their past accomplishments tonight, but they are also looking to the future. It is my honor to announce they have contributed over $300,000 for the Class of 1955 Law School Scholarship. Over the last 50 years, members of the Class of 1955 have contributed more than $556,000 to Marquette University. They are part of the rich history of the Law School; they have contributed generously of their time, talent, and treasure to the present success of the school; and they are helping to shape a bright future for the Marquette lawyers to come.

As we look eagerly toward that future, I also bring you a request. The members of the Class of 1955 ask that, at your own fiftieth reunion, you remember them and extend their greetings and best wishes to the graduating Class of 2055. For then you, too, will be a link between what has gone before and what is to come.

You are forever a part of the Marquette Law School tradition: past, present, and future. We all join the Class of 1955 in wishing you joy and success in your careers, and in your lives. •

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