



Chatham University and Chatham College Independent Alumnae Association

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Chair of Board of Trustee <chair@chatham.edu>

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To:



Dear Alumnae,

I write to explain the recent notice we, regrettably, felt compelled to send to our alumnae who have expressed their intention to create an "independent"

alumnae association in order to interact with one another and to raise money for objectives other than to give to Chatham University for any of its purposes.

We of course are saddened that differences regarding the future direction of Chatham would lead alumnae to be potentially destructive of the interests of current and future students and faculty of Chatham. The professors and scholarship funds that continue at Chatham of course will need and deserve the ongoing support of those whom they faithfully served.

While it is the right of all to associate freely for whatever purpose is chosen, our duty is to prevent any harm that could come to the institution through any illegitimate use of our name.

We continue to hope that those disappointed with recent decision will perceive the substantial efforts that have been made to preserve and promote Chatham's historic mission through means such as the creation of the Women's Institute. Chatham has much diversity in its DNA and this most recent decision does not weaken our commitment to women and women's leadership and learning, but rather extends that commitment to the growth and learning of all individuals that are part of the University.

It is our fond hope that there can be reconciliation with you and others who were disappointed by the recent decision for the sake of the faculty who are beloved, the students who need scholarships, and the many other reasons we love Chatham.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Potter '66

Chair

Chatham University Board of Trustees