Penn Alumni Reports
Committees and School Organizations

Penn Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
College Hall, Room 200
Saturday, May 14, 2016
Alumni Class Leadership Council
Submitted by Brett Weinheimer, W’00, President

The ACLC is the advisory board for alumni classes, and is comprised of volunteer alumni leaders representing classes spanning nine decades. The Board works closely with Alumni Relations to provide classes with tools for class leadership and best practices to engage alumni. ACLC mentors are available as consultants to classes on communications and reunion planning process. The ACLC co-hosts the Penn Reunion Leadership Conference (PRLC), selects Class Awards, manages Class Elections for the 5th-40th reunion classes and hosts an event for undergraduate Class Presidents biannually.

Full overhaul of ACLC structure is nearly complete, going forward the board will focus on outreach and class support:

- President-Elect, Greg Suss, C’75 is in place, Brett Weinheimer W’00 moves to Past President position July 1, 2016.

New Committees formed and are fully operational. Committee Chairs are now part of the ACLC executive committee.

- Operations
- Membership/Pipeline
- Communications
- Awards
- Special Projects
- Campus Event and Emeritus Engagement

Operations Committee – Operations is nearly complete with full redraft of the ACLC bylaws, which will be presented for ratification before academic year close.

Membership/Pipeline – Established new set of membership guidelines and worked to solidify membership process.

Communications – Created templates for class presidents to send emails to classes on a regular basis during year. This is a groundbreaking step for enhancing class communication.

Awards – Restructured awards process for Class Award of Merit and David N. Tyre Class Communication Awards.

Campus Event and Emeritus Engagement -
Developed expanded schedule of events and talking points to further integrate ACLC’s presence and impact; elevating involvement with Penn Traditions events; institutionalizing status and roles of those coming of ACLC following the expiration of their terms.
Alumni Programming Committee
Submitted by Kyle Kozloff, W’90, Chair, VP of Alumni Programming

Mission: To assist Alumni Relations in developing, branding, and marketing programming for alumni, including social, educational, and professional development activities held on-campus, off-campus, and online.

Penn Alumni Board Retreat 2016 – Review

Alumni Education- Career Networking
During the retreat the committee discussed ideas around career networking for alumni as a part of Alumni Education, which included how to best market the programming and how they could see a “company captain” program implemented as a way to encourage engagement of Penn alumni within various companies that could support events and programs focused on their industry and their shared connection to Penn. The committee suggested to begin with a piloted version of the program, targeting alumni who have already served as alumni volunteers in other capacities. To ensure that the group is successful, a suggestion towards having two alumni serving as co-captains for each company would help share the work and increase involvement among other Penn alumni within the company.

Alumni Programming – Alumni Award of Merit Gala
The committee gave additional feedback regarding the Alumni Award of Merit Gala, specifically, how to encourage more people to attend. Ideas that were discussed include having a host committee, considering another venue that may be more proportional to the size of the event, having an MC with some notoriety to serve as host, and creating additional messaging about the event that speaks to what it is and what people will experience when they attend.

Communications – Alumni Website and Social Media
Finally, the committee was treated to being the first to view an updated version of the Penn Alumni website. Continuing from the complete overhaul of the website in 2014, the website will become more refined in its layout and visual appeal. The committee gave feedback on the new look and suggested changes for increased functionality of the site, especially as it relates to searching for events and volunteer opportunities. Additional discussion about the website included a request to try to make all of the sites that alumni are meant to use, look and feel more connected to each other, i.e., the Penn Alumni website, Quakernet, MVP, etc.

The Social Media Ambassador program is moving forward with implementation, the committee was given an overview of what it will entail, mainly the need to identify alumni who will be tasked with sending out information about activities and events via social media, as well as posting during and following events. The committee has been asked to assist with being some of the first members of this group and to help identify others to be ambassadors.

Moving forward into 2016
The committee met in April and continued the discussion regarding the Alumni Award of Merit Gala. In particular, the committee will work on surveying alumni who have attended the event to determine why they come and what would make it more enjoyable. This information would be valuable in the language used in marketing the event. In addition, there will be an attempt to survey those who don’t attend to discover why they do not and if there’s something that would attract them to an event like the Gala. Other discussions were around the overall timing of the event, possibly shifting the receptions and presentation times. Also, making more of an effort in reaching out to invite the Alumni Trustees and past recipients to the event, possibly inviting the past recipients to a private reception with the new honorees and have them take a group photo, creating a tradition that would be carried forward.
New leadership! We are happy to announce that Andrew Rosenthal, C’06 will be the new VP of Alumni Programming, which has a dual role in serving as Chair of the Alumni Programming Committee. Andrew has been a very active and dedicated alumni volunteer, has served on the Alumni Programming Committee since 2011 and is a former recipient of the Young Alumni Award. Under his leadership, we are certain that this committee will continue to offer valuable assistance and feedback to the staff in Alumni Relations, in support of creating substantive programming for all Penn alumni.
Association of Alumnae
Submitted by Linda Shepard Whaley, Nu’85

Mission: The mission of the Association of Alumnae (A of A) is to promote the lifelong engagement of Penn women with the University of Pennsylvania for the mutual benefit of the University and its alumnae.

This year's Alumni Volunteer Leadership Retreat was very well attended by members of the Association of Alumnae. Prior to the meeting, the members of the Board were asked to submit their thoughts/ideas of what goals and programming should be our focus in the upcoming year. The board members’ responses were collected and formed the basis of a very fruitful discussion. While we are very proud of our ongoing traditional events such as the Mazzatenta Scholars Awards and follow-up presentations, and our Senior Women Wine and Cheese event, the overwhelming response was that we have very limited interaction with sophomore and junior women. We are now working to include at least one or two events per year that would include opportunities for networking, mentoring, and providing information about careers of interest. Succession planning for new officers and committee chairs was also discussed and a summer meeting is now scheduled to facilitate on-boarding of members in new positions.

We are proud to announce that our online Newsletter is back in publication and was sent via email to All Penn alumnae. A devoted team of A of A members worked assiduously to gather stories of interest and student profiles and released our Spring Newsletter.

Our most recent events have included:

**November 19, 2015 - The 16th Annual Mazzatenta Scholars Program:** Courtney Blieler, Catherine Darin, and Hannah Morse, all Seniors who were awarded 2015 Mazzatenta Scholarships, presented via power-point summations of how they utilized their awards for Summer fellowship/internship projects.

**January 18, 2016 - ML King Day of Service project:** The A of A sponsored a clothing drive for Career Wardrobe, an organization that provides career counseling and free professional wear for men and women seeking employment.

**March 29, 2016 - A of A Book Group:** Penn alumna and author Beth Kephart joined the group to discuss her book *Love: A Philadelphia Affair*. What a wonderful evening, with lots of spirited discussion!

**April 16, 2016 - Career Wardrobe service activity:** Several A of A members provided 4 hours to the organization unpacking, sorting and tagging donated clothing and accessories.

