

Dear 1959 Alumnus:

Can you believe it's been **50 years** since we graduated from **Danbury State Teachers College**, now known as Western Connecticut State University? Our little college is now a comprehensive university serving the western Connecticut and tri-state areas. The Class of 1959 has been hard at work planning our 50th class reunion taking place this fall. What a great opportunity to witness the phenomenal growth of our alma mater, including the development of the Westside campus.

Please mark your calendars and start making plans for the **Class of 1959's 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion** taking place on **Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009**, beginning at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall, located on the university's Midtown campus. Our reunion will include a cocktail hour, special reunion dinner and a virtual video of WestConn today. Don't miss your chance to catch up with former classmates and reminisce about our college days.

Included in this mailing, you will find the Class of 1959 Reunion Booklet Information form, an invitation to participate in Undergraduate Commencement and the Alumni Spring Weekend invitation and reply card.

The *Class of 1959 Reunion Booklet* commemorates the personal and professional achievements of your fellow classmates. Please complete and return your form along with a current photo of yourself for inclusion in the booklet. Please return your completed booklet information form and photo to the WCSU Office of Alumni Relations, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810 by August 14, 2009.

Join us for *Alumni Spring Weekend*, May 22-24. Activities include:

- Graduate Commencement on Friday, May 22;
- Alumni Family Day on Saturday, May 23: a variety of events are being planned including an alumni breakfast, barbecue, Fairfield Hall Tea & Tour and Alumni & Emeriti Dinner; and
- Undergraduate Commencement on Sunday, May 24: I hope you will consider being an active participant in the undergraduate Commencement celebration by helping us to lead the graduating class of 2009 in the academic procession. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our class and our school spirit as we gear up to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

For more information and updates on this special weekend, visit [www.wcsu.edu/alumni](http://www.wcsu.edu/alumni).

Our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion is scheduled the same weekend as Homecoming so that we can tie our events into other activities being planned. Many events are currently being scheduled for Homecoming Weekend:

Friday, Oct. 23, 2009

- The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Ceremony

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 (Homecoming Day)

- Alumni and Friends Circle Rededication, 9:30 a.m., Alumni & Friends Circle, Midtown campus;
- Homecoming football game: Colonials vs. Brockport (NY), noon, Westside Athletic Stadium, Westside campus;

- Alumni Hospitality Tent, featuring music by alumnus Latanya Farrell and the Bookman Styles Band, 2 p.m., Alumni Hospitality Tent, Westside campus;
- Student Street Fair, 2 p.m., Westside campus; and
- **Class of 1959's 50th Class Reunion, 6 p.m., Alumni Hall, Midtown campus.**

We hope you will be able to celebrate Homecoming 2009 with us by attending the variety of special events being planned.

During the summer, you will receive your **Class of 1959 Reunion Invitation** in the mail. We will need your final R.S.V.P. and payment by **October 9**. Special accommodations will be available at the Danbury Maron Hotel & Suites, Ethan Allen Hotel, and Residence Inn (Marriott) all located off Exit 4 of I-84, near the Westside campus. When making your reservations, make sure to ask for the special WestConn rate.

Interested in gathering our former classmates together and getting together before or after our reunion? There are several restaurants in close proximity to the Midtown and Westside campuses. How about meeting informally at the Three Brothers Diner located down the street from the Midtown campus or the Windmill Diner located near Westside?

This year is an exciting one for our class, and the university is looking forward to helping us celebrate our golden anniversary. I hope to see you all on campus in May and October as we celebrate our great milestone.

Sincerely,

Jerry Rose  
Vice President, Class of 1959