



**MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRESIDENT**

Greetings to all Mountaineer alumni, friends, and family! The CVCWVUAA has never been stronger and more financially viable than it is right now. Thanks to our tireless board and our strong membership base, the CVCWVUAA has continued to focus on our fundraising goals and membership initiatives in order to award scholarships and promote West Virginia University awareness within the Central Virginia region.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the chapter's newest board members that took office on January 1, 2011. John Radford was elected Vice President and Donna Alexander-Lawson has been voted in as Treasurer. Jeff Wilson has accepted the position of Membership Chair and Wes Keck is the new Budget Chair. Ashleigh Dewell and Tara Ruth are the new activities Co-Chairs. Please join me in welcoming this new energy and excitement to the board!

I want to encourage all members to participate and be active within the organization as there are many opportunities within the Chapter to give back to the community, promote education, and most importantly have fun! Any and all feedback is welcome as we continue to grow the association and increase awareness throughout Central Virginia.

Let's Goooooo Mountaineers.....

Justin DuBrueler, President (Class of '97)

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Our goal is to keep you informed, in a timely manner, about current activities of your chapter as well as news about WVU and activities and initiatives by the national alumni association.

In response to a number of requests from members, we initiated a change in the delivery of communications this past year, incorporating 3 separate delivery methods into one single email address. We are confident this change has improved both the delivery and style of the communications.

We also implemented a new Chapter Newsletter in the communications, which you can be print or read online. If you have any news about WVU or chapter members that you'd like to have included, or have not been receiving the newsletter, just let us know by contacting us at [cvcwvuaa@yahoo.com](mailto:cvcwvuaa@yahoo.com).

We also have a new website administrator. Tara's husband Aaron has volunteered to lend his expertise to keeping the site fresh. Please visit [www.cvcwvuaa.org](http://www.cvcwvuaa.org) often for chapter news, see pictures from recent events, renew your membership or to register for chapter events online with PayPal®.

Remember that you can also follow CVCWVUAA on Facebook® and Twitter®.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues concerning chapter communications at [cvcwvuaa@yahoo.com](mailto:cvcwvuaa@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support of the chapter and our mission.

—Bob Jones, Communications Director

**ACTIVITIES REPORT**

2011 has started with a bang! After a fantastic Holiday Party and Annual Business meeting last December, at which we collected toys for all age children for Toys-for-Tots, we sailed into the New Year supporting our Mountaineers Basketball team at our game watching parties for the Big East Tournament & the NCAA Tournament. Next up was our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic to raise money to support our scholarship fund. The event was moved to a new location this year. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 we teed off with 12 teams at Birkdale Golf Club. We awarded the winning teams with great prizes including WVU Golf Bags and gave out over 30 raffle items to our participants. The event was a huge success and we achieved our goal of funding our scholarship program. It is now time to set our sights on upcoming events which will include a trip to the Diamond to see the Flying Squirrels and our annual summer picnic. As always, once the Mountaineer football team takes the field our chapter can be found at Bailey's for football game watching parties. Hope to see you there! The Activities Committee is here for you, our members. If you have any ideas for events that you would like to see happen or would like to volunteer to help with one or more of the events, please email us at [cvcwvuaa@yahoo.com](mailto:cvcwvuaa@yahoo.com). Be sure to check our new website, our Facebook page & Twitter often for updates on our chapter activities. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

—Ashleigh Dewell (class of '03) & Tara Ruth (class of '02), Activities Directors

## ***UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS***

We are planning a CVCWVUAA night at the Diamond in June. Everyone is invited to come out in your Mountaineer gear and cheer on the Flying Squirrels and have fun with the chapter. There will be more detailed notice once the date is set.

This year's Family Picnic is on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will again be held at Deep Run Park on the West End. The picnic will begin at 12:00pm and lunch will be served around 1:00 pm. The CVCWVUAA will once again provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, & BBQ and we ask that members bring their favorite side dishes. There will be lots of games and prizes as well as a few special guests in attendance. Plan to come out early, eat and enjoy the fellowship and fun with other CVCWVUAA members and Mountaineer fans!

Game watching parties will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup> as the Mountaineers take on the Thundering Herd at 3:30pm. If you can't be in Morgantown, Baileys is the next best place to watch and enjoy the game with other Mountaineer fans.

The CVCWVUAA is planning a bus trip to the football game at Maryland on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Game time will be 12pm noon; this will be a day trip, with no overnight accommodations. The trip will include the bus and game ticket.

Pre-game is BYOT...Bring Your Own Tailgate. In addition the WVU National Alumni Association usually offers a tailgate lunch/dinner at a reasonable cost. More information to come as plans are finalized. If you think you'd be interested in taking the trip, please email us with the number of people in your party at CVCWVUAA@yahoo.com.

