

You Will Still Be a Part of BYU

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President Monson, President Faust, Elder Scott, Elder Eyring, President Bateman, special honorees, distinguished deans and faculty, graduates, parents, friends, and guests, I appreciate very much the privilege of representing the alumni of this university in greeting the class of 2001. As new graduates on this day, I hereby confer upon each of you lifetime membership in the Brigham Young University Alumni Association. We welcome you!

You have been exceptionally well trained: academically, socially, spiritually, and otherwise. You now will go to all parts of this earth, where you will have the opportunity and even responsibility to be involved in meaningful service in your professions and local communities and to give dedicated Church and family service. Although you leave the Provo campus, you will still be a part of BYU. May I suggest three ways to help you continue your BYU experience: communicate, participate, and replenish.

First, communication with BYU will be very easy by using the following channels:

- You will be receiving *BYU Magazine*, an excellent quarterly magazine in a new, updated format. Please enjoy reading it.
- The BYU website on the internet is available for general information, specific research, and personal communication with BYU. Use it.
- *MyBYU News* is an electronic newsletter that you can customize to receive just what you want from BYU through email every month. Sign up for it.
- Lifetime email forwarding allows you to have a permanent BYU email address that can direct your email to you when you change your address. Take advantage of it.
- BYU-TV on satellite and cable systems is an incredible resource to retain the values and spirit of activities and speakers on campus. Look for it in your area.

As you communicate with BYU through these ways, much of the same inspiration, information, and values you have enjoyed as a student can be received wherever you may be.

Russell K. Booth, president of the BYU Alumni Association, delivered this commencement address on April 26, 2001.

Second, participate. Plan to affiliate with one of the more than 120 chapters of the Alumni Association, the Management Society, the Law Society, and other alumni groups throughout the world—both domestically and internationally. Your participation is desired in these local groups. They can provide great friendship and activities for you. Plan to participate locally and also come back for Homecoming, reunions, and activities as you can.

Third, replenish. As graduates, you will now have an opportunity to help replenish, or give back, to BYU and its sponsoring church. Please

take seriously your responsibility to replenish—both in service and with your donations. Please start both of them now and increase each when possible.

As you communicate through the various university information channels, participate with your local alumni groups, and truly seek to replenish a portion of what you have received, you will be serving your new alma mater.

May you appreciate the opportunity that you have had here and may you see clearly the responsibility to continue your BYU experience.

Welcome to the BYU Alumni Association!