

## Dear Fellow Thunderbirds,

I hope this issue of the alumni magazine finds you looking forward to a spring full of opportunity. I am deep into my own new beginning here at SUU and I'm delighted to be back home and serving once again as the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Southern Utah University. It has been an exciting and gratifying experience to return to campus and reunite with many students, faculty, alumni and friends.

As I become reacquainted with this great institution, I am reminded of the importance of relationships and of the impact good people have across the SUU community. In times of challenge and opportunity, we find ourselves turning to our trusted friends and supporters for ideas, involvement and support. As a result, we create and strengthen important friendships and form essential communities.

As a valued member of the Thunderbird Nation we trust that we can count on your continued support as advocates of the University within your community, as engaged members of our Alumni Association and as participants in the University's ambitious capital campaign. These activities, along with many others, are efforts to enhance the programs and opportunities for our students, as well as to instill an even greater sense of pride and involvement among our alumni and friends.

I want to thank you for your interest and participation in the life of SUU. This Founders' Day marks our school's 110 year anniversary, and we will celebrate by opening a new wing of campus with the dedication of Old Main, the Emma Eccles Jones Teacher Education Building and the Carter Carillon. With your ongoing friendship, confidence and support, I am certain SUU's next 110 years will be filled with continued growth and opportunity University wide.

*Sincerely,*

**Stuart C. Jones, '86**

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