

A Note From The Chancellor

ALUMNI, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS

With all the amazing things happening at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, I hope you have been able to keep up.

The Dedication and Grand Opening of the Rita Tallent Picken Regional Center for Arts and Humanities, or simply The Rita, was a fabulous evening in late January full of positive energy and excitement.

In April, hundreds of community members and alumni were on campus to engage with more than 20 community arts and humanities organizations.

If you were unable to attend either of these events, please join us for one of the many concerts, plays, readings, art exhibits and more planned for the coming months as we celebrate the Year of the Arts and Humanities in 2012. You'll find a complete event schedule at www.uwp.edu.

While we enjoy celebrating what The Rita will mean to this university and the communities we serve, the entire campus is hard at work preparing for reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission. The process includes a self-study that requires each academic and administrative department to review its mission to ensure that those efforts align with the overall strategic direction of the university.

Representatives from the Higher Learning Commission will be on campus in spring 2013. They'll be looking for evidence that we are, indeed, living our promise of Student Success, Academic Excellence, Diversity and Inclusiveness, and Community Engagement.

Many of you took time recently to speak as advocates for UW-Parkside and the University of Wisconsin System. I thank you for those efforts. Without a doubt, there are challenges ahead. Working together, we'll continue to provide the experience of higher education to a growing number of individuals in our region and beyond.



Debbie

PS: It's our goal to provide you with all the latest news from your university. In order to do that, we need to know the best way to keep in touch. Please take a few moments to update your contact information. Visit <http://www.uwp.edu/departments/university.advancement/alumni/record.cfm>. And when you do, you'll be entered in a drawing for some great looking UW-Parkside apparel. Go, Rangers!

