



Alumni Council on Admissions

The ACA is Penn's resource for alumni who have children or grandchildren, "legacies," considering an application to one of Penn's four undergraduate schools. Alumni and their legacy students may turn to our office with questions at any point during the college search process. Since we are a resource for guidance and advice, any contact with our office will be most effective before the student submits an application to Penn. We may be able to further acquaint students with Penn's academic programs, extracurricular activities, and student life.

In the course of our conversations with students, we are sometimes able to offer helpful insights about the application process. ACA Staff are accessible by phone and email, and we host frequent "Legacy Advising Sessions" throughout the year.* A visit to the ACA is not required. It is a nice way to personalize the campus visit and to gain further advice and insight about the application process.

Please refer to the opposite side of this sheet for more details and information on the ACA staff. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have along the way.

Best Regards,

Staff of the Alumni Council on Admissions
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*Legacy Advising Sessions are held in Sweeten Alumni House. No reservations are necessary.

- Monday through Friday, 12:15pm and 3:15pm
- Saturdays in the Fall, 1:15pm
- The times listed above allow students to attend the Information Session and Campus Tour offered by the Admissions Office. If your campus visit plans conflict with these times, please call to see if other Legacy Advising Sessions are available on the date of your visit.
- We host extra Legacy Advising Sessions during Homecoming and Alumni Weekend.

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My own college experience occurred at a place very different from Penn. DeSales University had about 1,000 students back then, and was nearly surrounded by cornfields! After graduation, I worked there in the admissions office for 3 years before moving on to prep-school admissions for another 2 years. I found my way to Penn in 1997, where I have worked in various capacities of Alumni Relations. I finally came to the ACA in 2002. Here, I continue to learn about the field of admissions and I greatly enjoy the discussions I have with our legacy candidates. It is both fascinating and motivating to hear how passionate students are about their activities and hobbies.

Fun Fact about Steve: I'm a long-distance runner, with dreams of completing a marathon in every state.

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For undergrad, I went to a small, liberal arts school (Washington College) on the Eastern Shore of Maryland (where I was born and raised). I received a dual-degree in business management and international relations, and had the opportunity to study abroad in both Amsterdam and London. I started at Penn in 2006 with the Parents Program and have been with the ACA since 2007. I just completed my Masters in Governmental Administration, with a certificate in Non-profit Administration, from the Fels Institute of Government here at Penn.

Fun Fact about Wayles: I like to read historical fiction, particularly of Tudor England, and Harry Potter.

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As an undergrad at the College of Wooster in rural Ohio I studied History with a minor in Philosophy. After graduating in May of 2008 I moved back home to DC to work at the George Washington University in the office of Summer Sessions. It was at GW that I discovered a passion for higher education administration. I have always loved the history in Philadelphia, which has now brought me to Penn and the ACA. I am excited to be a part of Alumni Relations at Penn and am looking forward to the journey ahead!

Fun Fact about Margaret: I'm a movie buff; I love everything from chick flicks to independent films. I am especially interested in the role movies can play as historical documents.