

Message from the Interim President

I feel privileged to serve as the interim president of West Chester University during this time of transition. President Greg Weisenstein, who retired on March 31, did much to advance this University during his seven years as president. Enrollments are robust; our academic programs are recognized as top-notch; faculty and staff are purposefully dedicated to the success of every student. I am committed to seeing West Chester University move forward at full speed during this interim period as we fulfill our mission to provide the best educational opportunities possible.

I know WCU very well. In 1983, I began teaching economics here on an adjunct basis while finishing up my doctoral degree. My role at the University has evolved over time. I was an assistant professor, the dean of the College of Business of Public Affairs, and most recently, in 2013, became the vice president for External Operations.

My wife, Sue Roberts Fiorentino, graduated from WCU in 1986. Two of our children also graduated from WCU. Even though I know a lot about this University, I am sure there is much that I could learn from you and other alumni. What are we doing right? Where do we miss the mark? What new opportunities should we be pursuing? What makes you most proud of being a Golden Ram?

I plan to spend the first weeks of my interim presidency talking – but mostly listening -- to as many members of the University community as possible. I would like to hear *your* thoughts. If you see me at an alumni event or simply around town, please introduce yourself. Sue and I ran in the Alumni Association's Ram Run 5K on April 3; it was great connecting with alumni before and after the run. I hope you join me at "Rams in the Sand" on July 16, or another alumni event, very soon.