Dear Classmates,

Warm greetings! Some of us have had the chance to return in recent weeks to Bryn Mawr's campus and would like to share with you news and developments.

One point of pride and gratitude: the College achieved its most successful fundraising year ever and we played a part in this success. Over $35 million was raised to ensure Bryn Mawr's excellence both today and for the College's future. The 2015 Bryn Mawr Fund reached $5.37 million. Overall almost 180 more alumnae gave, raising alumnae participation 1% (from 37% to 38%); the Class of 19XX jumped to 83 donors (28%) from the previous year's 70 donors (24%).

Below are some of the milestones that would not be possible without alumnae and parent support.

- This year, the College welcomed its largest incoming class with 387 first-year students. While other schools are seeing their enrollment numbers decline, Bryn Mawr remains a leader attracting a large application pool of students who hail from the top of their class.
- The new dorm on campus (formerly Haffner) doubles the amount of beds with 101 single rooms. Perry House, newly renamed The Enid Cook '31 Center in honor of the College's first African-American alumna will house the Black Cultural Center and is incorporated into this new dorm.
- For a remarkable fourth year in a row, Washington Monthly has ranked Bryn Mawr #1 among liberal arts colleges.
- Cheryl Strayed, author of a #1 New York Times best-seller, Wild, is this year's Emily Balch speaker. Created for first-year students, the Emily Balch Seminars challenge students to think, discuss, and write about a wide range of issues.
- Bryn Mawr hired ten new faculty members as well as a Director of the pilot Museum Studies Program.
Bryn Mawr’s success depends on us to be loyal donors. Did you know that while we had 83 donors last year, another 50+ (!) made a gift during our 20th reunion or since? If all 135 of us (plus more) gave consistently, we would better ensure a reliable and sustainable source of revenue for key priorities that propel the College’s excellence and support today’s students.

So far this year, about 20 of us have made our 2015-16 gifts and for that we are grateful. We ask all others to join us in making a gift to The Bryn Mawr Fund, *this year and every year*, at a level that is comfortable for you. We hope to see a strong showing of support by our class in giving to The Bryn Mawr Fund *early* in this fiscal year, which runs from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. Remember that our gifts this year also count in our milestone 25th reunion gift total, to be celebrated May 26-28, 2017 (mark your calendars!).

Here are some giving options to consider:

- **Monthly giving** allows you to make a larger annual gift through smaller monthly payments. Using the online gift form is a convenient way to set up your monthly giving. [www.brynmawr.edu/makeagift](http://www.brynmawr.edu/makeagift).

- **A multi-year pledge** toward our 25th reunion lets you spread out your giving over a number of years, and is a path into the new *Archways Society*, a giving circle of donors who give three consecutive years or more.

- **Matching gifts** multiply the impact of your giving. Many of our classmates use this option to join The Slade Society of leadership donors. See if your employer or your spouse/partner’s employer has a matching gift program by visiting [www.brynmawr.edu/giving/matching-gifts](http://www.brynmawr.edu/giving/matching-gifts).

- **Thomas and Merion Scholarships** provide direct tuition support to students in need of financial aid, and are special gifts. For more information contact Mary DiMarino at [mdimarino@brynmawr.edu](mailto:mdimarino@brynmawr.edu) or (610) 526-5123.

Thank you for considering all we share with you. Together, we play an integral part in Bryn Mawr’s tradition of excellence and in the bright futures of students today.

Warm regards,