

Alumni Association President's Message / 2022

Greetings to all!...

From all of us here at "Your" Alumni Association, we are hoping that you are all doing well, as we head towards **Reunion Weekend (August 5th and 6th)** (INSERT LINK TO REUNION REGISTRATION HERE/or SCHEDULE).

A lot has transpired since I last wrote to you last year! A few highlights include, the awesome renovation of Founders Hall, too much to explain here, but wait till you see it, with a Grand "Re-opening", slated for fall 2022 and Hard Hat Tours during Reunion Weekend. Manson Hall and Rowe Hall are also going through refurbishing. What a "Marvel" the campus will be once again!

Maine Central Institute (MCI) is, once again, transitioning to the future and although challenges are still with us, the school has slowly but surely gotten back on track with full in-person classes, lots of extra-curricular activities, along with our sports teams once again active!

Most importantly, we have a new Head of School! David Pearson will be "piloting" the ship with a wealth of experience. Exciting times are in the offing! Please welcome the Pearsons when you see them.

Summer Reunion plans are well underway, as we welcome the Class of 1972 and their milestone 50th Anniversary, all orchestrated by the Alumni Association and the Advancement Office.

On Friday night, August 5th, we will be inducting into the MCI Hall of Fame, Dr. J.C. Manson and his son J.W. Manson (posthumously), Bob Knowles '52, along with retired Marine Colonel Michael Wyly.

The Distinguished Achievement Awards this year will be given to two MCI Icons in the field of music: Leon Southard, Class of 1964, and Rex Fowler, Class of 1966! Leon will be playing once again at the *Broken Putter* AND Rex will be performing on Friday night after the Award ceremony under the big tent on the front campus with his band, **Aztec Two Step 2.0**, an event you will not want to miss!

Also, as has been in the past, the **Alumni Association Golf Scramble** will once again tee off on Friday at J.W. Parks. As you know, this is our largest Association fund-raiser, with proceeds from tee and hole sponsorships, going toward Senior T-Shirts, our two Senior Scholarships, and additional Alumni Association activities. Please sign-up soon, (INSERT LINK TO REUNION REGISTRATION HERE) as this sells out quickly!

At the Annual Alumni Association General meeting on Saturday at 11am, we will be voting on an updated version of our By-Laws (found on the Alumni page of the MCI website), also catching everyone up on what has and will be going on with the Association and MCI, and voting on new members of the Executive Committee.

Finally, this will mark the end of my time (10 years) as your Alumni Association President. With the new leadership coming into school, it is a perfect time for new ideas, new directions and fresh outlooks as to how we, as an Association, can better serve our Alumni and school. Believe me, I will still be present, to help out in the future, but to a lesser extent.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the Alumni and my school as your President. I leave with the knowledge that the Association is in great shape. Onward we go, with the next chapter unfolding!

Best regards, GO HUSKIES!

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President of the MCI Alumni Association