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| from the president |

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW, I'M LEAVING GODDARD THIS SUMMER. It will be 7½ years from when I arrived until I depart. How things have changed at your college in those years! We have grown and reinvented ourselves as an adult-oriented, low-residency institution. We have rehabbed (pretty much literally) the Plainfield campus and established a new base in Port Townsend, Wash.

Our faculty and staff, once quite unsure whether there was a future for the college they served and cherished, look ahead to a bright if still complicated landscape. Students continue to arrive, thrive and graduate – in increasing numbers every year.

You should be pleased and proud that your college has not only survived but also transformed itself into a premier institution of higher learning – all in just seven years.

Many deserve credit for the hard work that made this happen; I'll not try to name everybody for I'll certainly miss someone. But I do want to offer, in closing, a libation to the elders.

In March, a team will visit us from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for their regularly scheduled 10-year visit to reaffirm our accreditation. We've just completed a rigorous and collaborative college-wide assessment that documents the tremendous turnaround that has happened since 2002. This is the dedication that begins that lengthy tome:

In memory of their creativity, passion, commitment and hard work; in deep appreciation of their contributions; and in acknowledgement of the college's loss with their passing, this self study is dedicated to:

- Evalyn Bates (1917–2010)
First female Goddard College graduate, creator of the Adult Degree Program
- Forest Davis (1918–2008)
Faculty member, college historian and archivist
- Wilfrid "Will" Hamlin (1918–2009)
Faculty member and college historian, 1948–1998
- Robert Mattuck (1911–2005)
Founding faculty member, 1939–1989

And that's a good place to end my last presidential letter to you: full circle – with some of those who started us on the road to where we have now arrived.

