



DEAR LAWRENTIANS,

Here in Wisconsin the signs of spring are ever-so-slowly making an appearance, whether it's a robin foraging for food on the front lawn, or the buds on trees signaling a new beginning after a long, dormant winter. With color returning to the Lawrence landscape, practically everything here seems new again.

It's also a time when Lawrence students emerge from winter cocoons, shedding multiple layers of clothing, locating a long-lost frisbee, and enjoying the outdoor campus spaces that have been largely ignored during the Winter Term.

In keeping with the renewal that spring brings, *Lawrence Today* is embarking on its own transformation. As the result of the feedback you provided via our reader survey, and discussion on campus with faculty, staff, and students, a new *Lawrence Today* is beginning to take shape, one that is more focused on providing the content you said you enjoy most, and on those ideas and activities that truly make Lawrence University the unique and exceptional institution you remember.

Overall, you told us that our magazine is doing a good job of connecting alumni with the university, and also providing information about what you and your classmates are doing in their lives after Lawrence. We also learned that readers want to meet more of today's students, learn what they're studying, and get a glimpse of campus life. And we heard loud and clear that, while online and electronic communications are welcome, you want us to continue publishing *Lawrence Today* in print form.

This and future issues of *Lawrence Today* will showcase the transformative learning experiences that distinguish Lawrence from other liberal arts colleges. In earlier issues, you've read how individualized learning is becoming recognized as a hallmark of a Lawrence University education. With greater emphasis on these one-on-one learning experiences, it's gratifying to read the alumni testimonials about what this personalized education has meant through the years (see page 4). The profiles of two current Lawrentians in this issue (pages 16 and 32) only begin to capture the variety and interest of our capable, intelligent student body, and we look forward to sharing many more student stories in future issues.

The metamorphosis at Lawrence continues on campus and in the magazine. I encourage you to continue sharing your thoughts and ideas with the editors of *Lawrence Today*, and, when time allows, I hope you'll return to our campus to enjoy the energy, ideas, and spirit that are so evident this spring.

Sincerely,

Jill Beck