

Dinner in Honor of Sid and Lois Eskenazi
Talking Points as prepared for Michael A. McRobbie
President, Indiana University
Eskenazi Museum of Art, 2nd Floor Atrium
Friday, October 25, 2019
7:00 p.m.

- Good evening.
- This has truly been a wonderful day in the life of Indiana University.
- It is not often that we have the opportunity to celebrate the renovation and naming of a world-class facility AND the naming of an IU school on the same day... and with both being made possible by the same generous benefactors!
 - If fact, today is likely the first time in the history of Indiana University that we have done so.
- We are delighted that Sid and Lois, as well as
 - Sandra Eskenazi
 - Dori Eskenazi Meyersand
 - David Eskenazicould be with us today.
- The gifts from Sid and Lois that we have celebrated today reflect the great value they place on the role that art plays in all our lives.
- They appreciate how truly fortunate we are to have, right here in Bloomington, a museum with an acclaimed collection of art and other priceless artifacts from nearly every culture throughout history that has produced art—housed in a building designed by one of the greatest architects of the 20th century, I.M. Pei.
- They appreciate, as well, the need to provide a state-of-the-art education in the rapidly evolving fields of art, architecture and design—and their gift to the school will be as transformative as their gift to this museum.
- Their generous support also reflects a uniquely American phenomenon—the spirit of philanthropy that has made the American system of higher education the very best in the world.

- So, once again, on behalf of all of us at Indiana University, I want to thank Sid and Lois for their enormously generous gifts.
 - The impact of their support will be felt for many generations to come.