A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

When we think of vibrant good health for an individual or an organization, we think of reaching for potential. Striving for fitness - physical, financial, operational or communal - allows us to achieve our goals, fulfill our mission, and ensure that our students and graduates thrive. During my first year as your president, I am pleased to report that Pine Manor College is on a solid path to achieving all of these milestones, and more. The college's enrollment is significantly higher than last year; fundraising is increasing both in dollars and number of donors; and investments in our facilities, programs and portfolios are producing promising results.

I hope to see you at my upcoming inauguration on Friday, November 7, 2014, where together we can celebrate our recent accomplishments and the exciting new directions of the college. You will be reading about Pine Manor's development throughout this next year in a variety of publications. As we are continuously inspired by the many alumnae and friends who have been so supportive in the past months. Thank you for your ideas, enthusiasm and your contributions to the college!

Maintaining and growing Pine Manor's good health is our first priority. With the support of our friends, community, and particularly our alumnae, our success is ensured!

All best wishes for a wonderful autumn!

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Lee, Ph.D., President

ELIZABETH CARY BLUM, ’92

Elizabeth (Liz) Cary Blum, ’92, is no stranger to the development and alumnae office. Even as a student, Liz volunteered, and worked closely with such respected members of Pine Manor's past as Beth Steffan and Carlyn Elms, and is still in touch with them today. Liz continued volunteering after graduation, serving on the Annual Fund Executive Committee, the Young Alumnae Council, and the Planned Giving Committee. She was also a Class Agent, 5th Reunion Chair, and Alumnae Association Board Member, Vice President and President, as well as nine years as an Alumnae Trustee. Liz describes her Pine Manor volunteer career as "an incredible learning experience and a true gift," adding, "Alumnae are incredibly important to the college. We are the threads that make up the history of this amazing place."

Liz invites her fellow alumnae to get involved: "You can help plan reunions; become a class secretary and gather news for the Bulletin, help admissions with recruiting students, especially internationally; sign Annual Fund letters for your classmates. We are also creating Regional Clubs in different cities where alumnae can get to socialize and network without traveling to Chestnut Hill."

Exciting upcoming events include Reunion Weekend and Dr. E. Joseph Lee's inauguration November 7. "This is going to be an important historical event in Pine Manor's history, and a very fun weekend!" says Liz. "The more alumnae involved, the more fun events are for everyone!"

Liz has been a non-profit fundraiser for 22 years. She lives in Newton, Massachusetts with her nine year old twin daughters (proud Pine Manor College Ann Pappajohn Vassilou Child Study Center '09 grads!) and her husband, Rick, who is a physician.

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NEW LEADERSHIP

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CABINET MEMBERS

Diane Mello-Goldner, who has been a Pine Manor psychology professor since 1994, became Dean of the College in July, Dean Mello-Goldner's long history with the college includes chairing the Natural and Behavioral Sciences Division.

"As Dean, my top priority will be to make sure that the voices of the students are heard, and that we help launch them into meaningful jobs and/or advanced degree programs that will ensure their continued success. I know that President Lee, our faculty, staff and administration share that commitment." As Dean, Mello-Goldner will also continue teaching. "Diane is a gifted professor and enjoys teaching," notes President Lee. "As it happens, this year, the students voted to give her the Ruth Allinger Gibson '26 Teaching Award, established in 1987 by Roger and Joan Gibson Cranston '53, parents of Cynthia '86, to recognize excellence in teaching. So they clearly want her in the classroom as well as leading the faculty." Diane will be the 2014 Commencement speaker on September 4.

Craig Hutchinson, Craig L. Hutchinson, our new Dean for Student Affairs, has 35 years of experience in academic administration most recently as Vice President of Student Life at the University of Southern Maine. "I believe that in order for people to learn effectively, they need to feel safe, supported, happy, and intimately engaged in campus life, both inside and outside the classroom," says Hutchinson. "Our vision for Pine Manor is to build on our resources, and our astonishingly beautiful campus, in order to achieve these four goals for every student."

Included in current plans are renovations in residences and common buildings, as well as increasing opportunities for student engagement in activities and athletics together with a strong focus upon job preparedness. "With the launching of our first co-ed undergraduate program, this will be a significant year of new growth for the college!"
With another generous gift to Pine Manor College this year, The Brown Foundation, Inc. of Houston continues its legacy of strong and caring support for the College and its students. Together with her sister Nancy Brown Negly ’48, the late Macinda Brown O’Connor ’50, alumna, benefactor, trustee and friend, spearheaded her Houston-based family foundation in decades of generosity to the College. The importance of the partnership between The Brown Foundation and Pine Manor College is evident throughout the campus, from the Brown Learning Resource Center to significant support of its Capital Campaigns, the Annual Fund, and scholarship programs. “Mac” and her family’s passionate dedication to the Pine Manor mission has improved the educational experience and professional development of generations of students. Her legacy of steadfast loyalty, generosity, and sound judgment will continue to keep her memory alive within the Pine Manor community.

Pine Manor is most grateful to the Brown Foundation for all of its support!