



Notes From The President

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It is always a pleasure for me to travel throughout the state and meet Valdosta State alumni and prospective students. My goal is to represent you and the outstanding experience you provide to young people.

On February 2, the “V-State Experience” tour begins in Homerville and then travels to nine cities during the next three months. Each visit is an opportunity for me, members of the Alumni Association, faculty and coaches to forge strong relationships with alumni, friends and future students.

I would be thrilled for you to join us at one or more of these events. Please e-mail Melinda Cutchens (cutchens@valdosta.edu) and let her know the event(s) you can attend. She will assist in working our shared transportation.

We have more than 33,000 alumni in Georgia. Many are community leaders and our greatest ambassadors! Nearly all are excited with our achievements and want to stay connected. The informal receptions also provide an opportunity to meet prospective students and tell them about the exciting educational opportunities available to them at Valdosta State.

V-State Experience Schedule

- Feb. 2, 5-7 p.m., Farmer’s & Merchant Bank, Homerville
- Feb. 4, 5-7 p.m., Colquitt Center for the Arts, Moultrie
- Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m., Renaissance Waverly, Atlanta (Cobb/Gwinnett)
- Feb. 16, 6-8 p.m., Columbus Marriott, Columbus
- Feb. 17, 6-8 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn—University Place, Macon
- March 16, 6-8 p.m., Municipal Auditorium, Thomasville
- April 13, 6-8 p.m., Marriott Riverside, Savannah
- April 14, 6-8 p.m., Bonefish Grill, St. Simons (Brunswick/Kings Bay)
- April 22, 6-8 p.m., Flint RiverQuarium, Albany
- April 27, 6-8 p.m., Holiday Inn, Waycross
- April 29, 6-8 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, Douglas

The Chancellor was here for the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. He was effusive in his praise for Valdosta State, our faculty and staff. He was particularly attentive to the challenging budget picture and your outstanding efforts in addressing adverse circumstances.

I am pleased to announce that Valdosta State has taken another step closer to realizing its goal to have a women's soccer program. This will be the 12th intercollegiate sports program and the sixth women's team. Melissa Heinz, head soccer coach at Winthrop University, has accepted the head coach position and is anxious to get started building an exceptional women's soccer program at Valdosta State. Melissa started the women's soccer program at Winthrop University and was recently named the Big South Conference Coach of the Year.

Please join me in welcoming Melissa to Valdosta State. I want to also thank Herb Reinhard, the coaches and staff, along with the search committee who conducted the national search. Coach Heinz will make her own mark on an incredible athletic tradition.

How about those basketball teams! We are ranked in the top ten for the nation in men's basketball and top six in the Southeast region for the women. The women's tennis squad continued their "winning" ways by posting an aggregate 3.8 GPA for the fall semester.

Have a great semester!

Patrick J. Schloss, President