

July 15, 2009

Dear Alumni:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 2009 Department of Geological & Atmospheric Sciences Alumni Days scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for alumni in both Geology/Earth Sciences and Meteorology to visit campus, reestablish acquaintances, learn about current activities and directions within the department, and provide a connection to the professional world for our students.

This year, we are extremely pleased to coordinate our Alumni Days with the medallion ceremony for the Smith Family Foundation Departmental Chair in Geology. This Chair was established in 2008 through a \$2 million gift from Tom and Evonne Smith of Houston, Texas. It comprises the first-ever named Chair in our department and only the second endowed Departmental Chair at Iowa State University. This gift marks an unprecedented advance in our ability to promote excellence within the department. We hope that you will be able to join the President, Dean, the Smiths, and our faculty at the ceremony. A separate invitation to the ceremony will be mailed to those of you who register for Alumni Days by mid-October.

The schedule for Alumni Days is listed in the attached flier. The medallion ceremony, meetings with faculty and students, and luncheon and banquet will be held on Friday. Saturday has been reserved for the ISU-Oklahoma State football game and a choice of various short field trips. Additional details will be posted on our web site (<http://www.ge-at.iastate.edu/>) as they become available.

The banquet on Friday evening will include a slide show. Whether you will be able to make this event or not, please e-mail us any images that you would like us to include in the program (send to geology@iastate.edu). Be sure to provide relevant information, such as year, location, individuals pictured, etc.

Please note that because our event coincides with a football weekend you will want to make accommodations far in advance. For your convenience, we have included a list of local hotels with contact information (see also http://www.visitames.com/come_and_stay/ames_hotels.aspx).

We look forward to seeing you this fall.

Sincerely,

Carl Jacobson
Professor & Chair