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS***

Thanks to all chapter members that came out to the WVU National Game Watch & Food Drive in March. The chapter collected 450 lbs of canned food and non-perishable food items and \$200 cash. The items and money were donated to the Central Virginia Food Bank. In addition we presented the Food Bank with a \$1,000 check at Christmas.

The chapter collected toys for the Marines Toys-for-Tots program at the Holiday party and will continue to support this important program this year. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

## ***MEMBERSHIP REPORT***

The chapter presently has 126 members in good standing. Of course, we want everyone to continue their membership and we hope to attract many new members this year. We have a really great bunch of members and I'm sure there are lots of Loyal Mountaineers that you may know who would enjoy being a part of the chapter. With the help of your dues we were able to sponsor a number of great events during the

past year and have several coming up in the near future. Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Golf Classic", to support our scholarships, was just held in May and our annual picnic is scheduled for August. Your chapter gave honorariums to the WVU Parent Club and supported the NARN in welcoming incoming students of WVU from the area. In addition, to supporting local community service projects listed previously, your chapter also collected books for the WVU Children's Hospital. The chapter won the Golden Musket for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year and provided one scholarship to a local student going to WVU. (Note: Normally 2 scholarships are provided but we were unable to do so this past year due to the scholarship fund's financial performance.)

Getting together at Bailey's for game watching parties for every football and most basketball games has become a tradition and an opportunity for all of us to get together on a regular basis. For football, many of our members travel to Morgantown, the bowl game (Orlando was a little cold this year) and to several away games. The Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament have seen some of our members in the stands as well. Even local high school football and basketball games give some of us an opportunity to see future Mountaineers and those we would like to see become Mountaineers.

All in all, we have a terrific time celebrating Mountaineer wins as well as serving our community. With your help, as members, we can make your chapter stronger. Please complete the application and payment to join or renew your membership of this great organization. If you know someone that's a Mountaineer fan, encourage them to join as well. Let us know how to contact them, by phone or email, and we'll reach out to them.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to give me or any of our officers or board members a shout. You can reach me at [JeffreyWilson11@comcast.net](mailto:JeffreyWilson11@comcast.net). Thanks,

*—Jeff Wilson, Membership Chairman*

## ***FINANCIAL STATEMENT***

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, our total assets were \$10,000 with no liabilities, which leaves us with net assets of \$10,000. The current CVCWVUAA budget year runs from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Our biggest fund-raisers are the golf tournament, your dues, and the game-watching parties.

The chapter's major expenses in the past year included supporting scholarships through the Mountaineer Athletic Club; beefing up the annual award of our Blake E. Fought Scholarship due to the stock market decline; arranging "Chalk Talk" for area scholastic basketball coaches with a Mountaineer coach; the annual Family Picnic with an appearance by the Mountaineer mascot; and subsidizing the cost of the annual meeting.

## **WVU LICENSE PLATES IN VIRGINIA**



As reminder, WVU license plates are now available. The plates can be ordered at any Virginia DMV office or on their website at [www.dmv.virginia.gov](http://www.dmv.virginia.gov)

The license plate fee is \$25.00 (in addition to the registration fee) and an additional \$10.00 annually for a personalized plate. The \$25 fee from the sale of these plates is donated annually to West Virginia University.

### ***DID YOU KNOW ...***

The Central Virginia Chapter of the West Virginia University Alumni Association (CVCWVUAA) is proud to have been the first WVU alumni chapter to:

- ☑ Purchase a brick paver engraved with the chapter's name & logo and have it placed along the Ware Family Alumni Walk at the new West Virginia University Alumni Center.
- ☑ Join the Mountaineer Athletic Club (MAC) as a chapter.
- ☑ Have its logo and web domain name officially approved by the WVU Licensing & Trademark Office.
- ☑ First out-of-state chapter to become a Life Association Member.

The CVCWVUAA is also proud to announce that we are a three-time recipient of the "Golden Musket Award." This prestigious award is in recognition as an "Outstanding Chapter" and is only given to the top chapters in the country by the WVU Alumni Association.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The CVCWVUAA awards two \$750.00 scholarships yearly to area students attending West Virginia University. Any student applying from our area with the WVU Office of Student Financial Aid is automatically eligible. All applications are reviewed and the scholarships are awarded by the WVU Foundation. To contribute to our endowed scholarship fund, there are two options:

### Option 1:

You may include any donation amount on your chapter membership renewal form or mail a check to the CVCWVUAA, P.O. Box 1505, Glen Allen, VA 23060 with the notation "Scholarship Fund."

### Option 2:

You may make contributions to the scholarship fund directly through the WVU Foundation with the notation for the Blake E. Fought Memorial Scholarship/3S844 and send it to the WVU Foundation, P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-1650.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

June 2011	CVCWVUAA Night at the Diamond
July 1, 2011	Renewal Memberships are due
August 13, 2011	CVCWVUAA Summer Picnic
Sept. 17, 2011	Trip to WVU vs. Maryland Game
December 2011	Holiday Party/Business Meeting