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## KEEPING THE FAITH

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Grove City College Community,

With the Thanksgiving season upon us, this is an ideal time for me to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the ninth president of Grove City College. Brenda and I thank God for this extraordinary institution and for all who have served and sacrificed for nearly 140 years to make it one of the premiere private colleges in America. I'm also thankful for this first opportunity to address you in The GeDUNK.

Returning to Grove City College after 34 years has been an incredible experience. Brenda and I have visited countless times over the years to drop off or visit two of our four children, attend Trustees meetings or for other occasions. But now that we are back to stay, we are rediscovering all that makes Grove City College such a special place. There is a kindness, an energy, a spirit of service, a clear presence of God's grace, which sets it apart from most other environments. We are greatly blessed to be a part of this caring and talented community.

It's taking a lot of work, as you can imagine, to get settled in. We're just finishing up the process of moving into the President's House on Campus Drive and unpacking the remaining boxes. We've filled the shelves with our books and hung our artwork on the walls, while Sadie, our 11-year-old black Lab, has picked out a few favorite spots to take long morning and afternoon naps. Yes, it's beginning to feel like home.

Of course our hearts were never far from Grove City College even as we lived for more than 30 years and raised our children in the Washington, D.C., area. After graduating in 1980, Brenda and I were married in the Chapel a year later with our dear friends and mentors, religion professor Dr. Andy Hoffercker and President Dr. Charles MacKenzie, officiating. Too poor to afford an engagement ring, I surprised Brenda with a long-awaited diamond during a visit to the Chapel on our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

One of the pleasures of my new job is talking to prospective students about why we returned and why they should apply. I describe my four years at Grove City College as a life-changing experience. I talk about the transformative impact the College had on our lives, in furtherance of the Biblical mandate to not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:2). Finally, I explain that our three-fold commitment to an authentically Christian perspective, excellent academics and an affordable price is central to the continuing transformation of Grove City College students for years to come.

The theme of this issue is "Keeping the Faith." For the College, it is the story of our past, our conviction for the present and our hope for the future. Most importantly, it is the story of God's grace. We, as students and alumni, have benefitted from the vision, planning, hard work and dedication of the men and women who stepped forward in faith to establish and build Grove City College. As students, we entered into that legacy, receiving knowledge in our chosen fields and about the faith that leads to true wisdom. As alumni, we are entrusted with preserving and carrying the legacy forward.

During the coming months and years, Brenda and I look forward to having many opportunities to connect with you, to listen and learn about your experiences, and to work with you in ensuring Grove City College's lasting legacy and promising future.



Paul J. McNulty '80  
President

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