



## **Board of Governors**

### **Closing of Transfer of Assets to Antioch College**

#### **Remarks by Arthur J. Zucker, Board Chair**

**Yellow Springs, Ohio, September 4, 2009**

Thank you, Rick. I appreciate your kind words and it has been a pleasure to work with you and the Taskforce in bringing this historic event to such a positive conclusion.

It's only fitting that we should be standing here today on the very soil where Horace Mann dreamed of a college such as Antioch—a place with racial and gender equality, that it would be non-sectarian and co-educational, with a curriculum that would emphasize science and the scientific method, history and modern literature. He believed in the development of the individual as a whole.

As I stand here now, I think of the time nearly 60 years ago—in September 1950 - when I first came to YS to attend Antioch College. And I think of the fact that I lived in South Hall for three of the 5 years I was here - one of which was as a hall advisor; and I think of how I stood here and saw the North Hall fire: and I think of watching the Friday night AMPAC movies in Main Bldg., where the film always seemed to tear in the KEY scenes; and I know I share these fond memories with many, many others who enjoyed the life-changing experience that was realized by attending Antioch College.

Later in life, I decided it was time for me to give back to the Antioch I love. I have spent nearly a decade doing so – first having been elected to the College Alumni Board; and later in a leadership position on the University Board.

We all know the recent history. It has been a long and difficult road. In June of 2007, the University Board found it necessary to make the gut wrenching decision to suspend operations of Antioch College, with the intent to reopen a reinvented college by 2012. We also know that there were many who disagreed with the Board's actions.

Since that time, the University has strived to find the best way to re-open the College, in order to continue Antioch's mission and values for undergraduate education. We believe that transferring the College-related assets to a new alumni entity, the Antioch College Continuation Corporation, provides the best opportunity to do so.

Today we are realizing the culmination of the Board's decision 27 months ago. As such, today is a historic day of celebration. But it is also bittersweet for Antioch University, the parent institution, on this your first day as the new independent Antioch College.

We, the University, pass the College torch to you, the representatives of this new independent entity. It is now up to you to carry on the undergraduate College's historic mission and values. Your challenges are many. The future is uncertain. Your will to succeed has been demonstrated by the enthusiasm of Antioch College Alums across the country.

Antioch University now moves forward providing life-long educational opportunities here in YS and through its 4 other campuses across the country; providing education based on the legacy of Antioch's mission and values to the adult learners of the 21st century.

The founding location of Antioch in YS has continued over these many years. YS is important to Antioch University; and I know that Antioch University is important to Yellow Springs.

On behalf of the Antioch University Board of Governors I want to wish you all possible success in your dream and we look forward to the opening of a reinvented Antioch College.

Thank you.