Message from Dean Taylor

There’s no denying it. Life has been upended as we all grapple with the coronavirus and the related fallout from this pandemic. Staying connected has never been more important, hence this special edition of Olin Alumni Newsletter. ([See stories and updates below.](#)) COVID-19 may be on everyone’s mind, but Olin is still conducting business, albeit not quite as usual, and we have news to share.

I’d like to reiterate Olin’s steadfast commitment to “Always Olin,” our alumni-centric initiative to provide you with meaningful engagement, lifelong learning, communications and personal career resources. Obviously, doing so is more challenging as we cancel events and virtual interaction has become the norm. Rest assured, as soon as we are able, we will resume hosting events and reaching out to you as we always have.

In the meantime, we want to take this opportunity to hear from you. Watch your inbox for a brief survey to help us determine that the services we offer alumni are indeed the ones you want. Your input is important to us, so please take a moment to return the survey when you receive it.

I look forward to seeing you in person in the not-too-distant future. Until then, stay safe.

Mark P. Taylor
Dean, WashU Olin Business School
That’s trillion with a T

Coronavirus has hit our economy hard. See what WashU Olin faculty members have to say about the $2 trillion stimulus package just signed into law in our nation’s capital.

Work-from-home challenges

Professor Andrew Knight has some advice for managers and employees who suddenly find themselves teleworking. The first thing to keep in mind is to expect the unexpected.

WashU Olin Professor Panos Kouvelis, supply chain expert, provides insights on the coronavirus’s impact on global supply chains. It’s no surprise that China figures into the equation.

Global supply chain threats

From zero to Zoom

Dean Taylor’s latest Desk of the Dean highlights how Olin’s Center for Digital Education has very quickly equipped faculty members to teach remotely. Not to mention helping everyone in the
business school get up to speed on the Zoom video conferencing platform. (And if you’d like to know a little more about the CDE, watch this video.)

Staying connected virtually

Across the country and around the world, students, faculty and staff are setting up virtual spaces for working and studying. See how the Olin community is staying connected from afar.

A touch of class

WashU faculty members provide words of encouragement to students as remote learning becomes the new normal. Two of Olin’s own professors are featured in this fun video.

Res Life to the rescue

What happens when students are unable to return to campus for the things they need? Residential Life staff and campus volunteers team up to box it up and ship it out.

Color your world

Need a break from your day? How about some adult coloring? Or, pass along these beautiful campus drawings and some crayons to your kids.
YOU CAN HELP

Need talent?

The Weston Career Center is looking for alumni interested in hiring WashU students for virtual or in-person positions. Yes, full-time would be great, but short-term work, projects or internships for grads and students are also need—and appreciated. Find out more from Jen Whitten.

Speaking of internships...

The Center for Experiential Learning is looking to create meaningful, internship-like experiences for students over the summer. Small teams of students will provide consulting to address critical strategy, operations, marketing or even COVID-19 planning issues. Contact Clare Nowogrocki for details.

Virtual School Day

What are parents to do with bored kids as we social distance? Varsity Tutors founder and alumnus Chuck Cohn (BSBA ’08) to the rescue with free online classes for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

MBA student pays it forward

Ben Dalton (MBA ’20) describes how a canceled trip to Barcelona turned into a rich educational experience with St. Louis restaurateurs. He also took the opportunity to call on others to support local restaurants and small businesses.
Startup steps up

Andrew Glantz (BSBA ’17), founder of GiftAMeal, announced an ambitious plan to feed the hungry and provide relief to struggling restaurants and the most at-risk segments of our society.

Updated alumni resources

During these turbulent times, always remember your alma matter is here for you! From career coaching and talent recruitment to networking and lifelong learning, you’ll find many ways to engage with WashU Olin that benefit you both professionally and personally. It’s available 24/7 at olin.wustl.edu/alumni.

WCC’s top 5 career tips during COVID-19

1. Remember to keep your relationships and networks alive. Check out this Forbes article on networking during quarantine.

2. Brush up on your virtual interview skills. Read this Fast Company interview with LinkedIn’s head of career products.

3. Speaking of LinkedIn, join Olin’s LinkedIn Group to stay connected and check out jobs postings for alumni.

4. Spend some of your time at home reading this book on resiliency.
5. Visit Weston Career Center’s alumni resources to be sure you’re taking advantage of all the resources Olin has to offer.

Never stop learning

Like so many of our alumni, we believe the best leaders never stop learning throughout their careers. That’s why we are committed to provide ongoing academic value and insights through webinars, video series, articles and more. Be sure to visit our website often to see what’s new.

You’re invited: Virtual Shakespeare at Olin!

The 4th annual Shakespeare at Olin is going to look a bit different this year. The virtual event will be on Facebook live on April 16 at noon. One thing will be the same though—it will be a whole lot of fun watching Dean Taylor and the Dean’s Players pay tribute to the Bard of Avon.

Thoughts, comments, questions? Email Olin.

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