

Hello,

As the 2015 regular session of the West Virginia Legislature begins, I'm excited to provide you with this packet of information and resources about West Virginia University. While many of you are quite familiar with our state's land-grant university, I thought it would be helpful to have a few facts and information at your fingertips.

It's both an honor and a privilege for me to be able to serve my state and my alma mater in the role of associate vice president for state, corporate and local relations. I'll be your on-site, on-the-ground contact for inquiries and information. I'm also eager for ideas about how WVU can be of service to you, your communities and the state.

West Virginia University President E. Gordon Gee has said, "Cooperation — not competition — is sometimes the best strategy to blaze new paths." I look forward to working with you and making sure West Virginia University faculty and staff are partners in blazing those new paths for all West Virginians.

My contact info is included below, along with some details about my background. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,



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