

JUNE 10-12, 2011

CLASS OF 1996 COMMITTEE

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1996 CLASS NOTE

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"Everybody's talking about Reunion – Join the conversation! Find **University of** Scranton Class of '96 on Facebook."

Dear <FIRST>:

It's hard to believe we graduated 15 years ago. Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were students at The University of Scranton. Remember how nervous you were the first day of freshman year – moving into your dorm, meeting new classmates and wondering about the next four years? Those people you met in your dorm, class, friends of friends, quickly became friends and still are in your lives today. Remember walking along the z-bricks to class thinking how great it was to be in college? The bittersweet feeling you had when the time came to leave the University after graduation? Remember promises to always stay in touch?

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In the 15 years since graduation we've gone onto careers, families, etc. As life continues it is sometimes hard to keep in touch – many of our Scranton friendships have remained strong, some have faded due to our hectic everyday lives, and others have recently re-emerged through Facebook. This year we have an opportunity to catch up with old friends, and come back to the place we called home for four years.

While our lives have changed since graduation in 1996, so has The University of Scranton campus and surrounding area. Many of our old off campus houses have disappeared. The Gunster has been transformed to the new Dionne Green. Reunion events will showcase Dionne Green and many other new spaces, a special chance to enjoy the Scranton of today while reminiscing with old friends. While there are many physical changes on the campus, some things have not changed about the University—current students and alumni are proud to be a part of The University of Scranton legacy, passionate about their Scranton experience, and recognize the promise of graduates who are receiving a strong Jesuit education.

We are planning a great reunion weekend, but we need you to make the weekend a success. Meet up with friends Friday night at Kildare's Irish Pub for a Class of 1996 social, bring your family to a picnic on Saturday afternoon on the Dionne Green, and join class members for dinner on Saturday night and brunch on Sunday morning in the DeNaples Center. You can even stay on campus in one of the recently built residence halls. Please make plans to come back to 'The U' June 10-12. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

The Class of 1996 Committee