



Dear Monarchs:

I am excited to share with you that Old Dominion University is growing by leaps and bounds. No doubt over the past few months you've heard great things about the upcoming football season – a sold out crowd, wonderful facilities and students camping out overnight to be the first in line to claim their tickets. But, let me take a moment to share some other highlights with you.

John Broderick, as our eighth president, has commissioned a strategic enrollment process designed to establish institutional priorities. In addition, ODU is crafting its strategic plan for 2009-2014. Together, these important documents will help guide the University through its next phase of growth.

Our innovations in research continue to receive international attention. I am amazed at the number of articles and professional presentations in which ODU faculty are prominently featured. The same can be said for our students, both graduate and undergraduate, who are recognized on a national level for their work in the arts and sciences.

If you haven't visited campus lately, I would encourage you to do so and see how it's transformed from the ODU you may have known into a strong, residential campus, with facilities to rival that of any university in Virginia. In fact, those of you who have newly joined the ranks of the Alumni Association – the Class of 2009 – would see that the landscape of campus has changed, even just in the few months since you were students.

But, these are just a few updates about ODU that I can share with you. My goal is for your Alumni Association to communicate with you about news that you want to know. In order to do this, we need your help! I encourage you to take the time to make sure we have your current contact information by visiting the alumni association website at [www.odualumni.org](http://www.odualumni.org), and registering with the online community, the Lion's Den. Here, you can securely update your address and email, and let us know how you want us to communicate with you. You can also follow us on Facebook, or email us at [odualumni@odu.edu](mailto:odualumni@odu.edu). Help us make sure we can stay in touch!

I am excited about the possibilities in the year ahead. Together, we can make the network of over 100,000 ODU alumni a strong force in helping Old Dominion grow and prosper even more.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana".

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