



A Moment for Grove City College

As the first alumnus in almost 50 years to be chosen as president, I want to have frequent correspondence with all alumni. I am greatly honored to have been elected as our alma mater's eighth president and to return to a place that throughout my life has had a special place in my heart, as I am sure it has in yours.

Now college presidents are known for always asking for money. Indeed that is a big part of my job portfolio and I will do that from time to time, being careful always to do my best to make the case for support of our Great College. But I want to use my "Moment for Grove City" to talk about the school and the things that matter to alumni. It is only in the past few years that we have spent more time and money improving the quality and frequency of our alumni publications, introducing a comprehensive and spectacular Homecoming experience and greatly expanding our alumni dinners and meetings across America. I'm sure you have noticed, and perhaps participated. We will do more based on alumni feedback.

And that is a promise.

In this initial letter I would like to share with you some changes, and comment in two areas. The first concerns legacy admissions. We want to do much more to welcome you and your children to the process. Accordingly, our director of admissions will now personally handle all legacy admissions and offer a higher level of personalized attention and correspondence. A legacy student is the son or daughter of a Grove City graduate(s), although we will also give a careful look at brothers and sisters, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. We will look carefully at each application and do our best to admit your child. No guarantees are possible however. There are a couple of things to keep in mind. This year's freshman class profile is as follows:

FRESHMAN PROFILE 2003

3.73 GPA

1268 SAT

27 ACT

62% in the top 10% of their class

79% in the top 20% of their class

SAT mid 50% range 1170-1365

Please also note that due to space available, the pre-med majors – biology, molecular biology, biochemistry – are highly competitive areas with 1330+ SAT averages.

Simply put, a prospective student should be in the general ballpark of the above profile. Too far below the ballpark could make it a fairly difficult academic transition, though

we don't just consider high SATs. We also look at grades, rigor of academic courses, activities and other attributes of character such as leadership potential. An on-campus interview is strongly recommended. In fact, 89 percent of this year's freshman class had on-campus interviews. So, we will handle our legacy applications through the director of admissions exclusively and do our best on admittance decisions. I will review any legacy candidates deferred or wait-listed jointly with the director of admissions. I will not make the final decision, as that remains with the admissions office, but I will be directly involved.

And that is a promise as well.

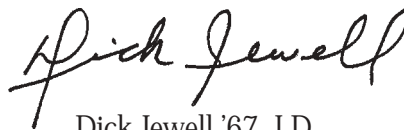
The second area is that of alumni reunions. As you know, Grove City College reunions range all the way from formally structured class reunions to informal beach vacations with a group of friends. It can be a gathering of a college club, fraternity or sorority. In essence, a reunion is a group of grads who have a common interest and want to share memories. The alumni relations office can support all types. The staff can print mailing labels, send e-mails and help promote your event. Just call toll free 888-422-4723 or email alumni@gcc.edu. What you want to do is up to you. They are there to assist. The College will pick up the tab for the printing and promotional costs. ***And that is another promise.***

As an alumnus, I want to roll out the welcome mat to all 22,000 of you throughout the nation and around the world. Come back – and come back often.

My wife, Dayl, and I will be traveling to a number of cities over the next few months and hope to see many of you.

I have come home to the College we all shared at one time – at this place memories were made and our adult lives started. I welcome you back always.

Yours for Grove City,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Jewell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dick Jewell '67, J.D.
President

P.S. See you at Homecoming the weekend of October 18th and at my inauguration on November 15.