**May 2, 2016 - Annual Awards and Spring Dinner:** The A of A recognized exceptional female students for their scholarship, sportsmanship, and dedication and service to Penn and its community. The Fathers ‘Trophy (for outstanding scholar-athlete) went to **Jenna Hebert, C'16**; LPS Continuing Education Award, **Aida Rodriguez, LPS’16**; A of A Rosemary D. Mazzatenta Scholars Award, **Mary Peyton Sanford, C'17, Mara Zafiu, W'17, Antoinette Zoumanigui, C’17**; Robert J. Alig Student Leadership Award, **Amber Hamilton, C’16**. This always awe inspiring event was planned and presented by our Awards and Recognition Committee.

Several particularly devoted and active A of A members were also awarded Lifetime memberships in the association. They are Susanne Czarnecki, GR’82; Margaret Driscoll, CW’69, WG’81; and Janice Gian-Grasso, GNu’77.

Planning is now underway for the October 2016 Colloquium which will feature Women Shaping a Better Tomorrow in Science and Technology. The event will be held, as always, on campus. Please stay tuned for the date as it is being finalized. The Association of Alumnae will continue, as ever, to seek new, timely ways to engage, up-lift, and provide support to the women of the Penn community.
I. Events

A) Unpacking Hispaniola

A small group of alumni came together to enjoy the Unpacking Hispaniola exhibit at Taller Puertorriqueño in North Philadelphia on March 12th. The exhibit was the work of Dominican visual artists Sherezade Garcia and Firelei Báez. Channeling their own racialized experiences in the United States, the artists explore both Dominican and U.S. African-derived culture and history, challenging constructed racial hierarchies and inequalities in both countries. After touring around the small exhibit we grabbed a bite to eat at a local restaurant to connect a bit more. We were joined by Lisette Garza and Luz Marin.

B) ALA/La Casa Latina Alumni Mixer

On March 19th, La Casa Latina hosted a busload of current undergraduate and graduate students at various locations in DC including The White House, The Smithsonian Latino Center, and the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. Afterwards, ALA hosted an alumni mixer with the students at the Florida House to connect and network. Elias Gonzalez C’12 gave an inspiring speech that motivated both students and alumni alike. What an amazing opportunity and venue!
C) Alumni weekend Brunch

Collaborative brunch hosted with La Casa Latina to welcome alumni back to campus and integrate current students and their families into the wonderful alumni world.

II. La Casa Latina and Latino Coalition

ALA continues strengthening its bond with La Casa Latina. We have collaborated throughout the academic year. We have worked closely to address the financial hardships of several students. We are hoping to get alumni from diverse work backgrounds to meet with current students once a month next year.

III. Goals

We had 3 successful events this past year and we hope to build on that momentum for the upcoming fiscal year. We are planning to focus on regional efforts in Florida and California. Together with Alumni Relations we are going to work on an ALA relaunching campaign. The goal is to have a brand new board ready to take action for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We hope we can tackle the bylaws during this time as well.

We have been in conversation with GIC to plan a joint event with the intent to expand our reach of alumni and foster a stronger relationship.
Awards and Resolutions Committee
Submitted by Susan Frier Danilow, CW’74, G’74, Chair

The Awards and Resolutions Committee met twice by teleconference, once to review the nominations for Student Awards of Merit, and a second time to review the nominations for Alumni Awards of Merit and Young Alumni Awards. Committee members were provided with detailed information on the candidates to be considered, electronically, in advance of each teleconference.

A total of 24 applications for the Student Award of Merit were received. After a lengthy discussion, the following five members of the Class of 2016 were unanimously chosen to receive a Student Award of Merit:
Alexis E. Block, ENG’16
Guthrie Gintzler, W’16, ENG’16
Brad M. Hebert, W’16, C’16
Cheyenne R. Rogers, C’16
Amanda A. Russoniello, W’16

Student Awards of Merit will be presented at the annual Ivy Day Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 at 4pm in College Hall.

The Committee met a second time to review nominations for Alumni Awards of Merit. After considerable discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to award 2016 Alumni Awards of Merit to:
Alan K. Levin, C’64, ASC’ 65
Paul S. Levy, Esq., L’72
William L. Mack, W’61
Jayne Davis Perilstein, W’80
Ehsan El-Tahry “Nanou” Zayan, CW’73

During that meeting, the Committee also reviewed nominations for Young Alumni Awards of Merit. The Committee unanimously selected Lauren G. Hedvat, ENG, C’06, GEN’07 as the 2016 recipient of the award.

Alumni Awards of Merit and Young Alumni Awards of Merit will be presented at the Annual Alumni Award of Merit Gala, which will be held during Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 28, 2016.

The committee also unanimously agreed to present a Commendation to Shaunya G. James, C’06 in recognition of her work as an alumna of the University.

I would like to thank the Committee Members who devoted considerable time and offered valuable insights in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities on this Committee. They are:

Edward Anderson, C’65, M’69
Lolita Jackson, ENG’89
Joan Lau, ENG’92, WG’08
Larry Nussdorf, W’68
Julie Beren Platt, C’79
Joseph Rascoff, W’67
Steve Roth, W’66
Peter Shoemaker, C’86
Brett Weinheimer, W’00
Benchmarking Committee  
Submitted by Lindsay McLean ENG’98, WG’05, Chair

Committee Members  
Lindsay McLean  
Barbara Gao  
Lora Rosenblum

Committee Mission  
Actively gather information from Penn sources and peer institutions that leads Penn Alumni and the Alumni Relations Office to actions that enhance the alumni network

Penn Alumni Interview Program Survey – Meeting at the February 28, 2016 Alumni Leadership Retreat  
The Benchmarking Committee met with several groups to discuss potential and ongoing projects during the Penn Alumni Volunteer Leadership Retreat:

- Penn Alumni Career Services Survey - The committee has been working with Alyssa D’Alconzo, Director, Alumni Education, Career Networking and Alumni Travel; and Nicole Svonavec, Associate Director, Penn Tradition and Young Alumni to design a survey to the Ivy Plus schools regarding the services that they provide to their young alumni. The survey asks about successes, costs, and administrative structures to better understand how these services are provided at other schools. The survey has been designed and edited and is now preparing to be sent within the next few weeks. Once responses are received, the committee will follow-up with respondents as necessary to gain further insight.

- Alumni Programming Committee Award of Merit – The Benchmarking committee met with the Programming committee to discuss the question of marketing and programming for the Award of Merit Gala. The various types of surveys that the benchmarking committee could assist with were discussed and we await feedback from the Programming committee on the direction they wish to go with the survey.

- Reunions and ACLC – The benchmarking committee met with the Class Reunions and ACLC committee and offered possible surveys that we could assist with. In the discussion, there were two potential surveys that seemed most helpful – one to survey the reunion committees from past years to determine what could be done to better improve the process of planning for reunions, focusing on how best to share knowledge from year to year; the second survey those who either come or don’t come to reunions to determine how better to attract their attendance.

