

Annual Association Meeting 6/2/12  
Director remarks - Mb

Good Morning and another official welcome to all of you.

My name is Marybeth Famulare and I am delighted to begin as the new Director of Alumnae Relations here at Wilson College. As you get to know me, you will learn that many people call me Mb. It is my hope that as I get to know all of you, that I too will learn the various formal and informal names you choose to be known.

It can be a little daunting to begin new employment 10 weeks prior to the largest event for the entire year ... one just never knows what to expect. I will tell you that on my very first day I had a handful of visitors. I have had the opportunity to spend some extensive time with a couple of those ladies. I want to thank Joan Edwards and Nancy Besch for officially being labeled "my first Wilson Alumnae friends". My mentor always told me when you go somewhere the first time, be careful who you connect yourself to.... I am thankful and honored to say, I am in very good company!

I want to acknowledge the Alumnae Relations staff – Dianna Heim and Emma Lewis - and our consultant from afar these past months – Ann Terry. These ladies have worked tirelessly to serve the association and keep all programs and activities going, they have welcomed me and assisted in my ongoing questions, and proven to be invaluable resources and workers for all the details that go into reunion preparation. Dianna, Emma, Ann please stand as the membership joins me in a round of applause appreciation.

I would also like to acknowledge the association board of directors for their planning, support and ongoing contribution of time and efforts to represent, honor, and provide opportunities for our alumnae, current students, and greater campus community. Special thanks to the countless volunteers and class representatives who planned and assisted in pulling together all of the events for Reunion 2012.

If I may, I would like to provide you an overview of what the office and association have accomplished and what I have experienced, to some degree, over my first several weeks ... for this is an extraordinary group that has been very busy:

- The completion and mailing of the Spring Issue of the Wilson Magazine
- Regional Events in Baltimore, CA, CT, Pittsburgh, and DC.
- Attendance at the funeral of The Honorable Judge Keller
- Having a handful of seniors come to my office the first week and inquire about Palladium.... Talk with me about the candle club.... Sarah Wilson week and share so many of the rich Wilson traditions
- Multiple local events with the Franklin County Club including a scholarship dinner with a mix of alumnae of many generations as well as student award recipients.

- Food for finals – serving up waffles to students on a Sunday evening
- Meeting a student recipient of an internship award and listening to her exciting summer plans
- Serving ice cream to seniors as part of their celebrations festivities
- Travel tours to Holland and Princeton
- Participating in Baccalaureate and Commencement Weekend including many class years represented in the Blue and Silver Line. Thank you to those that donned the slashes and sat through the hot sun.

Truth be told, I am not, nor have I ever been, one that could look at a list or study a paragraph and recite it with any accuracy. My experiences, personal characteristics and fields of study focus on relationships and process. I am a believer in story telling... it fits so perfectly into our reunion theme “My Wilson is ...”

That is why you are all here –

To embrace friends, to reminisce, to find similar connections with your extended Wilson family... to share and bear witness to our collective truth... to honor a place that has transformed your lives.

Please keep telling your stories – each is a voice that needs to be heard.

Please introduce yourselves to me and thank you for helping me discover what MY WILSON IS!