

## Highlights of the Administration of Alan F. Harre

Alan F. Harre assumed the presidency of Valparaiso University on July 1, 1988. His retirement on June 30, 2008, marked the close of the third longest tenure of a president in the institution's history. Henry Baker Brown served as president from 1873 to 1917 and Otto Paul Kretzmann was president from 1940 to 1968. Among significant achievements during President Harre's career are:

- Solidifying the University's financial base by increasing endowment investments from \$37.6 million on July 1, 1988, to approximately \$200 million on June 1, 2008.
- Guiding three major financial campaigns that secured approximately \$400 million in support.
- Enhancing the University's reputation as evidenced by ranking among the top four institutions every year since 1991 in the annual U.S. News & World Report evaluation of Midwestern master's-level universities, by accreditation of the College of Business Administration by the AACSB (the second private university in Indiana to receive such distinction) and by the installation of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter on campus.
- Dramatically increasing the University's assets with the addition of new facilities (e.g., Center for the Arts, 1995; Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center, 2000; Christopher Center for Library and Information Resources, 2004; Kallay-Christopher Hall, 2005), additions to existing buildings (e.g., Athletics-Recreation Center basketball office wing, 1999; Loke Hall institutional advancement offices, 1999); major renovations to facilities (e.g., the Chapel of the Resurrection, 1990; Wehrenberg Hall, 1995; Guild and Memorial residence halls, 2000); and major investments in a new campus entrance and streets and parking areas, including the University's first parking ramp. A new union, which will be named for President Harre, will open in January 2009.
- Making significant investments in technology, much of which has taken place in the last decade, including a campus-wide fiber-optic network and high speed Internet connection.
- Implementing an ongoing strategic planning process and leading development of a long-range master plan for campus facilities.
- Creating a daylong celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Establishing Air Force and Army ROTC programs on campus.
- Adding significantly to diversity on campus through increased enrollment of minority and international students, while also providing increased study abroad options as part of an emphasis on internationalization of campus that has earned Valparaiso recognition as a model institution by NAFSA: Association of International Educators in each of the past two years..
- Creation of 11 endowed chairs and professorships that have helped attract and retain excellent faculty who studied at some of the nation's most prestigious graduate programs.
- Co-founding the community home renovation program Rebuilding Together, formerly known as Christmas in April.
- Helping found Indiana Campus Compact, which advances citizenship and service as critical components of higher education.
- Expanding the graduate division with several new programs, including establishment of an MBA program, a master of science in nursing and a master of arts in Chinese studies.

- Establishing the Lilly Fellows Program in the Humanities and the Arts, a Valpo-based program that prepares teachers for church-related colleges and supports a national network of church-related colleges.
- Securing more than \$10 million to establish endowment funds for student scholarships.