Other Matters  
The Benchmarking Committee would like your suggestions on what data we can gather to provide insightful information for Penn Alumni and Alumni Relations future projects.

The Benchmarking Committee has opportunities for Penn Alumni who would like to participate. For further information on the committee and its activities, please contact Committee chair Lindsay McLean.
Education Alumni Association
Submitted by Melinda Sweeney, GED’12

Education Alumni Association (EAA) of the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education (Penn GSE) Spring 2016 Update

***Executive Committee***
Over the past year, the Executive Committee has worked to identify the growing and changing needs of both the EAA Board and the larger alumni community through formal and informal means. A major component of the EAA Board going forward will be to identify and create sustainable ways to engage alumni through both in-person and virtual initiatives.

***Awards Committee***
The awards committee solicited nominations for the annual alumni awards and assisted in selecting this year’s winners. Below are the award winners who will be honored during Alumni Weekend on Friday evening, May 13 at the Penn GSE Education Alumni Awards and Celebration of Teachers:

**Penn GSE Educator of the Year Award**
*Gregory J. Vincent, GRD’04*
This award recognizes an outstanding graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, preferably of the Graduate School of Education, who demonstrates unusual involvement in and commitment to identifying and helping to resolve school problems and current issues in education.

**Helen C. Bailey Award**
*Kendall A. King, GED’93, GR97*
This award recognizes an outstanding education alumnus or alumna of the University of Pennsylvania who has brought recognition and status to the Graduate School of Education or Penn and who has made a distinctive contribution to the field of education and GSE, including contributions through research, exceptional professional involvement, or publications.

**William B. Castetter Alumni Award of Merit**
*Julian A. McNeil, GED’09, WEV’11*
This award recognizes an alumnus or alumna of the Graduate School of Education for significant service to the School.

**Ethel and Allen “Buddy” Carruth Sustained Leadership in Education Award**
*Sydney Coffin, GED’00, Christine Hernandez, GED’10*
This award recognizes significant service to the education community by an esteemed alumnus/a or friend of the Graduate School of Education.

**The Penn GSE Alumni Recent Alumni/Early Career Award of Merit**
*Noah D. Drezner, GED’04, GR’08*
This award recognizes a Graduate School of Education alumnus or alumna who has shown outstanding service to the University of Pennsylvania and GSE prior to their 10th reunion year and is setting an inspirational example for future alumni of Penn GSE.

***Communications Committee***
The Communications Committee focused its efforts on both internal board communications as well as external alumni communications to accomplish this year’s goals:
**Internal Communications**
- Submit status reports to the Penn Alumni Board
- Enhance the use of social media for board members

**External Communications**
- Maintain and edit the EAA webpage: [https://www.gse.upenn.edu/alumni/eaa](https://www.gse.upenn.edu/alumni/eaa)
- Contribute to the Penn GSE Alumni Magazine

***Membership Relations Committee***
Currently, the EAA board has 41 active members representing graduating classes that span 30 years. Although most members reside within or in proximity to Philadelphia, the Board has a strong presence in both Washington D.C. and NYC; a number of members live and work in various areas around the country and overseas.

Members supported the EAA Board and Penn GSE by helping to staff two Days of Service (see Programming Committee update) as well as the fall student welcome and homecoming events. Additionally, remote opportunities were introduced this year to help better serve members outside of the Philadelphia metro areas, which included writing thank you notes to Annual Fund contributors and volunteering to assist with organizing a number of events such as the Dean's tour and commencement. Alumni can also engage in board activities by participating in planning workgroups to develop an alumni survey, a strategic plan for the future of the EAA Board, and further enhancing opportunities for remote participation.

***Programming Committee***
In conjunction with Sheridan Elementary School students and faculty, fellow GSE alumni and the Philadelphia Writing Project, the EAA Board organized Days of Service at Sheridan Elementary School in North Philadelphia during the fall (December 9) and spring (May 13). In December, GSE alumni read engaging children’s books to Sheridan students, talked together with them about the ideas, and created big books with them focused on natural sciences, ecosystems and the environment. In May, the focus will be on history through children's literature.

In addition to these events, the fall Day of Service event coincided with the annual Holiday dinner where alumni had an opportunity to socialize and connect with each other. The EAA Board also met for a winter retreat that was preceded by dinner the night before at a fellow board member’s residence. We have a call scheduled for mid-May and we will have our fall retreat in September. The EAA Board is looking forward to planning for a productive 2016-2017 year.
Regional Clubs Advisory Board  
Submitted by Nicole Oddo Smith, C’05, Chair  

The Regional Clubs Advisory Board supports Alumni Relations and our network of alumni clubs throughout the world. If anyone has suggestions for webinars or would like to connect with our regional clubs, please contact Nicole Oddo Smith, neo@alumni.upenn.edu or Tara Davies, Director of Regional Clubs at daviest@upenn.edu. Here is an update on our efforts.

2015-2016 Theme: Education

This year we are focusing on Education – getting more education out to our dispersed alumni club leaders. With our leadership retreats, webinar, upcoming quarterly calls, and more resource sharing through our listserv, we hope to bring more to our leaders, wherever in the world!

Winter Leadership Retreats
Asia Volunteer Leadership Retreat – January 8-9, 2016  

Our Advisory Board served as instructors at the Regional Clubs Leadership Retreat. We had sessions on Club Finances (Donald Bonk and Belinda Buscher), Life Cycle of a Volunteer (John Gamba, Nicole Oddo Smith, and Gary Survis), and Communications/Marketing (best practices from several of our clubs). Our program in Philadelphia attracted 43 club leaders and it was a great opportunity to network and learn from each other. Sin Wei attended the Asian Leadership Retreat.

In addition, we hosted a lunch for club leaders on Friday to recognize more achievements. We recognized the Penn Club of Portland for the Best Picture for Ben’s Birthday Bash (prize: cake for next year’s Ben Franklin Bash) and the Penn Club of Westchester/Rockland Counties for Feb Frenzy celebrating Penn’s Basketball (prize: year subscription to the Ivy League Network). We also recognized the Alumni Club Award of Merit winner (Penn Club of Boston) and all of the clubs that were nominated.

Leadership Resources Website

Alumni Relations has revamped our club leadership resources website, especially after the 2015 Partners with Penn survey results and all of our programming and resources for the leadership conference. The Advisory Board has been a big advocate of more on-demand resources for new and experienced club leaders. Website - www.alumni.upenn.edu/leadershipresources

Quarterly Calls

In order to continue the momentum from the Leadership Retreat and take advantage of best practices from other Ivy institutions, we are instituting Quarterly Calls. Our first call is May 24th at 9am and 12pm ET to introduce the format and share what Alumni Relations can do for our clubs.

