

# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

**Greetings, Spalding Alumni!**

First and foremost, let me extend my sincere wishes that you and those you love are well.

By way of introduction, my name is Caroline Heine, and I am so grateful that you welcomed me into your community six months ago as your new Chief Advancement Officer! What a joy it is to work alongside and in support of such an extraordinary group of alumni, under the world-class leadership of President McClure, and in tandem with the enthusiastic cadre of students chosen by their peers to head teams, associations, and councils. The thread that runs throughout is dedication to the core values of our university – we are indeed a compassionate community, focused on issues of social justice and peace.

I know we are all enduring extraordinary stresses and challenges during this global pandemic. I can tell you that it is a great source of pride for me to witness the response of your alma mater to this crisis. And I hope it is for you as well. As you look around our community at the faces of the nurses, the teachers, the social workers, the therapists and the counselors who are bravely showing up everyday to meet the needs of these remarkable times, I hope you are recognizing those faces as your fellow alums.

Spalding has always prepared leaders for these essential roles, and will increasingly be called upon in the future to do so. And Spalding will answer that call, as it has for over 200 years, with quality education, with compassion, and with a dedication to developing world-changing global citizens.

It is my honor to advance that mission with you. I would love to hear from you – any ideas on how we can better promote the mission and vision of this great university, how we can better support you as alumni, how we can create a stronger base of support for Spalding – send them my way! To truly be successful will require a team effort, so I look forward to working directly with you as we build a future that is #SpaldingStrong!

Stay well.

With gratitude,



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