President Anne C. Steele to Retire June 30, 2016
Dear Muskingum Alumni and Friends,

I write today to let you know that President Anne C. Steele has informed the Board of Trustees that she wishes to retire on June 30, 2016. We accepted that news with great regret and deep appreciation for her exceptional leadership and vision, which has yielded unprecedented institutional development and built a strong foundation for the future.

Since becoming our 20th President in 2000, President Steele has led us in:
- Creating financial sustainability during a period of extraordinarily challenging economic times for higher education in general and small private institutions in particular.
- Expanding our academic mission by launching a new bachelor’s and 2 new master’s degree programs, 15 new majors, the Muskingum Adult Program for evening degree completion, and extensive continuing education and professional development programs to meet Ohio’s workforce needs.
- Establishing 9 endowed chairs – the first in our history – to support excellent teaching in perpetuity.
- Enhancing an array of student experiential learning and co-curricular opportunities, ranging from student-faculty collaborative research to new intercollegiate and intramural sports.
- Constructing six new buildings – Philip and Betsey Caldwell Hall, Walter K. Chess Center, Otto and Fran Walter Hall, Roberta A. Smith University Library, John and Ruth Neptune Art Center, and the Louis O. Palmer Gallery; completing renovations in Cambridge Hall, Montgomery Hall, Paul Hall, Boyd Science Center, the Athletic Complex, student life facilities, and Brown Chapel; and renewing critical campus infrastructure components.
- Encouraging historic levels of giving from alumni and friends, enabling us to fund our new buildings completely through donations and avoid burdening our university with debt.
- Transforming from Muskingum College to Muskingum University.

The Board of Trustees and I are profoundly grateful to President Steele and to each of you, our alumni and friends, for your partnership on behalf of the University. Your loyal commitment and ongoing generosity have been essential to Muskingum’s success.

As we launch a national search process to identify candidates to become Muskingum’s 21st President, we will be reaching out to our fellow Muskies for input. Please visit www.muskingum.edu regularly for information. I also invite you to come back and visit the campus soon, so that you can experience in person the value of your support of Muskingum. We look forward to our continuing partnership with you and President Steele over the coming months, as together we advance Muskingum.

Sincerely,

Hal Burlingame ’62
Chair, Board of Trustees
April 18, 2015

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is my very great privilege to serve as the President of Muskingum University, and to work with all of you, near and far, to fulfill our enduring mission.

I write today to let you know of my intention to retire on June 30, 2016, following the close of the next academic year.

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you for your extraordinary support during the past sixteen years. Your dedication has enabled Muskingum to extend the historic excellence of this “college on the hill” to new generations and ensure a strong and vibrant foundation which will serve the generations yet to come.

Each day, I am inspired by the impact that Muskingum alumni have on their communities, their professions, our nation, and our world. The members of the Long Magenta Line truly exemplify the vision of our 1837 founders – because of you, untold lives have been changed and promising futures are allowed to unfold.

I look forward to our remaining time together as we continue to build Muskingum’s exciting future in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Anne C. Steele
President