Webinars

On December 1, 2015 at 12pm EST we hosted a webinar training on “Using Quakernet in your Regional Clubs”. We had 17 attendees and recorded this program. We hope to continue hosting webinars in 2016.

Partners with Penn

The Partners with Penn survey has been released to our club leaders and will be due June 3, 2016. Alumni Relations included more information on the benefit of participating in this survey so that our volunteers...
understand its importance. We plan to continue to share the results with our clubs to show new ideas, best practices, and more.

_Alumni Weekend Notes_

Many board members and class leaders will be on campus this weekend celebrating reunions!
Since last fall, the James Brister Society has focused its work on maintaining the momentum of an engaged and invigorated executive committee and membership. This phase of the organization’s strategic growth – introduced during this year of transition as JBS 2.0 – has focused on continued communication through the monthly newsletter The First, creating a phased system of executive committee leadership with the addition of a third co-chair to each of the sub-committees, and planning of the Annual Spring Conference.

The First is delivered electronically on the first of each month, and features a JBS member profile, student or faculty update, and a recap of news and relevant issues from around the university. It serves as the foundation for a multi-faceted communications strategy to include LinkedIn and social media platforms for regular engagement as well as special communication such as during Penn Spectrum.

New co-chairs were appointed to the membership, programming and communications committee, providing a phased system of leadership through 2017, and resulting in an executive committee that reflects a broader range of regional, ethnic and professional diversity. The new co-chairs are: Arnab Mishra W’96 (Communications), Michael Barrett ENG’89 (membership), and Howard Sanders W’88 (Programming).

This year’s Annual Spring Conference brought more than 41 JBS alumni from as far away as California for a weekend of celebration, engagement and planning. The conference’s hallmark Student Leadership Awards event honored outstanding students and faculty member Dr. Herman Beavers, and provided an opportunity for members to witness firsthand the impact that Penn’s diverse faculty and student scholars make on Penn, the community, and the world.

After revisiting the limits and requirements for membership as outlined in the by-laws, JBS launched an initiative to recruit new members that resulted in 23 applications this year. A New Member Orientation during the conference provided 19 participants with an opportunity to learn about the governance structure of JBS, its goals and its integration with the University leadership from JBS Co-Chair, Gil Casellas, Membership Committee Co-Chair, Frankie Baughn, Director of Multicultural Alumni Outreach, Marvin Rocha, and Matt Geraghty from the Office of the University Secretary. New members also identified the areas where their interests and experience would make the strongest contributions.

The Spring Conference consisted of a General Meeting with a working session on the goals and objectives of JBS (e.g. enhancing regional participation, pipeline for board volunteer participation), a vibrant panel discussion on the impact of the 2016 presidential election with faculty and community representation, an update on the Fall 2016 Penn Spectrum Conference and sub-committee break-outs. Tony Sorrentino, Executive Director of Public Affairs in the Office of the Executive Vice President, also shared a provocative presentation on Penn Connects 2.0 weaving the University’s historical development with a discussion of the expansion that has defined the success of the strategic priorities of Penn Compact 2020 and future goals.

Moving forward, these action items were identified for follow-up after the Spring Conference: 1) review of giving and participation activity of members listed on the JBS roll for “true” membership; 2) build JBS alumni community by encouraging participation in University-sponsored events; 3) collaboration between communications sub-committee and Penn Spectrum committee; and 4) invite all JBS members to attend Penn Spectrum Weekend taking place September 23-25, 2016.

The James Brister Society is positioned well to propel and support future generations of diverse alumni leaders to impact Penn.
The Penn Engineering Alumni Society (EAS) is pleased to provide the following update on activities during the 2015/2016 academic year.

The core tenants of the EAS include:

- Fostering connections between Alumni and Students (undergraduate through PhD)
- Encouraging Alumni to connect with one another
- Strengthening the bond between Alumni and the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS)

To achieve these goals, the EAS is made up of 6 elected Officers and 12 elected Directors, as well as upwards of 8 Past Presidents and 6 Associate Directors. The Board meets on campus 9 times through the year. With support from the Engineering Development Office and an extended group of engaged, globally diverse engineering alumni, the 17 board committees are able to produce and promote programming in support of these goals with over 1500 hours of volunteerism.

**Highlights of Recent Activities**

- The EAS supported a number of student networking events this past year including the 6th Annual Graduate/Alumni Mixer, a Bioengineering Mixer, and the Advancing Women in Engineering “Tassel and Toast” event.
- The “Externship” program held in conjunction with Career Services was held for the third year and was once again a great success.
- This year also included a few “firsts” (at least in recent memory) with the first joint event hosted with the Penn Club of Philadelphia and the first Penn Engineering Young Alumni Happy Hour held in Philadelphia.
- The bi-annual Professional Engineering presentation was also held in April with excellent interaction between students and the panel of speakers. Approximately 50 students from across campus attended the event to learn about becoming a Professional Engineer.
- The Annual Senior Design Competition allows the EAS to recognize teams of the brightest SEAS students. Alumni are invited to visit campus and serve as judges and witness the current research that is being championed at Penn. The judging criteria are focused on how the teams organize and communicate their projects rather than the technical merits of the work. The top prizes were awarded to:

  - **First Prize: Autonomous Wave-Powered Desalination**
    William Cheng, Sasha Klebnikov, Christina Springer, Chevonaé Walcott
    Mechanical Engineering and Applied Science
  - **Second Prize: SCUBAssist: A Semi-Autonomous Underwater Vehicle for SCUBA Divers**
    Justin Chang, Foster Collins, Aedhan Loomis, Andrew McGrath, and Mike Meigs
    Mechanical Engineering and Applied Science
  - **Third Prize: Holonomic Affordable Multi-Terrain Robot**
    Golam Kibria, John Kim, Christian Wang and Tighe Costa
    Mechanical Engineering and Applied Science

  - **Honorable Mention: Automated Pancreatic Cancer Diagnostic**
    Moriah Cesaretti, Julia Chen, Pooja Khandekar, and Kinjal Shah
Bioengineering

- **Honorable Mention: Digital Breast Tomosynthesis with Superior Resolution**
  Fred Kwon, Joseph Licata, Tejas Narayan, David Zhang

Bioengineering

- **Honorable Mention: Asura**
  Billy Clarke, Sarah Dean, Vincent Pacelli, and Cathering Yee

Electrical and Systems Engineering

**Celebrations**

- The D. Robert Yarnall Award is presented annually by the EAS to a distinguished member of Penn Engineering’s alumni for outstanding contributions to the field of engineering or technology; whether in public service, private industry and/or education. This year, the Board was honored to present the award to Mr. Pat Harker.
- The EAS and the undergraduate student body presented the S. Reid Warren, Jr. Award to Brian Chow for outstanding service in stimulating and guiding the intellectual and professional development of undergraduate students at the School of Engineering and Applied Science.
- The EAS presented the E. Stuart Eichert, Jr. Award to Andrew Parsons who exemplified the characteristics of selfless service to the University and Community.
- EAS Director Dawn Becket awarded the Dawn and Welton Becket Digital Media Design Achievement Award to Rebecca Hallac who exemplify the ideals of the DMD program through outstanding achievement, citizenship, and mentoring.
- EAS Past President Walter Korn awarded the Walter Korn award to Sudarshan Muraldihar and Lina Huang, outstanding seniors in the Moore School who will be continuing on at the Moore School for a graduate degree.

