a message from the senior class president

Dear '09,

It is surreal to imagine three years ago, we were drenched by a rainstorm as we moved into freshmen dorms during Orientation. Now, we are less than 250 days away from our own Commencement — when we must bid farewell to our alma mater.

Over the years, we have all experienced many struggles and successes. As a class, we have endured and adapted to many changes — budget cuts, a new logo, transitioning of college presidents and the newly renamed Sadler Center.

As the College weathered these changes, it touched us, and perhaps the greatest changes have been in ourselves. Perhaps it was in the warmth of a sorority, the helping hand of a professor or the thrill of a sports team fighting its way to victory that we first found our place here.

And for many of us, it was in the mere appreciation of receiving an exceptional education that we knew our home was here. In these experiences we have been fortunate — and now we have an opportunity to show our appreciation for the adventures and benefits we have enjoyed.

The Senior Class Gift has a long and valued role at the College, as it offers an opportunity to give back to the variety of areas that makes a student’s experience here worthwhile.

This is where you can make a difference. Help give back to prevent funding constraints from limiting other students’ experience here. Show your gratitude to that special aspect at the College that made an impact in your life. By doing so, you grant the opportunity for others to enjoy those benefits as well. Give to where, whom and how you like; your help will make all the difference in the world for one student and the campus for many years.

Former Vice President Sam Sadler once said that William and Mary students have always been able to “do more with less.” Imagine what someone else could do with more — because of you.

Take care ’09.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dua

why give back?

• We’ve benefitted from the generosity of alumni before us. William & Mary is a public school, but state assistance covers less than 20 percent of our operating budget. Many of the things that make William & Mary exceptional — our rigorous academic environment, world-renowned professors and state-of-the-art facilities — are supported by private gifts from our close-knit community and individuals like you.

• To keep the William & Mary community strong. Your gift can help ensure that what made William & Mary meaningful to you is there and strong for future students.

• We can make an impact. Your philanthropic partnership makes it possible for William & Mary to alter lives in the classroom, across the nation and across the globe. Scholarships such as Gateway Program and fellowships attract the brightest students to our campus. Eminent scholar chairs, professorships and lectureships put the world’s most prominent scholars in our classrooms and labs. Your gifts also fund innovative programs and research that extend the College’s transformative reach.

hey, what’s up?

Nov. 5 — Panel on Senior Class Gift

Nov. 16 — Senior’s Night! Discounted mugs and Doraldos

Nov. 22 — Super Tribe Tailgate Beer Garden

Dec. 3 — Coffee and Music Night

TBA — Senior Lockdown
The Senior Class Gift supports a variety of programs, funds and needs on campus. What will you choose to support?

Options include:

- The Fund for William and Mary — supports student financial aid, the Monroe Scholars program, faculty recruitment, undergraduate research and other college priorities.
- Your favorite academic department
- The Tribe Club
- Gateway William and Mary
- Student Organizations Fund

Remember...
Every Gift Makes a Difference!!!

The power of your class gift

You can support the Senior Class Gift in any of the following ways:

1) Visit the Senior Class Gift Web page at [www.seniorclassgift.net](http://www.seniorclassgift.net) and print a pledge form, fill it out, and return it to the basement of Old Dominion (use ground level door on side facing James Blair Hall).

2) Make a secure gift using the Web site or call 757-221-1008 to make a gift with your MasterCard, Visa or Discover Card.

3) Send a check payable to “The College of William and Mary” to: The Fund for William and Mary, P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg, VA 23187-9915.

Your gift by Commencement 2009 will help the Senior Class Gift have another successful year!

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{a note from the scg gift committee

This past May during Commencement, President Reveley announced to everyone at commencement that the Class of 2008 raised $168,713 in pledges [with 60 percent class participation]. It was the highest level reached by the senior class in the College’s history. As the audience applauded, Nick Faulkner, president of the Class of 2008, turned to Kevin Dua and laughed aloud, “Good luck trying to beat that next year!”

[Now, if that didn’t sound like a challenge towards our class, then we don’t know what does.]

{what they’re saying

“Through your leadership here on this campus and in the larger community, you must help build an all-inclusive world community based on simple justice — an all-encompassing community that values the dignity of every individual. It’s what I like to call the beloved community.”

— U.S. Congressman John Lewis at Convocation in 2005 for the Class of 2009

{SCG levels of support

Make a leadership pledge and join:

- **The President’s Circle** — $500 per year for two years
- **The Fourth Century Club** — $250 per year for two years
- **Senior Circle** — $109 per year for two years

First payment will not be due until December 2009.

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