Penn Alumni Reports
Committees and School Organizations

Penn Alumni Board of Directors & Council of Representatives Meeting
College Hall, Room 200
Saturday, November 1, 2014
Alumni Class Leadership Council
Submitted by Brett E. Weinheimer, W’00, President

- Comprised of 28 volunteer class leaders representing 8 decades of Penn alumni
- Class President Mentoring Program
  - Ongoing mentoring program for class leadership led by VP Greg Suss, C’75
  - Reaching out to Presidents of every undergraduate class year from 1937 to 2017
  - Updating information and providing support if needed
  - Gauging current level of activity in class
  - Establishing ACLC as point of contact for class leadership
- Alumni Weekend
  - ACLC members assisted Penn staff in various capacities throughout alumni weekend
  - Several Board members served as parade marshals
  - Board members took part in the Commencement Alumni procession
- Penn Reunion Leadership Conference (PRLC)
  - Co-hosted PRLC with Penn Fund Executive Board, Penn Alumni Relations and The Penn Fund, held in September for Classes celebrating their reunions in 2015
- Class elections
- Bylaws and Awards
  - Executive Board continues to review ACLC bylaws and Alumni Awards Process in an effort to update and reflect the current mission of the board to better serve undergraduate classes
- Class Presidents Event
  - Now takes place every other year. Will be held on Feb 27, 2015 in conjunction with the Penn Alumni Volunteer Leadership Retreat. Class Presidents will be invited to attend the Retreat on Feb 28
- Retreat
  
ACL meet every August to plan the year and welcome new members.
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.

Experiential Education
In the 2013-2014 academic year, the Alumni Education department of AR launched experiential education events that will give alumni an opportunity to have a more direct experience with an event or activity combined with an academic interaction with a participating faculty member. The Committee provided feedback on types of events as well as providing information on Penn alumni and other contacts that the Alumni Education department could connect with for the planning of events.

The first event utilizing this format was a behind the scenes look into a Broadway show. Alumni attended the musical “If/Then” at the Richard Rodger Theater in NYC, after which they had a talk-back with the cast and producers, and then a discussion with and talk from professor Cary M. Mazer, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theatre Arts and English.

Coursera and Penn Alumni
A new initiative with Alumni Education was the first private instance of a Coursera course, exclusive to Penn alumni. For the month of October, alumni have participated in Professor Stephanie McCurry’s MOOC History of the Slave South. The AP Committee was consulted to determine the best ways to encourage alumni to sign-up for the course and incentivize them to continue and finish the online course. Ultimately, the committee agreed that a nominal fee should be charged for registration in exchange for a giveaway that included the course readings.

Held from October 6 – November 2, the course included video lectures, online discussion boards, and a special screen-side chat with the professor and one of her teaching assistants. Of the 500 seats advertised for the course, 455 were spoken for in the first day of registration and, because of the overwhelming response, registration was extended to 675 participants. Alumni that participated ranged from the class of 1947 to 2014.

Faculty Award of Merit
The Penn Alumni Faculty Award of Merit was established by Penn Alumni and the Office of the Provost in 2014. It’s presented annually to an individual or group of collaborators that has made an outstanding contribution to alumni education and engagement at Penn by sharing their unique scholarship work with the alumni community. The 2014 recipient was Dean Afaf Meleis of Penn Nursing.

The 2015 selection process is underway, with a total of 6 nominations being submitted by this year’s deadline of October 15th. The APC is currently reviewing the nominations, and will be selecting the award recipient during the first week of December. The winner of the Faculty Award will receive a $2,500 cash prize and a formal citation during the Penn Alumni Volunteer Leadership Retreat in February of 2015.
Association of Alumnae  
Submitted by Tammy Khieu, W’94, President

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

The Association of Alumnae spent the majority of 2014 restructuring its governance to ensure that it suits the Association’s needs as we move into a new era. We updated our mission statement (please see above) and created a list of goals to further define our mission. We then reorganized our committee structure around those goals. Alumnae may now choose from amongst six committees:

- **Communications**: The Communications Committee will promote the image and programs of the Association. For example:
  - Submit content to the website about the Association’s activities and programs
  - Contribute content ideas and write articles for the A of A online newsletter, assist with distribution
  - Update social media
  - Contribute to Penn Alumni Frankly Penn Blog

- **Finance**: The Finance Committee will prepare and supervise the annual budget. For example:
  - Make recommendations to the Board for the disposition of all funds
  - Collaborate with the Programming committee on fundraising events and activities

- **Governance**: The Governance Committee will consist of members who:
  - Nominate Officers and Directors
  - Collaborate on membership and the volunteer leadership pipeline
  - Ensure the By-laws and other rules governing the organization are refreshed and amended as appropriate

- **Outreach**: The Outreach Committee will encourage and cultivate alumnae participation in the activities of the Association. For example:
  - Coordinate and collaborate efforts with the Office of University Life and Student and Alumni groups
  - Respond to alumnae inquiries
  - Ensure representation of alumnae at all Association of Alumnae events

