

given everybody a chance to pursue their own true measure of happiness. That's who we are.

We haven't just wanted success for ourselves, we want it for our neighbors. We want it for our neighborhoods. That's why we don't call it Bob's dream or Barbara's dream or Barack's dream, we call it the American Dream. It's one that we share. That's who we are: the idea that no matter who you are, what you look like, where you come from, who you love, you can make it here in America if you're trying hard.

That's what a college education can be all about. That's what inspires your President, that's what inspires the faculty. That's why when we see young people like you, we're inspired, because you're an expression of that idea. And we've got to make sure that that continues, not just for this generation, but for the next generation.

And I've got a hundred—I've got 1,267 days left in my Presidency. And I'm going to spend

every minute, every second, as long as I have the privilege of being in this office, making sure that I am doing every single thing that I can so that middle class families, working families, people who are out there struggling every single day, that they know that that work can lead them to a better place. And we're going to make sure that the American Dream is available for everybody, not just now, but in the future.

So thank you, Missouri. Thank you, UCM. Thank you, Mules. Thank you, Jennies. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. Let's get to work.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:09 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. In his remarks, he referred to Brian Greene, student, Systems Engineering Technology program at the Missouri Innovation Campus; David McGehee, superintendent, Lee's Summit School District; and Mark James, chancellor, Metropolitan Community College.

## Statement on Senate Passage of Student Loan Legislation July 24, 2013

A better bargain for the middle class means making a college education available to every single American willing to work for it. That's why I applaud the wide bipartisan majority of Senators who passed a bill to cut rates on nearly all new Federal student loans, rolling back a July 1 rate hike and saving undergraduates an average of more than \$1,500 on loans they take out this year.

This compromise is a major victory for our Nation's students. It meets the key principles I

laid out from the start: It locks in low rates next year, and it doesn't overcharge students to pay down the deficit. I urge the House to pass this bill so that I can sign it into law right away, and I hope both parties build on this progress by taking even more steps to bring down soaring costs and keep a good education—a cornerstone of what it means to be middle class—within reach for working families.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 1911.

## Remarks Following a Meeting With President Truong Tan Sang of Vietnam July 25, 2013

*President Obama.* Well, it is my pleasure to welcome President Truong Tan Sang to the White House and to the Oval Office for his first bilateral meeting with me. This represents the steady progression and strengthening of the relationship between our two countries.

Obviously, we all recognize the extraordinarily complex history between the United States and Vietnam. But step by step, what we have been able to establish is a degree of mutual respect and trust that has allowed us now to announce a comprehensive partnership between our two countries that will allow even