**About the EAS Board of Directors**

The newly elected 2016-2017 Executive EAS Board includes representation from SEAS classes from 1969 to 2008:

- President – Sevile Mannickarottu, EE
- Vice President – Jim Brennan, CE/SYS
- Vice President – Dawn Becket, CSE
- Vice President – Paul McLaughlin, CSE
- Secretary – Jay Olman, MEAM
- Treasurer – Russ Miller, EE
The Penn Fund Executive Board (PFEB) is currently comprised of 38 undergraduate alumni, all of whom are leadership donors to The Penn Fund. Board members typically serve a three-year term, which can be renewed once for a second three-year term. The mission of the Board is to work with and support the efforts of The Penn Fund staff and to solicit annual gifts to The Penn Fund, with an emphasis on increasing annual undergraduate alumni participation by giving to The Penn Fund. Board members are also involved in broader alumni engagement goals by serving as host committee members for University sponsored events, interviewing applicants through the Penn Alumni Interview Program, and by joining their reunion volunteer committees.

Board members are active users of Penn’s Mobile Volunteer Portal, MVP, and enthusiastically solicit hundreds of alumni for contributions to The Penn Fund each fiscal year. The Board has four active subcommittees: Benjamin Franklin Society and Scholarship, Participation and Ivy Stone Society, Stewardship and Engagement, and Young Alumni. The full Board meets twice per year, once on campus and once in New York, typically at The Penn Club of New York. The Executive Committee of the Board (Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Chairs) also meets in January to assess the first half of the fiscal year and make plans for the second half. In addition, each subcommittee meets periodically in between full board meetings via conference call and in-person when possible.

**FY16 Year to Date Progress to Goal**

As of May 6, 2016, The Penn Fund is tracking ahead of fiscal year 2015 – which was record-setting. To date, 20,526 undergraduate alumni have made a gift to The Penn Fund. For context, in last year’s alumni weekend report to this Board, The Penn Fund had secured 19,313 undergraduate alumni donors. Accordingly, The Penn Fund is roughly 6.2% ahead of FY15 with regard to alumni donors with more than a week to go before Alumni Weekend. The Penn Fund has raised $23,191,438 in cash against a goal of $32,000,000. Cash receipts are slightly behind this time last year, but gift activity has been very strong as Alumni Weekend gets closer.

Other exciting highlights from The Penn Fund include an increase in the number of first time donors and long lapsed donors (those alumni who haven’t given in 10 or more years). I am delighted to report tremendous success with the current reunion cycle and particularly endowed scholarships. Thus far, 82 new scholarships or additions to existing scholarships have been made from members of the current reunion cohort. Over 4,500 alumni donors from the reunion classes have given to The Penn Fund, and over 6,000 alumni donors have given when Seniors for The Penn Fund and the 1st reunion are included. Collectively, the reunion classes have given over $75 million (and counting) in cash and commitments university-wide with nearly $21 million going directly to The Penn Fund.

By all accounts, FY16 is shaping up to be another record-setting year for The Penn Fund, and Penn’s dedicated volunteers and passionate alumni are helping to make it happen. With 54 days remaining until June 30, The Penn Fund team is committed more than ever before to exceeding our ambitious goals and doing everything possible to support undergraduate education at Penn.

So much will happen in the last 54 days of the fiscal year; I look forward to sharing all the exciting news from The Penn Fund as June 30 approaches.

**Goals**
- Alumni Donors: 28,000
- Cash Goal: $32,000,000
- Seniors for The Penn Fund: 1,740 (1,809 to break record)
- First Time Donors: 2,000 (non-seniors)

**Progress to Goal as of 5.6.2016**
- Alumni Donors: 20,526 (73% to goal)
- Cash Goal: $23,191,438 (72% to goal)
- Seniors for The Penn Fund: 1,293 (74% to goal)
- First Time Donors: 463 (23% to goal)
If you haven’t made your gift to The Penn Fund this fiscal year, please join us! Every gift (no matter the size) makes an important impact on Penn’s campus and helps Penn’s amazing students have an experience that is truly second to none.
PennGALA
Submitted by Co-Chairs, Christopher McAdams, GAR’12 and Marianne Mondt, C’08

PennGALA has worked with Multicultural Outreach team in Alumni Relations to host two great Alumni Weekend Events:

- PennGALA Homecoming Happy Hour (Friday, May 13th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm)
  - Welcoming event hosted at Doc Magrogan’s Oyster house (3432 Sansom Street, Philadelphia).
- Conversations at the Penn Architectural Archives (Saturday, May 14th, 4:00pm - 6:00pm)
  - In an effort to explore Arts and Culture programming, PennGALA is hosting a guided tour of work currently on display at the Architectural Archives.
- Both Events have generated increased RSVPs over last year’s AW programming.

Regional Events

PennGALA has an ambitious plan for a series of events aimed at expanding our base and encourage our members to participate as active and engaged alumni. Cities/regions that now have regional event coordinators include:

- Washington D.C. (Lex Ruby Howe & Brian Carney)
- New York City (in collaboration with Yale)
- San Francisco (Steven Huang coordinating an intercollegiate Arts event)

One of our major goals is to continue expanding PennGALA’s quality regional programming. For the remainder of 2016, we will focus on establishing a presence in the following cities:

- Atlanta
- Boston
- Chicago
- Seattle

Newsletters

PennGALA continues to rely on our strong communications schedule in conjunction with Alumni Relations. We send quarterly newsletters, with information from both undergraduate and graduate student groups, updates from the LGBT Center, and profiles of alumni, faculty, and current students (undergraduate and graduate). These newsletters also contain information on our diverse regional events, as well as co-sponsored events across the
country. We also try to include updates on members of the Penn LGBTQA community who make the news. This new format has been well received by our constituents.

**Social Media**

We continue to utilize Facebook and LinkedIn as an informal way of reaching alumni and friends with the latest news from Penn. This enables our members to network with others who share their interests at their own convenience.

**Mentoring**

PennGALA has continued its focus on mentoring current students, both undergraduate and graduate. Steering Committee members Alexis Ruby Howe (C’07) and Tyler Ernst (C’12) have taken on the task of coordinating this program.

PennGALA is excited to announce the launch of our new mentoring program. We’ve made the announcement in our recent Summer Newsletter including a call for dedicated alumni to offer insight and guidance for Penn students and recent alumni beginning their post-graduate life. Likewise, we are seeking current students and recent graduates interested in cultivating relationships with an alumnus. Mentors and mentees will connect over career opportunities, experiences as a professional, career networks, and much more.