- **Programming**: The Programming Committee will create and manage A of A programming. This Committee will consist of two chairs: Social and Educational. Duties will be to:
  - Organize and oversee annual signature event
  - Conceive of, organize, promote, and attend activities for, and of interest to, Penn alumnae
  - Collaborate with the Finance Committee on programs and activities

- **Recognition Awards**: The Awards Committee will manage the award processes and recognition of recipients. For example:
  - Collaborate with University administrators to gather the selection of annual A of A award recipients
- Oversee and manage Awards Program each spring in conjunction with Programming Committee
- Maintain contact with current and past Association of Alumnae award recipients
- Prepare nomination submissions for awards given by other organizations

It is our hope that by offering a wide array of committees, Alumnae will be enticed to join the committee(s) that best matches their interests, knowledge and talents. **Committee work is what will enable the A of A to achieve its mission and propel us forward.** To that end, all board members are expected to join at least one committee. The A of A also has two vice presidents that provide committee oversight, with each VP being responsible for three committees.

We also restructured our meeting timetable for 2014-15. Rather than holding five extended meetings per year, we are now scheduling ten focused meetings. Each meeting will focus on a social program, an educational program or a business meeting. We believe this will encourage greater participation from alumnae while also promoting more meaningful involvement with the A of A.

A major project that we plan to undertake is organizing a fundraiser for Spring 2015. Our past fundraisers have been highly successful, offering our attendees a unique social event with an educational component such as a behind-the-scenes look at the Pennsylvania Ballet with insight from Artistic Director, Roy Kaiser. The money we raise will help fund the Rosemary D. Mazzatenta Scholars Award, a monetary award which helps defray the costs of research projects undertaken by outstanding undergraduate women.

We are also looking to replicate the huge success of our 2013 Colloquium, “Women Shaping a Better Tomorrow”. Three esteemed speakers presented a 10-minute TED Style Talk and participated in a Q&A session that prompted fascinating interaction between the speakers themselves. The A of A then hosted a post-panel reception to further engage all attendees. We are planning to make the Colloquium an annual, signature event.

The A of A has other traditions for which it is known, including:
- Book Awards Program – we sponsor books awarded to select high school juniors and invite other alumni clubs and alumni to do the same. The books are a timeless reminder of Penn.
  * Wine and Cheese Reception during Senior Week – we sponsor this very popular event for graduating senior women with The Trustees’ Council of Penn Women.
  * Annual Awards Dinner – we present several awards to exceptional female students, both undergraduate and graduate, who have demonstrated accomplishments such as outstanding athletics, innovative research, or superior leadership.

As the A of A moves forward, we will continue to instill the next generation of alumnae with the same sense of pride and passion exhibited by our past and current members.
I. Events
This year the Diversity Alliance decided to combine efforts for a large collaborative event instead of having individual events at the same time. The hope is to garner more attendance for this one event versus scant attendance at individual events. This combined effort also takes the stress off of individuals who identify with or have an interest in the other affinity groups because they don’t have to pick one event over another.

We are excited to present:

**CHOPPED**
*THE HEALTH EDITION*

In this episode, five chefs - representing the Penn Alumni Diversity Alliance: Association of Native Alumni, Association of Latino Alumni, Black Alumni Society, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alumni Association, and University of Pennsylvania Asian Alumni Network - bring their culinary prowess before a panel of four expert judges for a grand prize. Come, watch, and taste the fun. Refreshments will be provided.

**Saturday, November 1st**
4:00-6:00pm
Kings Court English House
3465 Sansom St. Philadelphia, PA 19104

During **Alumni Weekend 2014**, Dr. Emilio A. Parrado, Penn Professor of Sociology and Director of Latin America and Latino Studies Program, led a panel discussion with David C. Bennion, Philadelphia-based immigration lawyer, and Diana Estefanía Estrada Álamo, C’15, an undocumented undergraduate and student activist, about the need for meaningful immigration reform and the factors contributing to the lack of dialogue in Congress and elsewhere in the United States. Issues covered included how this inertia impacts numerous important political and social issues, including the voter base, the policies toward children born to undocumented immigrants, the DREAM Act and mass deportations.

Co-sponsored by La Casa Latina and the Latino Coalition, the panel discussion was a vivid and passionate discussion from three important perspectives: from the academician who has done
extensive research on the matter, from the lawyer who had defended a number of Penn undergraduates and hundreds others both in the United States and Mexico, and from the student who deals with the consequences of this inertia. Estrada Álamo, in particular, was open and honest about her experience of coming to the United States as a young child and growing up in the Seattle area without documentation.

