



from the chancellor

The British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli said, “Change is inevitable. Change is constant.” Evidence of the truth of Disraeli’s remarks can be found in this issue of Troy Magazine.

We feature two stories which point not only to the changing face of global higher education but also to Troy University’s willingness to embrace those changes. One story focuses on one of our recent graduates, Lisa Arne of Minnesota. Mrs. Arne, a wife and a mother, began studying with Troy University via distance learning. She was so impressed with the quality of our online programs that she sought the traditional college experience by enrolling on our main campus in Troy. Her family supported this decision and now she has earned her degree and returned to Minnesota to begin her life as a college graduate.

The other story illustrating TROY’s global nature features Raj Survana, president of the Indian Student Association in Troy. Like Mrs. Arne, Raj began his studies with Troy University far away from Troy — at our Mumbai Campus — but decided that he wanted the American college experience.

When I began my career in higher education more than 30 years ago, it was rare, if not unheard of, for students to attempt such changes in their college careers. More and more of our students are taking advantage of the unified Troy University by starting their TROY careers in one place and finishing them in another.

Our cover story features another change, the growth of our scholarship program. This is the backbone of our drive to continually add to the value of the TROY degree by attracting the best students we can find. Without a strong scholarship program, this goal cannot be reached. Find out more about how you can contribute to the climate of academic excellence at your alma mater.

Of course, each issue profiles alumni who are enjoying success in a variety of fields. Inside you will find profiles of TROY alumni who are making it big in the entertainment arena.

Racing fans, and according to the latest data NASCAR is the fastest-growing sport in the nation, will enjoy our profile of Danielle Frye, class of 1993, who has made her mark in this exciting sport and is now working with the Motor Racing Network.

Lynn Koplitz, class of 1989, is an actress and performer whose work on TV and in the top comedy clubs in the nation has marked her as a rising star in the entertainment world. Lynn returned to campus last August as the keynote speaker for our first Odyssey Convocation for first-year students. She was a big hit with our incoming freshmen and their families.

We didn’t ignore our Trojan athletes who are making a name for themselves, and their alma mater, in the National Football League. Demarcus Ware justified the faith of the Dallas Cowboys, who selected him the NFL draft’s first round, by having a stellar rookie season at outside linebacker. Another former Trojan defensive star, Osi Umenyiora of the New York Giants, capped off his third NFL season with a Pro Bowl year.

But let me add that you don’t have to work for NASCAR, perform on stage or play in the NFL to attract our interest. We want to hear your news. This issue’s Alumnotes section is filled with information about your classmates. Make sure we hear from you, as well.

Sincerely,

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