

Greeting

Michael J. Kaplan '85

President, Ithaca College Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Inauguration of Thomas R. Rochon

April 17, 2009

President Rochon, trustees, honored guests:

I bring you greetings, President Rochon, and heartfelt congratulations from nearly 50,000 Ithaca College alumni from across the country and around the globe.

It is my honor, indeed, as president of the alumni association board of directors, to bring good wishes as well on behalf of the alumni board.

Our alumni are a distinguished and accomplished group. From Burbank to Boston, Washington to West Palm, and New York to New Zealand, they are CEOs, CFOs, CIOs, scientists, teachers, counselors, doctors, physical therapists, musicians, composers, attorneys, brokers, traders, marketers, news and sportscasters, journalists, directors, producers, writers, artists, and publishers.

Ithaca College has grown and evolved over the last 117 years, and it will continue to do so. Beginning with the Ithaca Conservatory of Music at the Boardman House to a vibrant South Hill campus, each of us has received an excellent education that has well prepared us to be contributing members of our workplaces and our communities. We are proud of the Ithaca College of today and are confident in your leadership to maintain our core values while leading us in new directions that will strengthen the College's commitment to academic excellence.

It is therefore my honor and privilege to congratulate you, Thomas R. Rochon, on behalf of all alumni everywhere, on your inauguration as the eighth president of our beloved Ithaca College. We look forward to supporting you and the College in the coming years and ask you to call upon us whenever we can be of assistance. Again, our best wishes for you and for a bright future for Ithaca College under your capable leadership.