VICTOR J DZAU:
Good morning.

AUDIENCE:
Good morning.

VICTOR J DZAU:
Great. There's still coffee out there for those who need it. It's such a great, great pleasure for me to welcome you to 2023 Annual Meeting. Now, first, I want to do a little preview. We have an outstanding meeting, scientific program organized by Karen DeSalvo, who I'll introduce later. And you'll hear from our keynote, Paula Johnson, president of Wellesley College, and many, many others. So it's going to be just fantastic. So be sure to stick around. Also, the final session of the day, which is the President's forum, one that I really organized a (UNKNOWN), has been a highlight because we're going to get experts to get a deeper dive into the issues of women's health. What's in the future? So first of all, I'd like to start the day by at least sharing success, which is our campaign. We put forward a campaign a few years ago with a target of $100 million, and I'm glad to tell you, we've exceeded by at least 20%. So it deserves applause.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
Now, for those who come from Stanford, Harvard, that's not a lot. But for us, it's the first time ever that we set a goal of $100 million and we exceeded it. And the large part because of what you guys have done and so many people have contributed to it. So can I, first slide. Good. So the great news is 62% member participation. This is phenomenal. This is higher than ever we've ever seen or of any of the academies. You've given us endowments. And there are two newly named staff positions. One is by Jonathan Perlin and Donald Perlin that names the position the director of programs, NAM, that's Kimber Bogard. The second million-dollar gift is from Jane Henney and Bob Graham to name the director of membership and governance. And that is, Se Kim. So just wonderful. Let's give him a round of applause.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
We also were able to raise $10 million to build more leadership capacity for next-generation, New Fellowship and the Emerging Leaders Forum. And of course, we have also 3.5 million in committed planned gifts. So while I think for the Stanfords and Harvards and Wellesley, it may be small, but this is a big issue for us to meet. So thank you very, very much.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
So, it's my honor now to introduce the new members of the Academy who were elected in 2022, formally inducted on Saturday. And believe me, we have a really amazing, distinguished group, including I was saying we forecasted the Nobel Prize because this year two of them won the Nobel Prize and they were all there. So we're very proud of this class, and I'm gonna introduce them very shortly. It's really
reflection also not only of the excellence but also diversity including gender, race, and ethnicity. Following the introduction, the new class or NAM fellows and scholars will also be introduced. They are sitting in the first few rows. They’re looking very good, by the way. So I ask you to hold your applause to the very end. I’m gonna show you a video, and then after that we’ll give them a round of applause. So can you play the video, please? (VIDEO PLAYS)

SPEAKER:


VICTOR J DZAU:
Now. (LAUGHS)

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
So I’m gonna ask the new members, the fellows, emerging leaders, please stand up we give another round of applause.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
We enthusiastically welcome you to our family. It’s so exciting to see new members and young emerging members and fellows, just wonderful. And so also, I’m really happy to tell you that the class of 2023, we
just actually been just announced, so may be able to see it outside on the sheet, but it will be on nam.edu/classof2023. And this is another amazing class. I tell every class they the best and it's true. So our members have followed a truly remarkable group of leaders who are committed to improving health and making the world a better place for everyone. So we rely on them to share their expertise, their wisdom and guide the work at NAM and National academies. Without our members, NAM would not be able to make such an impact in the last 50 years. But sadly, unfortunately, the past year we also had lost several of our dear colleagues and fellow members. You see all the names listed on the screen. Please pause for a moment. Maybe stand up for a moment of silence, please. Yeah, stand for a moment of silence.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for paying respect to all the NAM members and leaders who passed away. So next is my great pleasure to announce the awardees for 2023. So first of all, as you know, we give out awards for great achievement, awards for NAM service, and of course, awards for our staff. To begin The Lienhard Award was given to Robert Califf, the Commissioner of the US, FDA, and for the advancement of health care. As many of you know, Rob is known for his instrumental role in leading clinical trials and health outcomes research and his ability to translate research into advances in science, evidence medicine, and improve public health. Join me in congratulating Rob Califf.

AUDIENCE: (APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU: Next is a Sarnat prize. Dr John Krystal, Dennis Charney, and Husseini Manji. They are the recipients of the Rhoda Bernard Sarnat International Prize in Mental Health. So they have discovered the rapid antidepressant effects of ketamine and the identification of its efficacy for treatment of drug-resistant depression, which led to the development of the antidepressant Esketamine, the first mechanistically novel US FDA-approved antidepressant over 50 years. So please join me in congratulating them.

AUDIENCE: (APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU: The Hamburg Award goes to Dr Peter Hotez and Maria Elena Bottazzi and their whole team at the Center for Vaccine Development at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. In fact, they are the recipients of the David and Beatrice Hamburg Award, named after our previous president David Hamburg, and of course, our previous member, Beatrice Hamburg. And the whole idea is to give this prize for advances in biomedical research and impacting clinical medicine and human condition, and for their work on developing a safe, effective, affordable recombinant protein-based Covid-vaccine technology. They've done a great job. Made this affordable for many people in low-income countries, so please join me in congratulating them as well.

AUDIENCE: (APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU: This weekend, we also present awards to NAM members and National Academy's staff who service the mission of NAM, and National Academies have been particularly distinguished. And so for the first one
would be the member awards, which are the Adam Yarmolinsky Medal to Kenneth Olden, the Walsh McDermott Medal to Ted Shortliffe, and the David Rall Medal to Linda Fried and John Wong. Please join me in congratulating them as well.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
The Cecil award. They're two types the individual Cecil award and also the team award. For the individual award, the Sandra Matthews Cecil Award for Administrative Excellence was awarded to Eliana Espinal and then also for individual excellence, Karen Helsing. Please join me in congratulating them.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
And finally, the Seal Team Award for the Cecil goes to a team who did an outstanding piece of work, and this case is the report on National Imperative to Improve Nursing Home Quality Report Team. Again, congratulations.

AUDIENCE:
(APPLAUSE)

VICTOR J DZAU:
So it's now my honor to deliver the 2023 president's address to the distinguished members of our Academy. Before I begin my remarks, I'd like to express my excitement for an important and timely discussions about women's health during today's scientific program. You know, it's been a great week for women's health at the NAM. Starting Thursday, the National Academy's new Standing Committee on Women's Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society, chaired by Claire Brindis, held its first public meeting. It held a public workshop. The committee also met with representatives from the HHS Reproductive Health Task Force, led by Admiral Rachel Levine and the Biden administration representative, to discuss options for coordination and collaboration. Also at the same time, the same day, seven universities from DC area came together to discuss solutions for unhoused women living in DC. And yesterday, several interest groups discussed topics of relevance to women's health, including reproductive longevity and the impact of Dobbs.

And of course, the theme of today's meeting is women's health from cells to society. You can see how important this topic is to us, to the Academy, to the nation. Now more than ever.