

Good Morning and Happy Reunion 2015

My name is Marybeth Famulare and I am the Director of Alumnae/i Relations.

This is my 4th Wilson Reunion and it is always my pleasure to oversee the planning for this weekend and welcome you back to campus.

In jumping right to the core of my role, I am only as successful as you all allow me to be by our shared collaboration. I continue to strive for increased communication, outreach and a diversity of activities that might engage a greater number of alumnae/i spanning decades.

Throughout this year I have placed emphasis on connecting with current students and building campus awareness of the variety of AAWC activities and programs. Many of those activities were a direct result of you, our alumnae/i, providing suggestions, creativity, time and treasure.

- I had the privilege in the fall of greeting every car that came onto campus for orientation welcoming our incoming students
- the students know that I can be found every Tuesday in the dining hall for lunch and many weeks alumnae/i joined me there for discussion.
- In the fall, we hosted the 22nd annual Cumberland valley women's conference where several students not only participated throughout the day, they also were presenters of sessions.
- In the spring we co-hosted a variety of events for women's history month and career related panels with alumnae and community business leaders sharing words of wisdom to students.
- I also have the privilege to host a late night food break every semester during finals week, as well as, participate in activities for senior research day and commencement weekend.
- If you have yet to see or experience the Blue & Silver line at Commencement, I urge you to consider how meaningful it is to have alumnae spanning years of the 1940's into 2014 honoring and welcoming the newest graduates.

Some of the most rewarding alumnae/i student experiences have been the increased career connections and the emotional support provided as part of the Aunt Sarah Program. Perhaps one of the best indicators of making a difference and appreciation is when our recent graduates sign up to cross over to being the Aunt to the next group of students. On commencement day, I received three applications from members of the class of 2015.

I hope that many of you had the pleasure of meeting our new director of career development at the reunion registration desk yesterday. We are excited to be making plans for increased mentoring, internship and professional partnerships. I utilize the monthly e-news and AR Wilson Facebook to share needs for campus connections as well as to share a variety of updates. I am also known to post seasonal or random campus pictures to bring parts of my everyday Wilson experience to you wherever life finds you.

This weekend is also a great time for you to meet some of our current students who assist our efforts in tending to details of the schedule and meeting your needs.

As I closed up the office late last evening, several of the students who had put in a long day were just gushing with excitement to how much fun they had interacting with you and listening to your memories.

Late last night I also received an email from an alumna who was not participating in reunion but had to send me a photo with the email titled.... more phoenix shenanigans. Flat Phoenix found in your recent Wilson Magazine is certainly making the rounds across the country. Please join in our fun, take your travel pictures with flat phoenix and send them to us for our fall display. We want to know how far and wide the phoenix flies.

Please know that I am very accessible to you by phone, email, a visit to campus or even my coming to you. I welcome your inquiries and feedback. I need your participation and support. Please enjoy this time of friendship and reminiscing.

Thank you.

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