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Address of the President of the  
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**VIPs**

We have all heard the term—V. I. P.—What is a VIP? A very important person.

You, the co-workers are the foundation of the Women of the Moose program and the reason for the success of our chapters.

When you became a member, you became a VIP to our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. Many of you are also a VIP in your community. When you were enrolled, you were asked to encourage your family, friends and associates to join our program. These new members became VIPs.

Each time we encourage a coworker to become a chairman or an officer, we need to assist them in whatever duties they have accepted. Your reward will be the joy of helping others.

Matriculants. today is a very special day in your Women of the Moose journey. You are about to become a member of the College of Regents. What a great accomplishment!

Some of you may have taken a little longer than others to meet all of the requirements to become a collegian. Some of you will have done so because your Chapter earned the Award of Achievement while serving as Senior Regent. Others are here today because of the second chance that is available. What a great change that was for many Senior Regents who met their personal requirements but unfortunately the chapter did not earn their Award of Achievement.

The second chance required you to serve as the Jr. Graduate Regent before July 31 and serve until April 30; you must have held a fundraising project; held a Ways and Means Committee Activity Night and sponsored four or more members into your chapter. You must also have attended one of the Women of the Moose Training Sessions that were made available. The Chapter also had to earn the Award of Achievement this year.

Every time I see new Collegians receive their Cap and gown, I think back to that day when I received my degree with ten other Michigan co-workers—all seated in the same row. One of our own, Joyce Bekker was serving as a member of the College of Regents Board. How proud she was for all of us! Also attending the conferral ceremony that day was Marion Friend. Marion was a mentor to many and a special friend when I needed someone to talk to. You see, I didn't earn my degree all by myself, I had help from every member of my Chapter and from other co-workers I looked to as mentors. Each of you did too.

These women were my VIP's in the Women of the Moose and the inspiration behind me. Now, you are about to become a VIP. As one, there is much that is required of you. We must continue to invite our friends, associates and family to join us in this great organization. Let's unite our Chapter co-workers and strengthen our Chapter to fulfill our commitment of ensuring the future of Mooseheart and Moosehaven. We would not only increase our membership but many more will be able to spread the word about what we do.

Many wonderful co-workers and friends have paved the way for us. Create some interest and help pave the way for future co-workers who are working to become Collegians. We will not be remembered by our words but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take but by the by the moments that take our breath away. This past year has been a year that has taken my breath away many times. Thanks to each and everyone who has had a part in this very memorable time in my life.

As my year as President comes to a close I would like to thank the Executive Officers for this tremendous opportunity to serve the Women of the Moose. To our Grand Regent Libby thank you for being you. To the members of the College Board Esther, Susan, Connie and Dawn—thank you for the wonderful memories. To the members of the Star Recorder Board, the Academy of Friendship Board and the Grand Council who I had the pleasure to serve with, thank you for the good times and for your support.

To the Lansing co-workers and all of the co-workers of Michigan, thank you for being there. To my friends, now in the great chapter in the sky—thank you for the encouragement and the dedication you taught me. To the many friends I have made—my love to all of you.