

Dear Alumni:

I am honored to begin this new chapter with you and serve as Mary Baldwin University's 10th President. This role is the opportunity of a lifetime for me, and I could not be more excited to join this community.

For 181 years, this institution has stood as a beacon of opportunity and possibility, unafraid to support the disenfranchised or evolve in the face of historic challenges. I'm deeply inspired by MBU's legacy — but most importantly, by the spirit, dedication, and passion of those who have called Mary Baldwin home.

I am eager to meet each of you, to hear your thoughts and stories, and to partner to continue Mary Baldwin's rise. My top priority is to learn about what this institution means to you and to incorporate your perspectives into building its future.

As we pause to reflect on the foundational American belief in "liberty and justice for all," commemorating Juneteenth and now Independence Day, we also begin to examine historic Supreme Court decisions that struck down affirmative action in college admissions and blocked President Biden's student loan forgiveness program.

This community has never shied away from a challenge or from educating those who needed an extra hand, and I want to be clear that Mary Baldwin will remain steadfast in our long-standing commitment to providing access to education for all. Students of great promise need Mary Baldwin more than ever, and we must rise in this moment, as we have so often in the past, in pursuit of opportunity and inclusion in Staunton, the Commonwealth, and beyond. We will be guided by our mission to empower inclusive leaders — all inclusive leaders — to create lives of purpose and professional success. And we will continue to provide transformational education as well as programming that promotes student belonging — areas of equity and inclusion in which Mary Baldwin excels and through which many of you found a sense of community.

Together, we will shape the future of Mary Baldwin, expanding outreach and opportunities to underserved communities, and ensuring MBU's legacy of innovation and justice for generations of alumni to come.

My wife, Chrissy, and I have been touched by the warm welcome we've received from this community, and we can't wait to get to know you better.

All in for Mary Baldwin,

Jeff Stein
President