

dean's message



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This year, July 1 was a personal milestone: It marked my tenth year as dean of the Huntsman School. It has been a singular honor to serve in this role, and to see the progress our School has made, with the help of so many of you. In those ten years, we have been transformed, with a new name, new faculty, new facilities, and higher expectations for ourselves and our students. We became the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business on December 3, 2007. We hope to live up to the very best that name stands for: integrity, entrepreneurship, service over self, global sophistication.

In March this year, we celebrated the opening of our new world-class building, Huntsman Hall, and the renewal of the George S. Eccles Building. Equally important is the quality of the faculty and staff who have joined us in the last decade. Three out of four members of our full-time faculty and five out of six of our staff are new to the School. They come to us with an abiding passion to share our purpose: “To be an engine of

growth for our community, the state, the nation, and the world, and to enable our students to lead lives of meaning and contribution.”

Last semester, I was privileged to take administrative leave and return to teach at the Harvard Business School for the first time in 29 years. I first joined the HBS faculty in 1978 and spent most of the next decade there. It was a great experience to be back in the teaching role. I hope to transfer some of what I learned teaching the course, “Leadership and Corporate Accountability,” (LCA), to the Huntsman School. LCA examines the CEO’s three key responsibilities—creating economic value, making ethical decisions and commitments, and ensuring adherence to the rule of law. Students are challenged to grapple with questions that are not easily characterized as “black or white,” but more often take place in the “gray zone.” You will read a little more about what we are doing here at Huntsman to develop responsible leaders in this issue of the *Huntsman Alumni Magazine*.

The leadership principles taught in LCA, as well as those espoused by the Huntsman School, are at their core about enabling people to lead lives of meaning. In his new book *Good Profit*, industrialist and philanthropist Charles Koch states that “the greatest gift we can receive or pass on is the opportunity to find and pursue our passion, and in doing so, to make a difference by helping others improve their lives. To be truly rich is to live a life of meaning.”

The last decade has been a time of remarkable change at the Huntsman School. With state of the art facilities, outstanding faculty and staff, a supportive and engaged alumni base, and the expectation of excellence that permeates everything we do, we are poised for another great decade of growth. I hope you will join us in our mission to develop leaders of distinction in commerce and public affairs.