

## Message from the President

I was inaugurated as the 15th president of West Chester University during an investiture ceremony on April 21 at Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall. While rain greeted us in the morning, the skies cleared by midday, and we hosted a festive reception on the Quad.

In my Inaugural Address, I spent some time talking about one of things that makes this University so special – its alumni. Let me share a brief excerpt of those remarks:

*In my travels around the area as University president, I've had many opportunities to meet with alumni. Most recently, I visited the reunion of the Class of 1964. I enjoyed listening to their stories about their undergraduate years at West Chester, and where they went and what they did after graduation. While their stories were unique and personal, there was a common thread. I frequently heard about professors who mentored them, and who consistently went above and beyond. I heard about the joy of discovery, of lessons learned, and of new pathways opened as a result of this institution. Most of all, the love these alumni have for West Chester shone through in every single story.*

I also visited recently with members of the Class of '74, '83 and '89, and each meeting was memorable. I enjoy finding out how West Chester University shaped your life in earlier years, and the role it continues to play today.

My wife, Sue, and I will be attending Alumni Weekend, which kicks off Friday, May 19 with a Wine, Beer & Food Pairing and concludes with a brunch and service project on Sunday, May 21. I hope you will be able to take part in one or more of the special events planned. See the [event calendar](#) for full details. And please stop me and say hello – I'd love to hear *your* WCU story.