

**From the President's Garden Party  
"Celebrating Our Students"  
May 18, 2010**

**Speech by President Seligman**

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For me there was one other highlight that I cherish. [SLIDE](#)



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Before dinner during the reception I met Lydia Zotto, who graduated a few days ago as a harp student at Eastman. Since her name tag identified her as "10E" (meaning Eastman graduate this year), I asked her what she planned to do after she graduated. I was aware of the likely choices – such as perform, teach, or go to graduate school. Lydia surprised me by explaining that she intended to earn an MBA, then an MD degree, and go into hospital administration. I knew our students were talented and multifaceted, but this was impressive even by Rochester standards. Standing next to Lydia was another student with a name tag labeled "10E." Somewhat in awe of Lydia, I asked this student if she also intended to pursue a career in health care administration. The student visibly stiffened. "Certainly not," she explained. "I am going to law school."