

### **Message from the Interim President**

This year's State of the University Address, which was held Sept. 15, took the format of a community conversation. Faculty, staff and students from all across campus shared their personal stories or information about their department or unit. We discussed campus climate, facility plans, efforts to close the equity gap, graduate education, distributed leadership and more. We talked not only about West Chester University's many strengths but also about challenges facing this institution.

I was pleased to hear and read positive reviews about the Address, both internally and externally, such as in this article in the *Daily Local News* <http://www.dailylocal.com/general-news/20160915/interim-wcu-president-addresses-students-faculty>.

If you weren't able to be there, I encourage you to set aside some time to watch this video of the Address: <https://youtu.be/B5htIvEwv0A>.

As an alum of WCU, your continued support and involvement is greatly valued. I'd like to know your thoughts on what we talked about at the Address. Was there a topic that we didn't discuss that we should have? Please share your insights and ideas with me at [president@wcupa.edu](mailto:president@wcupa.edu). Together, we can work to position this University for even greater success in the future.