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Tribe Pride

At last, we are seeing signs of spring in Williamsburg. We did not suffer the severe winter many of you did, but we had some snow, some ice and lots of cold rain that chills your bones as you trudge across campus (remember?). We are heartened to see forsythias, daffodils and those beautiful tulips that seem to spring up overnight on Confusion Corner. And with spring comes many activities for alumni — I invite you to go online to see all that is happening, both here on campus and throughout the country.

A new initiative this year is Coronation Day. A little-known fact is that King William and Queen Mary were crowned on April 11, 1689. This coincides nicely with the time when the Class of 2014 will make their college choices. Our alumni chapters will help them make informed decisions about the College by hosting events for these students on Coronation Day. The next day, April 12, is a designated *Tribe Pride Day*. Share your Tribe Pride with others by wearing the green and gold.

Coronation Day is only one partnership of the Admission Office and the Alumni Association this spring. The second annual Alumni Admission Weekend will be held on June 18-19. Last year, over 140 alumni parents and their high school juniors or seniors came to campus to learn about the college admissions process from our Admission Office experts. Events will include essay tips, a Q&A with admission officers from several peer colleges and an in-depth presentation about the College. We conclude with an informative session where participants review real applications and make decisions as admission officers. For more, turn to page 16.

There will be programs for all ages throughout the spring as well. We will host our traditional Senior Spring Day on April 29 to begin the two-week-long celebration leading to Commencement. The Alumni Association will hold the Alumni Induction Ceremony in the Alumni House Yard on Saturday of Commencement Weekend. This is our oppor-



tunity to welcome the Class of 2010 and to remind them that they will always be part of the William and Mary family.

April may be our favorite month as we host events for our newest alumni and our most senior alumni. Young Guard Weekend will be held April 16-18. If you are a member of the classes of 2005-09, please check it out and make plans to come — visit www.wmalumni.com/?ygweekend. Bring your alumni friends too.

One of our most emotional weekends of the year is the 50th Reunion Weekend (April 30-May 1). It is a joyous occasion of remembering and renewal for the Class of 1960. You should have received your invitation, but if not, please get in touch with us. I personally guarantee you will enjoy every minute.

50th Reunion Weekend is followed by the Olde Guard Celebration, a gathering of all alumni who graduated 50 years and earlier. It, too, is a wonderful celebration of the power of William and Mary in the lives of alumni.

In the spirit of renewal that spring brings to all of us, I invite you to do two things connected to your College, a call to action of sorts. First, wear the green and gold on April 12 — Tribe Pride Day. The other call to action this month is to write to me. How can we serve you better? The address is alumni.evp@wm.edu. I am confident you have ideas — let me hear them.

And, if spring has not arrived where you are yet, take a trip to William and Mary. We would love to see you.

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