

Message from the Interim President

I am really looking forward to Alumni Weekend, which takes place this year May 13-15. My wife, Sue, a proud graduate of the Class of '86, and I will be attending alumni events throughout the weekend.

Whether you are a new grad or celebrating a special reunion, like the Class of 1951, there's something for everyone at Alumni Weekend 2016. A golf outing kicks off the weekend early – on Friday morning – followed by a full slate of activities on Saturday, ranging from a musical reunion sponsored by the Alumni Bands Association to a campus tour. (If you haven't been on campus for a while, you may be surprised at all the enhancements, as well as projects under development, such as the Business and Public Affairs Center.) On Saturday night, you're invited to join the fun at the Rams Jam Party, featuring alumni Bryen O'Boyle '92 and Harry Giovan '92 (founders of the band Mr. Greengenes).

On May 15, Sunday Brunch in the Lawrence Center offers a time to unwind and relax after an action-packed weekend. But it also will be a time to give back, with opportunities to participate in two service projects. You can make Cap Kits – manipulative learning tools made from plastic bottle caps that help youngsters practice emergent literacy and math skills. Cap Kits were the brain child of education professor Donna Sanderson and thousands of these kits have been distributed throughout the region and in seven countries. Or, you can work on “lunch letters” for the Philadelphia Veterans House, which serves homeless veterans in our area. Whether it's a picture or a note of encouragement, these letters show veterans that others care.

WCU Alumni Weekend 2016 is going to be filled with Ram Pride! I hope to see you there!