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Speech by President Seligman**

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The Red Line Saxophone Quartet—which includes Eastman students (seniors) Brandon Kies, Gai Qun, Quinn Lewis, and doctoral student Douglas O'Connor — stunningly has won six national chamber music competitions since the four began playing together in spring 2008, including First Prize in the 2010 North American Sax Alliance and Plowman



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the 2009 Fischhoff and MTNA National Chamber Music Competitions, and just last month Grand Prize in the Coleman Chamber Music Competition. Red Line memorably made their orchestral debut alongside heralded saxophonist Branford Marsalis and the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. When Marsalis appeared in Rochester last fall in a benefit concert, he was quoted in the Democrat and Chronicle as saying about Red Line, "Man, those guys can play."