

JIM DEJONG SPEAKS TO 2017 CARROLL GRADUATES

Jim DeJong, chairman of the Milwaukee law firm of O'Neil Cannon, provided the keynote address at Carroll University's Commencement Sunday, May 14.

Carroll alumnus DeJong '73 told 2017 graduates that a lot had changed since his days here but one thing is the same, "Carroll is truly a special place." And, of course, Gert is still here. That spurred some giggles among graduates, warming up the crowd before Jim shared his key message: Be present in the moment. "While we can connect with people in various ways electronically, we can only build true relationships with intentional focus and effort," he said.

DeJong has been involved with Carroll University since 1958 and both he and his father the Rev. Lloyd DeJong have served terms on the Carroll University Board of Trustees. Most recently DeJong, the immediate past chair of the board, served as co-chair with Campaign Carroll, working to raise \$52.7 million.

More than 670 Pioneers celebrated their Commencement in a ceremony on Main Lawn, where thousands of friends and family gathered for the special occasion.