

Message from Sterly L. Wilder

School's in Session

We have spent the summer celebrating the Class of 2013 at 60 Forever Duke Send-off Parties around the world, including London, Munich, Zurich, and Hong Kong. In August, we entertained new postgraduates at a huge reception on Chapel Quad after their Graduate and Professional School Convocation. And we held our second annual Forever Duke block party at Forlines House to welcome all students to campus after their first day of classes. More than 3,000, plus hundreds of alumni of all ages, came for the street festival, featuring music, food, and class tents dispensing gifts. During the Forever Duke part, we hand-delivered the Class of 2013 Directory to our newest Blue Devils. Yes, we have been a busy bunch!

Now with students back and the campus buzzing, we're in major planning mode for Homecoming on September 25-26, the biggest fall party on campus. It's an event that grows in popularity among alumni and students each year. Homecoming Weekend is also Half Century Club Weekend, when alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago gather for their reunion. We also invite all of the alumni who tirelessly work for Duke "in the field" to the annual Volunteer Leadership Conference—a time for them to learn and share, and be recognized for their loyal and valuable service.

This fall and into 2010, President Brodhead and I will be in the field, traveling to Charlotte, Washington, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Atlanta for The Duke Idea's second year. Some of our best and brightest, which always includes alumni, will discuss with the president the 21st century university and other timely topics. Some of our speakers are Duke trustee Michael Marsciano '78, Ph.D. '82 and Russell Robinson '54, J.D. '56 in Charlotte; Duke University Health System president and CEO Victor Dzau, M.D., and Duke trustee Paul Farmer '82, M.D., medical anthropologist and founding director of Partners in Health, in Washington; and Nancy Andrews, dean of the School of Medicine, in Philadelphia. We hope you'll be able to attend. For more details, visit www.thedukeidea.net. President Brodhead will also be appearing at special presidential receptions in Jacksonville, Florida, and Cincinnati in 2010.

I hope you'll become engaged with DAA programs in your region, you'll stay connected through our website and affinity networks, and that you'll come home to celebrate, in fall, winter, or spring. We have lots of fascinating programs and events lined up just for you! Stay tuned to www.dukealumni.com for more on DAA events and to learn how you can become more involved.

Forever Duke,

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