II. La Casa Latina and Latino Coalition
ALA continues strengthening its bond with La Casa Latina. Several board members joined the staff, students, and President Amy Gutmann on September 19, 2014 to celebrate 15 remarkable years of the Center for Hispanic Excellence. As President of ALA, Jasmine Pérez had the pleasure of presenting Maritza Santiago-Torres with a scrapbook of photos and the favorite memories students have shared with her during her time at Penn as she is the glue and the foundation that has kept La Casa thriving throughout the years. It was a wonderful event and we look forward to celebrating many more milestones in the future.

ALA is hoping to reinstate ALA Office Hours with the help of local alumni in the Spring semester.

III. ALA Emergency Fund and other undergraduate aid
Despite Penn’s outstanding efforts to increase undergraduate financial aid, some students still face economic problems of varying levels. In the past, many of our requests were centered on help with payments for utilities or rent. Recently requests have been related to computers that have crashed or burned out. The ALA Emergency Fund has recently awarded three grants to replace computers for a few of the most active and influential Latino students on campus.

IV. Outstanding seniors in the Class of ‘14
ALA was overwhelmed with joy this past May as the university recognized several of our Latino undergraduates for their service and commitment.

ALA selected Catalina Angélica Ramos, C ’14 as our 2014 ALA Student Leadership Award Recipient for her unwavering commitment to the Latino community at Penn and within the surrounding Philadelphia area. The daughter of Pedro Ramos, C ’87, and Rafaela Torres, C ’89,
both founding members of ALA, Catalina is the first child of Latino alumni to be honored with the ALA Student Leadership Award.

Tania Chairez W’14 was awarded the R. Jean Brownlee Award, a Senior Honor Award. Gionni Ponce C’ 14 was awarded the Penn Student Agencies Award. Julio German Arias Castillo C’ 14 W’14 was awarded the Penn Alumni Student Award of Merit. Carolina Angel C’ 14 was awarded the Trustee’s Council of Penn Women Student Leadership Award.

V. Goals
We have several things we are working on in an effort to increase membership and actively engage alumni. Some of our goals are to update our EF application and guidelines; fundraise for our scholarship and emergency fund; finish updating our bylaws; develop an ALA list serve; develop a membership form; establish a board member contract; and enhance our relationship with the Greenfield Intercultural Center – to name a few!
Awards and Resolutions Committee
Submitted by Susan Danilow, CW’74, G’74, Chair

The Awards and Resolutions Committee met earlier in the calendar year to review the nominations for the Student Award of Merit, the Alumni Award of Merit and the Young Alumni Award. Each Committee member was provided with detailed information on the candidates, electronically.

We received an impressive number of nominations for the Student Award of Merit. After a lengthy discussion, the following five members of the Class of 2014 were chosen to receive the award:

Julio German Arias Castillo, C’14, W’14
Dau Jok, C’14
Daniel Judd, ENG’14, W’14
Jodi Miller, C’14
Will Smith, C’14

The Student Awards of Merit were presented at the annual Ivy Day Award Ceremony, held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 4pm in College Hall. The event was inspirational and well attended, with fellow students, family and alumni there to celebrate the student honorees.

The Committee met a second time in order to review nominations for the Alumni Award of Merit and Young Alumni Award. After review of the qualifications of a robust pool of candidates and thoughtful discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to present 2014 Alumni Awards of Merit to:

John C.T. Alexander, W’56
William L. Derby, C’61, WG’65
James S. Riepe, W’65, WG’67, Hon’10
Denise Green Winner, W’83

The Committee also reviewed nominations for the Young Alumni Award. The Committee unanimously selected Nicole Oddo, C’05 and Warren Wang, ENG’00, W’00 as the recipients.

The Alumni Awards of Merit and the Young Alumni Awards were presented at the Annual Alumni Award of Merit Gala, which was held on Friday, October 31, 2014.

The Committee also voted unanimously to present a Commendation to Doris Cochran-Fikes, CW’72 for her outstanding service to the University as an alumna. Her Commendation was presented at an on-campus ceremony on September 18, 2014, with over 100 guests in attendance.

I would like to thank the Committee members who devoted considerable time and thoughtful insight in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities on this Committee. They are:

Joan Lau, ENG’92 WG’08
Ira Harkavy, C ’70, GR ’79
As stated in the by-laws of Penn Alumni, members of the Awards and Resolutions Committee serve a five year term. With that said, we would like to thank Lela Jacobsohn, Jerry Riesenbach and Peter Shoemaker for all of their hard work and service in helping to choose the awardees over the past several years.

