



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Homecoming 2020 is in the books and as our first-ever virtual Homecoming it should be considered a great success! We had very good participation in our virtual events with hundreds of people joining us for livestream events and many others downloading [alumni digital care packages](#). There was even a coloring contest for kids and kids at heart.

If you missed any of the livestream events, you can still watch them:

- [President Andrew Armacost Inauguration](#)
- [Gershman Graduate Center First Look](#)
- [Cocktail Demonstration](#)
- [Virtual Coaches Corner](#)
- [Nistler College of Business & Public Administration Groundbreaking](#)



A special thanks to United Valley Bank for being the sponsor for all of UND Homecoming @ Home this year.

And thanks to all who participated. I know it was not the same without being able to come to campus, without a football game or [Sioux Award Banquet](#) or [Hall of Fame induction ceremony](#). But UND Homecoming has endured through world wars and over many decades and Iâ€™m very happy with how this virtual Homecoming worked out while looking forward to a return to normalcy next year.

Board of Directors

Another Homecoming tradition that could not be deterred by a pandemic was our annual Homecoming Board of Directors meeting. We had a great discussion of our goals and strategies for the current fiscal year. As you may remember, we have set fundraising records in each of the past two fiscal years, so we are eager to keep the momentum going. A special thanks to all our board members who joined us virtually for the meeting.

COVID-related Fundraising Initiatives

And finally, a quick update on two fundraising initiatives that we have been pushing as a response to the pandemic.

As of October 1, we have passed 300 donors to the [UND Angel Fund](#), a fund that supports students in times of unexpected need, and more than \$200,000 has been given to the [Open Door Scholarship Program](#), which provides scholarships to students struggling to stay in school during the pandemic. It is so gratifying to see the response of our alumni and friends to these student-focused initiatives.

Thanks to you for everything that you do for the University of North Dakota and its outstanding students.

Sincerely,

DeAnna Carlson Zink, '86