

Message from the President

Last month, the campus community came together for *Welcome Back to WCU!*, an event at which we talked about the University's many strengths and about the ways in which we're all working hard to make WCU even better than it already is today.

Joining me on stage were a number of accomplished students, including a young man who participated in four internships and already has a job offer before graduation day; a young woman who is deeply engaged in women's leadership issues; and a graduate student from Ireland who is here as a result of a WCU international partnership. Listening to their stories, it is clear that we are achieving our mission of student success. All of us at West Chester University – faculty, staff and administrators -- are dedicated to developing graduates who succeed personally and professionally.

But we can't do it alone. And that's where you, our loyal alumni have come in, to support the success of WCU students, and the success of your alma mater, time and time again. You provide our students with invaluable internship opportunities, you offer your time and talents to the WCU Shadows program, you speak at student organization meetings and events. And, you support WCU by your generous giving.

Our capital campaign *Becoming More*, concluded on June 30, one year ahead of schedule. I am pleased to share that the campaign raised more than \$57.6 million. Among the highlights were raising more than \$5 million for capital projects such as the Business & Public Management Center, \$3 million for new program development and equipment, and a whopping \$33 million for 420 new scholarships and operating endowments.

What gives me the most pleasure to report is that when we asked you to support your University, you answered the call with enthusiasm. 12,937 alumni made gifts to the *Becoming More* campaign. Thank you for your generosity; you are helping us to fulfill our critical mission.

But don't take my word for it. Check out *Welcome Back to WCU!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW0GeXZwQ-g> and see for yourself how WCU is working to achieve student success.

Best wishes,

Chris Fiorentino