Based on these updates, joining me on the committee for the 2014-2015 year are the following members:

Ed Anderson, C’65, M’69 (new member)
Joan Lau, ENG’92 WG’08
Ira Harkavy, C ’70, GR ’79
Lolita Jackson, ENG’89
Larry Nussdorf, W’68
Joseph Rascoff, W’67 (new member)
Julie Beren Platt, C’79
Patricia Braun Silvers, CW’71
Brett Weinheimer, W’00 (new member)

Nominations for the 2015 Alumni Award of Merit and Young Alumni Award are currently being accepted. Please visit the following website for more information and to submit a nomination: http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/pennonominations

You may also submit a letter of nomination to Trina Middleton, Director of Penn Alumni Board Services at trinalm@upenn.edu. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 6, 2015.
Benchmarking Committee
Submitted by Dana Michael W’82 and Lindsay Napor McLean ENG’98, WG’05, Co-chairs

Committee Members
Dana Michael
Lindsay McLean
Paul Zantinger
Robert Bliss

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

Peer Institution Board Structure Benchmarking
The survey was sent during the last fiscal year and four responses were received. They were well thought out and contained some interesting insights for Alumni Relations and Penn Alumni.

Attached to the committee report is a one page summary of the survey. The full survey responses are available upon request.

Penn Alumni Coursera Survey
Lindsay McLean and Dana Michael worked with Alyssa D'Alconzo of Alumni Relations to develop a survey to go out to participants in the October 6th to November 2nd Penn Alumni Coursera course. This course on "History of the Slave South" was taught by Penn Professor Stephanie McCurry and was offered exclusively to Penn Alumni. It was an intensive four week version of the popular ten week Coursera offering. As an encouragement for Penn Regional Alumni Clubs to host participant groups, Dr. McCurry will visit the club that had the most active group of alumni.

The survey was designed to focus on the benefits that this course had for alumni that enrolled as well as the alumni network overall. The survey will be built out in Qualtrics and sent in early November while the experience is fresh in participants' minds.

If you would like a copy of the survey, please contact Dana Michael or Lindsay McLean.
Alumni Continuing Engagement Benchmarking

The Committee and Alumni Relations discussed doing a follow-up to last year's Board Survey. The focus will be to find out what peer schools do to keep alumni engaged when their volunteer terms are complete. We have suggested adding Stanford and Princeton to the list of schools to contact due to their high levels of alumni engagement. Background work will be done on this prior to the February 2015 Penn Alumni Leadership retreat where it will be discussed by the full committee.

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 co-chairs Lindsay McLean or Dana Michael
DEAN’S ALUMNI COUNCIL UPDATE

The Dean’s Alumni Council met on Friday, May 16 at New Bolton Center. The meeting agenda included a lameness evaluation in the EPEF, a talk by Dr. Dean Richardson and Patrick Reilly on “Supporting Limb Laminitis”, a Foal Cam update, a Dean’s Update, Project Group Meetings and productive roundtable topic driven discussions. The next meeting will take place on November 21 during the SCAVMA Auction which raises funds for student activities.

The DAC is comprised of 44 members appointed by the Dean. The current working project groups are Communications & Social Media, Speakers Bureau, Student Interaction & Events, Alumni Events & Networking, Class Agents, Awards, Governmental Relations, and the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

RECENT EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Alumni Weekend 2014 was held May 16 & 17. Friday evening events included the Dean’s Reception at Allam House and class year dinners around Kennett Square. New this year was the Pioneer Dinner held conveniently on the New Bolton Center campus for the 50th, 55th, 60th, and 65th reunion classes. Also new this year was the Saturday Jazz Brunch complete with live jazz music held in the Hill Pavilion. The event featured tours of the Ryan Hospital, brunch, video presentations, and personalized luggage tag making.

The 4th Year Class and the Alumni Office worked together to plan the annual 4th Year Sendoff Celebration. This event held on May 5 on the grounds at New Bolton Center was the second annual event that was started with the Class of 2013 as a way to celebrate the transition from student to alumni status. The Alumni Office provided a hot lunch, gifts (business card holders), a sheet cake congratulating the new class, and a champagne toast with the 4th year class providing music and games.

The Alumni Office is developing an Alumni Stewardship Program to be implemented in FY15 consisting of the following components:

- Alumni Volunteer & Donor Stewardship (Thanking & Recognizing)
- Alumni Volunteer Engagement (Choices & Options)
- Alumni Interaction (Bring them back to Penn Vet & Bring Penn Vet to them)
- Alumni Identification (contact/work information for VMDs, Interns, Residents)

In July, the alumni office hosted an Alumni Reception at the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference (AVMA) at a restaurant in Denver, Colorado. In August, an alumni reception was held at the Hershey Lodge for the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association Keystone Veterinary Conference.
The Penn Vet Alumni Office is preparing the **Penn Annual Conference** that will take place on March 11 & 12, 2015 with wetlabs on March 13. This will be the 115th Penn Annual Conference.

