

Update from the

# Foundation Office



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Just like the world, all things revolve and evolve, and so am I. I will be leaving the Foundation Executive Director's position to become the Senior Major Gifts Officer for the College. I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead. While the ups and downs of the economy have certainly touched us, we continue to feel the support of individuals in the community and around the country. We all know the difference Fort Lewis has made in the lives of thousands of students in past years and will continue to make in the lives of thousands of students in the years ahead. It is an amazing educational institution because of your commitment. I can't thank you enough for all you have done for us.

It's been quite a ride for me over these past eight years as the Executive Director. I've had wonderful opportunities of meeting many outstanding individuals who truly care and are committed to the future of Fort Lewis and its students. This group includes non-alumni as much as alumni.

My travels have taken me around the country meeting alumni who haven't touched base with their alma mater in years. Our goal was to reinvigorate those relationships, and this has been accomplished mostly through face-to-face meetings and monthly communications. It's amazing what a visit can do to help bring back that old college spirit and sense of home. Once we reintroduced alumni to what was happening on campus, they were re-energized about their own Fort Lewis experiences and how their lives were changed here.

The stories I've heard from our graduates and friends of the College have enlightened me, have touched me, and have made me see the educational world a little bit differently. While we will continue to have financial challenges, I have great hopes for the future of education in general, and at Fort Lewis College in particular. We are definitely training the leaders of tomorrow. With our exceptional faculty and outstanding students, we can't lose.

So, if you receive a telephone call, note or email from me, please accept my overture. Most likely something very exciting is happening at Fort Lewis College and I want to make sure you have the opportunity to be part of its growth.

Warmly,

*Margie*

-Margaret Deane Gray  
Executive Director