If you have any further questions, please contact co-chairs Marianne Mondt, C’09 (mondtm@alumni.upenn.edu) and Christopher McAdams GAR’12 (c.k.mcadams@gmail.com)

**PennGALA 2015/2016 Steering Committee**

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Penn Medicine Development and Alumni Relations:
Medical Alumni Advisory Council Sponsored Activities
Submitted by Howard Eisen, M’81, INT’84, Chair

The Medical Alumni Advisory Council (MAAC), in partnership with the Perelman School of Medicine Office of Development and Alumni Relations, continues to engage and serve our broad base of alumni. The following are brief summaries highlighting some of the 2015-2016 events and projects:

Women in Medicine
The 54th Annual Elizabeth Kirk Rose, M’26 Women in Medicine event was held on December 8, 2015. Senior Vice Dean for Education, Gail Morrison, MD’71, FEL’76 presented Marie A. Savard, HUP’70, NU’72, M’76, INT’79 with the Elizabeth Kirk Rose, MD’26 Women in Medicine Award for her dedication to the School and the fine example as a female physician during a lunch with students, alumni, and faculty.

Student Gift Campaign
In its second year, the Student Gift Campaign launched in March to encourage giving among graduating 4th year students at the Perelman School of Medicine. We received a challenge from a long time MAAC members and Reunion Committee Chair to encourage the students. Annual Giving and Alumni Relations celebrated the start of the campaign with a Student Giving Campaign Kickoff event with over 30% participation from students at the event.

HOST Program
Every October, the Development and Alumni Relations office works to link fourth year students who are interviewing outside of the local area to alumni in an effort to reduce travel costs through the Host Our Students as They Travel (HOST) Program. This past year we increased our alumni volunteers by adding 118 new volunteers for a total of 213 alumni volunteers. The Office also invited parents to participate and there were 49 parents who agreed to volunteer. We were able to make 49 matches with our alumni and parent volunteers. Many MAAC members participated in this program.

Mentorship
The Office of Development and Alumni Relations continued the previous success of our Perelman School of Medicine Alumni Mentorship Program for the 3rd year during the fall of 2015. For the spring, we implanted a volunteer flag for the alumni directory, Quakernet, and we were able to increase the number of alumni volunteers from 204 to 603! Changing the process in which the students search and interact with the mentors has proved to be very successful.

Medical Alumni Weekend
Medical Alumni Weekend 2016 is taking place on May 13 – 14, 2016. Dean J. Larry Jameson, MD, PhD will have the honor of presenting the 2016 Alumni Awards. The Distinguished Graduate Award recipients are William E. Bunney, MD’56 and Joseph Loscalzo, C’72, GR’76, MD’78. The Alumni Service Award recipients are Joel Porter, MD’66 and H. Linton Wray, MD’66. The Young Alumni Service Award is being presented to Roderick T. Wong, MD’03.

This year, we are excited that Nobel Laureate Michael Brown, C’62, MD’66, HON’86 will participate in the Keynote Discussion with Dean J. Larry Jameson. Saturday morning will feature a spin-off of Penn’s 60-Second Lecture series, these short talks will feature a variety of topics, focusing on young alumni and their incredible advances in business, research and clinical practice here at Penn and across the country. More information about Medical Alumni Weekend can be found at www.pennmedicine.org/MAW2016.
DEAN’S ALUMNI COUNCIL UPDATE

The next meeting of the Dean’s Alumni Council will take place on Friday, May 13, 2016 at New Bolton Center in conjunction with Alumni Weekend and class reunion activities. The spring meeting will focus on Outreach with presentations by Dr. Tina Dougherty on the Communications Skills Lab for Penn Vet students, a demonstration of the Equimagine system with Dr. Barbara Dallap, an overview of the funding priorities by Carol Pooser, breakout group discussions, committee meetings and goal setting.

The DAC Committee structure now encompasses Alumni Outreach, Alumni Education, Class Agents & Events Committee, Opportunity Scholarship Committee, and the Student Interaction & Events Committee.

The mission of the Dean’s Alumni Council is to work closely with the Dean and Office of Alumni Relations on various projects to connect alumni, students, and the public to the Penn Vet community for the purpose of engagement, ambassadorship and mentoring.

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Continuing Education

Plans are well underway for the 116th Penn Annual Conference will take place on September 27 & 28, 2016 with a pre-conference symposium entitled “Animals Behaving Badly: Veterinary/Welfare Perspectives” on September 26 co-sponsored by Penn Vet and the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI). This will be a symposium on problem behavior in pets and leisure horses – the science that helps understand the causes, and ways to prevent or treat them.

The focus for the 2016 Penn Annual Conference is on cancer care September 27-29, 2016 at the Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia. The Penn Annual Conference provides sessions to veterinarians and vet techs for their continuing education, and this year will include a track for practice managers.

In addition, the Director of Alumni Relations and the Assistant Director of Institutional Events will be traveling to San Antonio in August to partake in a discussion on continuing education topics with representatives from the other veterinary schools in hopes of bringing back information to help shape a program for Penn Vet that is beneficial to veterinary professionals as well as profitable for the School.

See the full Conference schedule and details at: www.vet.upenn.edu/PAC2016

Events & Programs

SCAVMA and the Alumni Office are hosting the first Alumni-Student Meet and Greet on Monday, May 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m in the Hill Pavilion Lobby to include dinner and students meeting alumni to gain insight into their fields of practice. Should you know any Penn Vet alumni interested in participating, RSVP is to shortk@vet.upenn.edu with name, field(s) of work (private practice, equine, policy, mixed, etc.), and any interests/hobbies. Dinner will be served for alumni at 5:30pm followed by small group meetings with students from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
The **VMDFinder** is live and viewable to the general public under the PEOPLE tab on the Penn Vet website by clicking the ‘Find a VMD’ button. VMD enrollment in the program has reached almost 100. This service was created in response to the large number of requests received from Penn alumni and hospital clients who seek a VMD for their pet no matter where they are located in the country. Penn Vet alumni opt into the service and are then listed by state.

**Alumni Weekend 2016** is scheduled for May 13-15, 2016 to include New Bolton Center tours, the Dean’s Reception, class dinners hosted at locations around Kennett Square, and the Red & Blue Jubilee Dinner for those celebrating their 50th reunion and higher on Friday evening. On Saturday, the 2nd annual Spring Alumni Picnic will take place featuring live music, a barbecue, games and entertainment for children, tours, entertainment and much more. Tours of the Ryan Hospital small animal hospital will take place on Sunday morning from 10am to 12pm and are open to all Penn Alumni with breakfast refreshments served.

The Alumni Office hosted an **Alumni Reception** at the North American Veterinary Community Conference (NAVC) in January in Orlando, Florida. Dean Hendricks presented an update on the School. The alumni reception at the American Veterinary Medical Association Conference (AVMA) will be held on August 8 at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, Texas and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) Alumni Reception will be help in August 12 at the Hershey Lodge.

