

Update from the  
**Alumni  
Association**



**David Kerns**

**T**wo landmark alumni gatherings in July have changed the way we think about our incredible alumni base. This change in perspective was due to 350+ graduates attending the second annual 4th at the Fort celebration that takes place each year on July 4th with the party's epicenter being The Rim by the chapel. Graduates from all generations gathered to eat (massive turkey legs), drink (32 gallons of Durango's own Ska Brew), and watch the fireworks (from an incredible perch on the rim overlooking the town). The party was a great way to get our graduates back to campus and bump into some friends that they had not seen in years. We will follow up this year's success by hosting a similar event every Independence Day.

Concurrently with the Fourth of July event in Durango, twenty-four Fort Lewis College graduates and friends of the college floated through the Grand Canyon with two of the Geology department's most talented professors. The eight-day trip was incredible from every angle.....a raft-supported hiking trip with opportunities to discover and experience the Grand Canyon's greatest geological formations. We will do another Alumni Float down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon in the summer of 2016. This is a trip that everyone should experience at some point in their life. I can promise that a trip down the river with some of your fellow graduates will be more fun than you could imagine.

Our next challenge with FLC Alumni will be to break the world record for the most people playing hopscotch at one given time. We plan to have 500+ people in the campus quad playing hopscotch and if all goes well, we will break the world record that currently stands at 371 people. The alumni gathering immediately following the hopscotch world record will be on the roof of the Union Building to drink a special brew of stout aged in a scotch barrel. In addition to tapping the Alumni barrel, we will also have a special scotch tasting. If you would like to join us, please be on campus at 4:30 PM on Friday, October 17th. After breaking the world record, the Hops & Scotch Alumni event will kick off around 6:00 PM on the Student Union rooftop. I hope you will consider joining us on the 17th - it's going to be a blast!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Kerns".

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