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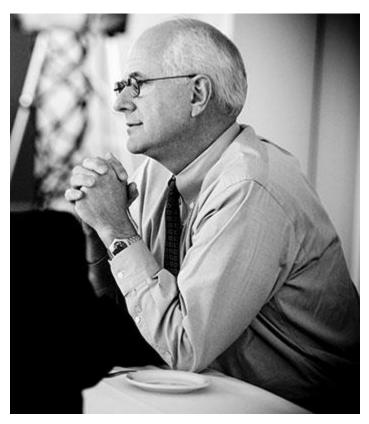
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# **Dean's Message**

January 22, 2018

## Huntsman Alumni Magazine - Winter 2018



Recently, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the naming of the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business with a symbolic opening of the Jon M. Huntsman Library. Jon and Karen's son Paul Huntsman, owner and publisher of the Salt Lake Tribune, granddaughter Alison Huntsman Morgan '13, and grandson David Huntsman '19, helped cut the ribbon.

As we reflect on the past ten years, the entire Huntsman School community can be proud of the remarkable steps we have taken to improve the quality of our faculty, facilities, and finances. Undergraduate enrollment on our main campus in Logan has grown 50

percent over the past ten years, while the number of high ability students directly admitted to the Huntsman School has increased 459 percent. To provide the most effective level of classroom instruction and extracurricular support for these students, we hired outstanding faculty and staff, added 12 new academic and extracurricular programs, significantly refurbished the George S. Eccles Business Building, and built Huntsman Hall. Our alumni and friends have responded enthusiastically, with annual scholarship support increasing 784 percent, from \$203,000 in 2007 to \$1.8 million in 2017.

The common thread running through every decision we make in terms of recruiting faculty, creating new programs, or building new facilities is a focus on our students and their success. As we look forward to the next ten years and beyond, we are driven by

this objective—to develop leaders of distinction in commerce and public affairs. We believe the world needs more Aggies, and that it is our role to prepare these outstanding young people for the positions of responsibility and leadership they will occupy.

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— Dean Douglas D. Anderson

We know that structured experiential learning and deep student/faculty relationships contribute significantly to the career and life success of our college graduates. To that end, with the generous assistance of the Jon Huntsman and Charles Koch Foundations, we have expanded the Huntsman Scholar program four-fold, and have created, redesigned or expanded our curricular and extracurricular programs so that more of our students have the experiences and opportunities that will enable them to compete with the best and brightest anywhere in the world.

Analysis by the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development forecasts a doubling of the population of the state over the next half century, to over six million, with the majority of that growth concentrated along the Wasatch Front. Utah's economy is transitioning from goods producing to knowledge-based jobs, with many of those jobs requiring a solid understanding of business and economics. The Huntsman School is well positioned and ready to serve as an engine of growth for our community, the state, the nation, and the world.

Spread the word!

Douglas D. Anderson

Douglas D. Anderson Dean and Professor