Having had a first successful year, the **Tour Ambassadors** is a new group of trained student tour guides who are available to give tours to donors, alumni, and other individuals of both the New Bolton Center and Philadelphia campuses. The program will continue with additional Ambassadors being recruited for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Alumni Awards** – The Alumni Office is currently seeking nominations for the Alumni Award of Merit, Alumni Achievement Award, and Alumni Relations Student of the Year Awards. These awards will be presented at the Alumni Awards Dinner held in conjunction with the Penn Annual Conference in September.
Southern California Regional Advisory Board
Submitted by co-chairs Kyle Kozloff, W’90, and Denise Winner, W’83

The Southern California Regional Advisory Board (SCRAB) had a successful fall and winter, and is looking forward to more educational, networking, and social events for its membership for the 2016-17 year. A few highlights of the last six months:

- On December 15th, SCRAB members celebrated the holidays at the Crescent Hotel in Beverly Hills.
- On Sunday January 10th, we hosted another Clippers game. This event was our first midday weekend event. While those in attendance viewed the event as a great success, we noted the difficulty in getting alumni and families to register.
- On February 2nd, SCRAB members joined us at the home of Lisa ('85) and Jeff ('85) Cohen for dinner and an enlightening discussion with Maureen Rush, Penn's Vice President of Public Safety and Superintendent of Penn Police.
- On April 19th, we hosted a dinner and panel discussion with Dr. Vuchic of Penn Engineering, Rick Clark, Executive Director and Program Manager of Metro Los Angeles. The trio discussed the future of transportation in LA, and whether a 21st century solution would make life more livable in the City of Angels.

We are very excited about a number of upcoming events, and are in the planning stages of a few more. As always, SCRAB welcomes input from its members for events that will connect us to each other and to Penn.

- We are hosting our 2nd annual theatre event at the Wallis Annenberg Center, including dinner at Nic’s Martini Lounge in Beverly Hills. Jerry Magnin, long-time SCRAB member and alum will provide background about the politically charged show, “City of Conversation.”

At our Executive Board meeting in late winter we discussed dues and events. We trailed last year’s efforts with respect to new membership. We also discussed transition of the next set of co-chairs and are scheduling another board call in June. We will continue to seek out BFS-level givers and encourage them to take advantage of SCRAB.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Winner and Kyle Kozloff
Co-Chairs
Trustees’ Council of Penn Women
Submitted by Hildegard Kanamuller Toth, MD, FAS’79, Chair

TCPW has had a busy, productive year with two great conferences, two new standing committees, a new Chair and Vice Chair, and plans for 9 events this summer.

TCPW Spring Conference – “Politics and the Election of 2016: How We Got to Now”

While each Presidential race has its own look and feel, the election of 2016, which is being conducted against an unprecedented backdrop of disdain for the political establishment and status quo in Washington, has proven to be more unusual than most. During our Spring Conference we explored the landscape that led us to this unique election cycle, and learned about the defining social issues of this election. Our events included:

Politics and the Media

Politics and the media have long been inextricably linked. Starting with the penny press, there were great wars between various newspapers about politicians. This eventually gave way to fireside chats and ultimately into TV, which gave the candidates greater access to charm the voter through “personality politics.” Live debates, once commercial-free and sober, are now seen by politicians and networks as profitable entertainment products. How can the contemporary citizen be more than an audience member? To help us better understand how we can sift through all of the information with which we are being presented and separate fact from fiction, we heard from:

- John Lapinski - Director of the Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies as well as the Director of the Elections Unit at NBC
- Abby Huntsman, C’08 – Reporter for Fox News Channel, Penn alumna, and daughter of 2012 presidential candidate, Jon Huntsman, Jr.
- Eugene Kiely, Director of FactCheck.org.

Moderated by Matthew S. Levendusky, Associate Professor of Political Science in the School of Arts and Sciences

We also welcomed our newest members at this luncheon and presented the Seventh Annual TCPW/Provost Award to Engineering Professor Susan Margulies, to recognize her contributions in advancing the role of women in higher education and research at Penn.

The Educated Voter

School of Social Policy and Practice Dean John Jackson spoke about the most important social policy issues currently in politics, as well as for the 2016 Presidential Election.

Campaigns, Debates and Conventions

We were incredibly fortunate to welcome Marjorie Margolies, CW’63, and David Eisenhower as our keynote dinner speakers, both of whom have had decades-long careers in and around politics, not to mention their storied connections to several Presidents. In addition to sharing their own stories, we learned about the class that they teach together once every four years, *Campaigns, Debates and Conventions*, which takes students behind the scenes at the conventions, as they meet with delegates, talk with policymakers, and hear speeches by rising political stars.

The Supreme Court: The Path to Nomination and Key Upcoming Issues
While the Constitution states that the President “shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint…Judges of the Supreme Court”, we find ourselves in the middle of a loud debate over how the process of nominating our next Supreme Court Justice will unfold. With the understanding that this appointment could shift the balance for years to come, this is indeed a critical appointment. We heard from two preeminent legal scholars - Jeff Rosen, President of the National Constitution Center, and cited as “the nation’s most widely read and influential legal commentator”, as well as Ted Ruger, Dean of Penn’s Law School, who was president of the Harvard Law Review, and whose work has been published in many of the nation’s most highly regarded law journals. Ali Velshi, former Anchor Al Jazeera America; Global Affairs & Economics Journalist, lead this informative discussion. Their brilliant insights taught us about the important issues that will be facing the Supreme Court in its upcoming sessions, as well as how to better navigate the onslaught of information we will be hearing on the road to the next Supreme Court Justice.

**Wharton's Work with Washington: Bridging the Chasm Between Business and Government**

We learned about Wharton’s initiative and role as a hub for public policy research and education that bridges the intellectual divide between business and government. Featuring Andrew Coopersmith, Managing Director of the Wharton Public Policy Initiative.

**TCPW Leadership**

After our Spring Conference in April, TCPW recognized and thanked TCPW Chair Dawn Eringis, CHE’85, WG’89, and Vice Chair Hildegard Toth, FAS’79, for their guidance and leadership over the past two years, as their terms concluded. We then welcomed Hildegard Toth, FAS’79, as our new TCPW Chair and Lori Pearlman Wachs, W’90, as our new TCPW Vice Chair, for two-year terms.

**TCPW new standing committees**

TCPW’s Executive Committee approved the addition of the following committees to its current 10 standing committees:

- **Emerita Committee** – our goal is to continue to keep our Emerita TCPW members engaged with TCPW in meaningful ways. The committee is focused on passing along the history of TCPW and adding context to our mission and actions of today.