Recruitment is underway for a planning committee of alumni to help plan the **2015 Alumni Fall Family Picnic**. The 2015 Fall event will be held in conjunction with Parents & Partners Weekend to allow for the first year student and their family members to participate and interact with alumni.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **October 17 & 18**: Parents & Partners Weekend
- **November 7**: White Coat Ceremony – DAC members hand out alumni pins
- **November 21**: Dean’s Alumni Council Meeting
- **November 21**: SCAVMA Auction
- **December 8**: Alumni Reception at AAEP in Salt Lake City, UT
- **January 18**: NAVC Alumni Reception, Orlando
- **March 11-13, 2015**: 115th Penn Annual Conference, Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia
- **May 15, 2015**: Dean’s Alumni Council Spring Meeting
- **May 15-16, 2015**: Alumni Weekend & Reunions

Alumni Weekend- Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 4 PM-6 PM- Houston Hall, Class of '49 Auditorium

The arts have been an integral part of the social justice struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history, including the Civil Rights Movement. Artists like Harry Belafonte, Amiri Baraka, Max Roach, and Nina Simone utilized their public platform to support and highlight the struggles of African Americans during the Civil Rights movement. In honor of the 50th anniversary of signing of the Civil Rights Act, join the Black Alumni Society and James Peterson, GR’03, Director of Africana Studies at Lehigh University and founder of Hip Hop Scholars, LLC in a panel discussion with Airea D. Matthews, C’94, award-winning poet and performer and a Helen Zell post-graduate fellow at the University of Michigan; Stephanie Renee, W’91, program director and radio personality at WURD Radio; and Joshua Bennett, C’10, award-winning performance poet and Marshall Scholar on why social justice is an integral part of their artistic work.

Penn Relay Weekend: “Passing the Baton”
Saturday, April 26, 2014- 10am – 12pm, Sweeten Alumni House

The Black Alumni Society (BAS) hosted its Annual Brunch on the Saturday of Penn Relays Weekend. Over 75 Alumni gathered on campus for great food, fellowship and fun. This annual event allows BAS to inform members on how they can become involved in the society’s many worthy events. BAS invites other diversity groups to participate and introduces the James Brister Society’s Student & Faculty Leadership Award Recipient.
Celebrating the Black Experience at Penn
Homecoming Weekend Saturday, November 9, 2013, 2pm – 4pm- Claudia Cohen Terrance Room

The Black Alumni Society (BAS) hosted a reception honoring four University Institutions which celebrate and strengthen Black culture on campus. BAS through its “Living Legends” Gift Fund made $2000 donations to The Africana Studies Center, Makuu-Black Culture Center, W.E.B. DuBois College House and the African American Resource Center. It was an afternoon of entertaining stimulation.

Honoring Living Legends- June 2015

In June 2015 the Black Alumni Society will host its annual “Living Legends” Reception. Each year, the reception highlights the accomplishments of one prominent Black Penn Alumna or Alumnus from each of the 12 Schools of the University, who have made major contributions in their fields of endeavor, their communities and the world.

Homecoming – Saturday, November 1, 2014

Reparations in the 21st Century
A conversation about the relevance of reparations, given the historical linkages to Black community underdevelopment, and ways in which such an undertaking can be realized.

Co-hosted by
the Black Alumni Society and Makuu: The Black Cultural Center.

Focus on Food Culture
Connecting the food economy to labor, culture, economics and social-economic status

Moderator
Dr. Clem Harris
Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

Panelists
Dr. John Boyd
President, National Black Farmworkers

Ms. Tonya Hopkins
Food Griot, Independent Food Scholar, Culinary Historian

Dr. Brian Peterson
Director, Makuu: The Black Cultural Center

Ms. Victoria Ford
C’ 15
Global Alumni Network Advisory Board  
Submitted by Nicole Oddo, C’05, Chair

The Regional Clubs Advisory Board continues to be active and looking to better engage our regional club leaders. We are looking forward to working together throughout the year and have established quarterly calls and a more formal structure to make sure we best serve the regional clubs community. If anyone has suggestions for webinars or would like to connect with our regional clubs, please contact Nicole Oddo, neo@alumni.upenn.edu or Tara Davies, Director of Regional Clubs at daviest@upenn.edu. Here are a few of our efforts.

**Mentoring/ Webinars**
Recognizing that our alumni are leading groups across the world, we have developed webinars for our mentoring efforts (that are shown live and recorded for future viewing). In September 2014, we hosted two programs on social media presented by Kiera Reilly C’94 and assisted by Belinda Buscher C’92, Co-President of the Penn Alumni Club of Seattle with around 50 attendees. We will have several topics geared at all clubs and some specifically targeted for large or small markets in the next year.

**ACAM Task Force**
Our ACAM committee, led by Gary Survis W’86, PAR’14, PAR’17, Former President of the Penn Alumni Club of Metro New Jersey, will be looking at best practices for evaluating clubs for the award. They will look to other peer institutions and other voting practices for awards and organizations. Gary will be working with Cheryl Greenstein C’87, W’87, L’90, and Ryan McCaw GFA’06, GCP’07, GFA’07.

