

To St. Andrews Alumni,

With regret, I write to inform you that the St. Andrews Alumni Weekend scheduled for April 17-19, 2020 has been canceled because of growing health and safety concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Our concern is not only for our students, faculty, and staff; but also for our local community and our many alumni who were planning to attend Alumni Weekend 2020. This decision was made after carefully considering the regular updates and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Scotland County Health Department, and NC Governor Roy Cooper's recent Executive Orders. Alumni Weekend 2021 will be held on its regular schedule in April of next year. More details about the dates and activities for Alumni Weekend 2021 will be forthcoming next fall.

Although not a substitute for Alumni Weekend 2020, we want to take this opportunity to invite you to join us on campus this fall, for our new Homecoming event taking place November 13-15, 2020. We will provide you with more details soon regarding sporting events that weekend, as well as several alumni-related activities. While we are disappointed to cancel Alumni Weekend this year, we hope you will visit campus in the fall, watch some of our athletic teams in action, and take part in a fresh start on the new academic year.

If you have already pre-registered for Alumni Weekend 2020 and purchased one of our meal packages, there are three options available to you regarding your purchase:

- 1) Request a refund of your pre-registration ticket;
- 2) Save your pre-registration ticket for use at Alumni Weekend 2021, and it will count toward next year's package deals; or
- 3) Donate your pre-registration ticket to the Alumni Annual Fund, which will count toward your contribution for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, ending May 31, 2020.

Please let us know which course of action you prefer to take by emailing <u>alumni@sa.edu</u>. **Include your full name, class, what you purchased, and which option of the three listed above you would like to take.** We will work as quickly as possible to handle everyone's request in a timely manner.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this very difficult time. We look forward to seeing you on campus this fall to celebrate Homecoming and again next spring when you return for Alumni Weekend 2021. Please be safe and know that we are deeply grateful for your continuing support for St. Andrews.

Paul Baldasare, '77 President