- **Regional Events** – our goal is to provide a sense of community within TCPW between our semi-annual conferences, and let members engage with the organization even when they cannot attend events on Penn’s campus, and to act as a pipeline for new TCPW members. The committee focuses on disseminating best practices, providing, planning and producing events for TCPW members in the various regions, affiliated and unaffiliated. We currently have regional committees in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

**TCPW Hosts Interviewing Panel for students**

On January 28th, many eager undergraduates attended what has become an annual “Interview Do’s and Don’ts” event cosponsored by TCPW’s Career Networking Committee and Career Services at Penn. Moderated by Career Networking Co-Chair, Lisa Aldisert, CW75 G75, the panel included Heather Frattone, Associate Dean for Professional Engagement at Penn Law, Jennifer Krevitt, Global Head of Human Capital Management, at Goldman Sachs, Amie Ryno, Senior Manager of University Relations at Comcast, Jasmin Senior, University Relations Intern Program Manager at Comcast and Carley Tableman, Manager of College Relations and Development at Bloomingdale’s. The students peppered the panelists with great questions, many of which centered around how to ask great interview-appropriate questions and how to use LinkedIn more effectively to present themselves.
TCPW 2016 Summer Networking Event Series
Now in its 11th year, TCPW has ambitious goals for our Summer Networking Event series. These events, for rising Penn Junior and Senior women and young Penn alumnae, help Penn women to continue to grow their personal networks and networking skills. We are planning to hold 9 events this year and hope to be able to reach over 750 Penn Women. We are planning events in Boston, Beijing, China, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, DC.
1. Executive Committee
   Current National Board:
   - President: Michael Mariano ‘00
   - Marketing Chair: Ben Watkins ‘13
   - Programming Co-Chair: Ben Huynh ‘14
   - Programming Co-Chair: Paulo Bautista ‘14
   - Finance Chair: Ravi Chaganty ‘09

2. Chapter Leadership
   Our current regional chapter leaders are the same as in November 2015. Please read below for our current initiative to recruit new regional leaders
   - Los Angeles
     - President: Brian Chi ‘10
   - San Francisco
     - President: Ben Alisuag ‘09
   - New York (yPAAN)
     - President: Monica Chen ‘09
     - Class of 2012 board members: Eileen Feng ’12, Karan Dhruve ’12, Shivani Parikh ‘12
     - Class of 2013 board members: Michelle Leong ’13, Kevin Jiang ’13, Tanvir Gopal ‘13
     - Class of 2014 board member: Ankur Goyal ‘14

3. National Initiatives
   - Alumni Programming & Community Building
     - Since our last update in November 2015, our two main current initiatives continue to include identifying new leadership and members for our active and idle regional chapters, as well as strengthening relations with the current APA student community. We are currently working with alumni relations to contact specific individuals who have already expressed interest in leadership positions in our regional chapters.
     - Our New York Chapter, yPAAN, has planned numerous events to reach out to younger alums, as well as current students who will have summer internships in New York. yPAAN events help younger alums transition and adjust to life in New York. Please refer to Section 4 (programming activities) for event details and descriptions.
     - We continue to identify one or two individuals to take on board positions to our national board. We will start reaching out to potential candidates after Alumni Weekend 2015.
Communications

- Since the new executive board took over in May 2015, one of our main initiatives has been strengthening ties and relations with current students. One of our board members, Paulo Bautista Wh’14 has been the main liaison for coordinating with on-campus student groups. The main initiative where UPAAN coordinated with student groups was fundraising for the PAACH (Pan Asian American Community House) 15-year anniversary.

Finance & Fundraising

- In 2015 UPAAN continued raising funds for the UPAAN Public Service Internship Fund and provided a Penn Student, Hoang Ping Nguyen, with $1,500 in funding for summer 2015. UPAAN decided to put the Public Service Internship on hold for 2016.
- UPAAN will work with Alumni Relations and VPUL to determine the best way to manage fundraising and dispersal of funds for the UPAAN Public Service Internship Fund.
- As mentioned in the previous section, UPAAN board members helped fundraise for PAACH’s 15-year anniversary, and this was an opportune time to contact and identify potential donors for UPAAN.

National Board and Chapters

- As discussed in our previous committee report in November 2015, UPAAN saw two of its chapters go idle in Philadelphia and Washington DC. We are currently working with Alumni Relations to reach out to alumni who can revive the regional chapters in Philadelphia and Washington DC, as well as other metropolitan areas, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Boston.

Programming Activities

Alumni Programming & Community Building

- May 16, 2015 | UPAAN | Alumni Weekend Mixer @ Houston Hall
  UPAAN hosted a mixer for all UPAAN members and fellow alums in Benjamin Franklin Room, Houston Hall, during alumni weekend. Total attendance exceeded 60. In addition to facilitating alumni networking and reconnecting with familiar faces, the event allowed us to identify new members and identify potential leaders for our regional chapters. We also introduced our new executive board and thanked our outgoing board members, President Carlin Yuen ’10 and Chair of Alumni Programming Henry Chow ’10.

- August 29, 2015 | yPAAN | 9/11 Museum Visit -As September in New York City approached, our thoughts turned to the 9/11 attacks. As New Yorkers, we felt the need to commemorate the lives lost on this tragic day, so yPAAN hosted an intimate 9/11 Museum and Memorial visit.

- September 9, 2015 | yPAAN | Annual Welcome to NYC Happy Hour @ Bourbon Street -Another year, another batch of new New York City transplants! yPAAN
welcomed the Class of 2015 to the Big Apple with our annual Welcome to NYC Happy Hour on a summer rooftop lounge with delicious drink specials as Penn alumni reconnected with old friends and met new ones.

- **September 24, 2015 | yPAAN | Fall Happy Hour @ Fiddlesticks** - It was that time again when temperatures dropped and sales of pumpkin spice lattes started spiking! To keep the seasonal blues at bay, yPAAN hosted a happy hour to celebrate the new season and to also encourage young alumni to apply to join yPAAN board.

- **October 25, 2015 | yPAAN | Steve Jobs Movie Screening @ AMC Kips Bay** - yPAAN offered discounted tickets to to see the new film 'Steve Jobs', directed by Danny Boyle and starring Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, and Seth Rogan at AMC Kips Bay 15. This film took the audience behind the scenes of the digital revolution, through three iconic Apple product launches.

- **February 21, 2016 | yPAAN | Annual Charity Banquet**

- **March 3, 2016 | yPAAN | yPAAN Does Basement Bhangra with Dr. Srimix!**

- **April 9, 2016 | yPAAN | Holi Brunch/"Encountering Vishnu” Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum**

- **May 14, 2016 | UPAAN | Alumni Weekend Event – Leveling Up Your Career** - UPAAN will lead a discussion about how to tackle different issues in the workplace and how alumni can expand their network with other alumni, faculty, and new graduates from all walks of life. Some of the questions and topics during the discussion will include: How do you make a good first impression on your new boss and coworkers? Interested in potentially changing careers but not sure about how to take the leap? Anxious that your personal network might not be expansive enough? Ever heard of the Bamboo Ceiling and wondering how to break thorough?