**Partners with Penn Task Force**
The Partners with Penn form is an annual requirement for club leaders to complete to ensure that Alumni Relations has the most up to date information about clubs, their leadership, successes, and challenges. While the form is now electronic, it is still a lengthy process for our smaller clubs and we are looking to develop two tiers of reporting and better outreach to get better participation from our volunteer leaders. This group will be led by our former Chair, Ben Craine W’65 and he will work with Dov Hoch C’96, Belinda Buscher C’92, and John Vosmek C’61.

**International Committee**
Dov Hoch, President of the Penn Club of Israel, and Sin Wei Ong, of the Penn & Wharton Club of Singapore, are working to build best practices for our international clubs and contacts. In some of our larger alumni markets, we are looking to better connect study abroad students so that they can see how great the Penn Alumni community is all over the world.
New York Historical Society “Black Fives” Exhibit

On June 5, JBS hosted a guided tour of “The Black Fives” exhibit at the New-York Historical Society Museum & Library. This exhibition covered the pioneering history of the African American basketball teams that existed in New York City and elsewhere from the early 1900s through 1950, the year the National Basketball Association became racially integrated. The event was well-attended, and began with welcoming remarks by JBS co-chair Dean Henry, and Trustee and JBS member Susan Danilow who arranged for the event. The group was divided evenly to provide tours with a more intimate experience. The enlightening and engaging tours were personally led by Black Fives Foundation (www.blackfives.org) President & Executive Director Claude Johnson. Attendees included Trustee Lee Spelman Doty, and former Penn basketball players Walt Frazier, Jr and Carl Robbins. The event provided an opportunity for JBS members and prospective members to gather in an informal setting and learn about an interesting piece of history that was unknown to many of the attendees.

Fall 2014 General Membership Meeting and Faculty of Color Reception

The Fall 2014 JBS meeting was once again held over a two day period and featured an agenda tied to Penn’s “Year of Health” theme. It began Friday afternoon, October 3rd with a tour of the cultural centers at the newly renovated ARCH: Makuu (the Black Cultural Center), PAACH (the Pan Asian American Community House) and La Casa Latina (the center for Hispanic Excellence). The tour was followed by a presentation by Michael J Baime, MD, Founder and Director, Penn Program for Mindfulness. Dr. Baime’s talk on “Mindfulness: Stress Management and Coping Skills for Work and Life” was insightful and equally relevant to alumni, faculty, staff and students. Following the presentation, we adjourned to travel to a Faculty of Color Reception, a JBS signature event that allowed attendees to meet faculty of color from across Penn’s schools and disciplines. The evening concluded with an optional gathering at Pod, where members continued to network informally.

Day two began with a timely panel discussion entitled “Mental Health for Students of Color at Penn”, moderated by Valerie Allen, LSW, DSW, Director of Penn’s African-American Resource Center. This panel featured Meeta Kumar, PhD, Director of Outreach and Prevention at Penn Counseling and Psychological Services; The Reverend Charles L. Howard, PhD, University of Pennsylvania Chaplain; and two current Penn students.

The final session, “Penn Impacting Health Today”, featured a presentation by Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, APRN, entitled “The Fire in Your Belly: Research as Advocacy in the Academy”. The talk highlighted her research which is aimed towards addressing social injustices across the globe.

The General Membership meeting then began with a University update by Penn Vice President and University Secretary Leslie Kruhly, followed by an activity update by JBS co-chair Gil Casellas, and committee chair updates, and concluded with committee breakout sessions.
Upcoming Activities

JBS continues to reach out to prospective members to increase its ranks, and planning additional events that are engaging for its members and prospective members. For example, we are planning to co-sponsor another event at the New York Historical Society Museum and Library with UPAAN (the University of Pennsylvania Asian Alumni Network) on December 17th entitled “Chinese American: Inclusion / Exclusion.”

We have found the two day meeting format, featuring formal and informal events on day one, followed by a second day featuring informative content, a University update, and general membership meeting and committee breakouts, has been well-received by attendees. The date for our Spring meeting has already been set for April 10th & 11th.
Penn Dental Medicine Alumni Society Executive Committee Report
Submitted by: Sarah Burton, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving on behalf of Dr. Lee Durst D’83, President of the Penn Dental Medicine Alumni Society Executive Committee

It is my pleasure to serve as the President of the Penn Dental Medicine Alumni Society. We are pleased to report the following updates:

✓ Alumni Society Executive Committee

- The following alumni have accepted their invitation to serve as members-at-large of the Executive Committee: Judy Bendit, DH’81; Stefani Cheung, C’08, D’11; Gail Spiegel Cohen, C’76, D’86; Alyssa Marlin Greenberg, D’02; Wendy Halpern, D’99, GD’02, GD’03; Eric Spieler, D’84; Daniel Tibbetts, D’11; along with former Executive Student Council President, Trevan Samp, D’14; and former Class President, Seyar Baqi, D’14. This year marks the fourth year the Committee has acknowledged and nominated the graduating Class President and/or Executive Student Council President in recognition of their service and interest in continuing to engage young alumni.

- This year the Executive Committee has reinstituted sub-committees of the board which include Alumni Events, Alumni Student Connections, Annual Fund, Continuing Education, Nominating and Reunion to better engage all members. Each member of the Executive Committee is required in accordance with the by-laws to participate on a sub-committee.

- This year, young alumni members of the Committee are forming a “Young Alumni Interest Group,” a subset of the Alumni Society, to discuss issues pertaining to recent graduates as well as opportunities for engagement. [See additional notes under Alumni Relations section]

✓ Awards & Recognition

- Since our last meeting we hosted a successful celebration of our alumni award of merit recipients, Doctors David Tai-Man Shen, D’79, GD’81 and David Tarica, D’83, during the Reunion Class Dinner at the 2014 Penn Dental Medicine Alumni Weekend. Drs. Shen and Tarica received the Alumni Award of Merit in recognition of their love for and loyalty to the School of Dental Medicine, excellence in the profession of dentistry and community involvement. The award is given to those graduates who have maintained their ties with the School through their support of alumni activities, who have demonstrated leadership in the dental profession, and who have fostered and maintained the ideals that the School of Dental Medicine has stood for since its founding.
• Also at the Reunion Class Dinner during the 2014 Penn Dental Medicine Alumni Weekend, the Alumni Society also recognized Dr. Thomas Sollecito, D’89, GD’91 with the distinguished 2014 Thomas Evans Achievement Award. This award is the highest award of recognition at Penn Dental Medicine, honoring alumni who have shown innovation, excellence and leadership in the profession of oral health care nationally and internationally.

✓ Student Outreach & Mentoring

• On November 3, the Committee supported a student-alumni networking event at The Union League of Philadelphia in partnership with the Penn Dental Medicine Executive Student Council and the Office of Alumni Relations and Development. This event marked the sixth “Now & Later: A Student-Alumni Networking Event” for the School and brought together an incredible group of current students, Penn Dental Medicine Board of Overseers and Alumni Society Executive Committee Members, in addition to local alumni for an evening of networking.

✓ Alumni Relations

• The Penn Dental Medicine Alumni Weekend 2014 was a huge success. We had over 230 alumni and guests return to campus for a weekend filled with educational programs and class reunion festivities.

• Many exciting regional events will be taking place this year. These events help bring together Penn Dental Medicine alumni throughout the country and reconnect them with the School. Since the new academic year, Penn Dental Medicine has kicked off a new series of “Town Hall Meetings” with Dean Denis Kinane to update alumni on the state of the School as well as introduce the Evan’s Building Centennial Renaissance Campaign. To date, Town Hall Meetings have been held in Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boca Raton, and Washington D.C. Also this year, the Office of Alumni Relations has formally kicked off the “2014-2015 Alumni Lecture Series” with speaker Dr. Michael Norton on October 30 – over 150 alumni registered for this free Continuing Education series.

✓ The Annual Fund

• On June 30, Penn Dental Medicine closed the books on fiscal year 2014 with the support of over 1,000 donors and over $560,000 in annual gifts – a 19% increase in gifts over fiscal year 2013.

• The Penn Dental Annual Giving Program is pleased to be partnering with the Penn Student Calling Program on-campus again this year. Calling efforts kicked off in late summer and will continue through the fiscal year (June 30). This year, the School also has its first student caller – a 4th year Dental student!
• The Annual Fund’s first (of two) mailed appeal letters is dropping to alumni at the beginning of November with calendar year end appeals sent electronically beginning in mid-December.

• The 2014 Honor Roll of Donors will be published in the Penn Dental Medicine Journal this fall, as well as online via the Dental School’s alumni website at www.dental.upenn.edu/alumni.
Penn Engineering Alumni Society
Submitted by Matthew Quale, ENG’98, President

The core tenants of the EAS include:

- Fostering networking between the undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students and alumni
- Encouraging networking to connect Penn Engineering Alumni to one another
- Reinforcing the bond between Penn Engineering Alumni and the School of Engineering and Applied Science

To execute on these important goals, the EAS is organized into a dedicated 6 person executive leadership board, upwards of 8 Past Presidents, 12 Directors, and 6 Associate Directors who attend 9 monthly meetings on campus. Through the powerful 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.

While it is still early in the academic year, the Engineering Alumni Society has been quite busy with annual planning and less formal events on campus. A brief summary of our activities plan is below:

**Programming for Students**

- Several members of the EAS supported the annual Engineering Career Awareness Day (ECAD) and fall recruiting efforts through their firms and as volunteers for the engineering mock interviews.
- The EAS is working with student organizations to support events tied to the student majors throughout the academic year.
- The EAS will continue to mentor undergraduate students. This relationship, formed early in the academic cycle, encourages students to leverage alumni as a resource and exposes them to the wide variety of career options available to Penn Engineers. As mentioned above, this has also been expanded to include a Second-year Externship program.
- Graduate students are on campus for a significantly more concentrated period of time. The brevity of their time on campus allows for fewer opportunities to interact. Therefore, the board is planning to partner with Alumni Relations to hold the 5th Annual Graduate/Alumni mixer in the spring.
- The EAS will again be hosting a panel event for students to learn about the current laws and practices around patents.
- Annually, the Senior Design presentation allows the EAS to recognize and award teams of the brightest SEAS students. Alumni are also invited to visit campus to serve as judges and witness the current research that is being championed at Penn.
- Membership in the EAS is free and automatically extended to all Penn Engineering graduates post-graduation. Once again, the EAS will issue a congratulatory note to the graduating students and encourage them to get involved.
• The graduate engineering student BBQ will be held in July 2015 for upwards of 400+ graduate and PhD level students.

Programming for Engineering Alumni
• The reach of EAS is most clearly quantified through a quick check on our extended membership base. In just the past year, the Linked In membership has once again grown to over 3250 members! EAS Facebook membership has also grown to over 350 members in the past year.
• A dedicated team continues to update & maintain the EAS website with photographs, video, and other content relevant to the alumni community.
• In order to stay connected with the latest happenings in the engineering space, the EAS invites university faculty and administrators to hold short lectures for the board following three of our meetings each year.
• The engineering school was proud to publicly dedicate the Krishna P. Singh Center for Nanotechnology on October 4th, 2013. Tours for this amazing new facility during Homecoming weekend area already overbooked.

Programming for Alumni & PENN
• On the 1st of November, the EAS will host a Homecoming Post Game reception. Based on existing registrations, an anticipated 100 - 125 alumni and guests will gather in the Levine Lobby to celebrate our anticipated victory.
• For the third year, Penn Engineering Alumni will be invited back to campus to sit in on a lecture prior to the November Board Meeting. We promise there will NOT be a test at the end of the lecture, but based on feedback from last year’s class, the alumni will all leave wide-eyed and motivated by what is happening today at Penn.
• During Alumni weekend, the EAS gathers in the Engineering tent on Hill field to present the annual giving proceeds to President Amy Gutmann.
• Lastly, the D. Robert Yarnall Award presents an opportunity for the board to recognize alumni who have excelled in their chosen field and as an alumnus through their relationship with the university. The submissions for the prestigious D. Robert Yarnall Award have been accepted and are currently under evaluation. We look forward to awarding a distinguished alumnus with the award in the spring.

The 2013-2014 Executive EAS Board includes representation from SEAS classes from 1959 to 2007:
• President – Matt Quale, CBE
• Vice President – Stan Warchaizer, EE
• Vice President – Russ Miller, EE
• Vice President – Alan Schuktzm ME
• Secretary – Seville Mannickarottu, EE
• Treasurer – Jason Rifkin, GEN
The Penn Fund Executive Board  
Submitted by JoAnn Harmon Hitt, W’83, Chair

Mission/Organization
The Penn Fund Executive Board (PFEB) is comprised of 42 alumni, all of whom donate to The Penn Fund at the BFS level. Alumni typically serve a three year term which can be renewed once for a second three year term. The mission of the Board is to support and work with The Penn Fund staff in soliciting donations and increasing alumni participation in The Penn Fund, the unrestricted undergraduate annual giving fund of the University. The Board has 4 subcommittees: BFS/Scholarships, Participation/Ivy Stone Society, Stewardship/Engagement and Young Alumni. The full Board meets twice per year – once on campus and once at the Penn Club in NYC. The Executive Committee of the Board (Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Chairs) also convenes in January to assess the first half of the fiscal year and make plans for the second half.

Current Fiscal Year
The PFEB had its first meeting of the year on campus on October 2nd. Approximately 25 members were in attendance. Our lunch speaker was GSE Professor, Dr. Marybeth Gasman. Dr. Gasman spoke about her research as it relates to engaging alumni of color in higher education philanthropy.

Prior to Dr. Gasman’s presentation, Dr. Gutmann spoke to the Board about the financial state of the University. She emphasized that the money raised by the Penn Fund is a “living” endowment that can be spent annually to meet the University’s budget needs. Penn would have to add over $600 million to its permanent endowment to produce the annual budget funds (5% spend rate) provided by the Penn Fund. She noted that Penn’s operating budget (including revenue from The Penn Fund) covers approximately 75% of the University’s financial aid budget.

The meeting concluded following working sessions for each of the subcommittees and reports and remarks from both Kris Davitt, Assistant V.P. for Undergraduate Programs and Colin Hennessy, Executive Director of the Penn Fund.

The Penn Fund’s goal for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is to raise $31.5 million from 27,000 alumni donors, a 26% participation rate from alumni. Last fiscal year, the Penn Fund raised nearly $31.6 million from 26,677 alumni donors, a 25.5% participation rate. Some large non-recurring gifts were received last fiscal year which is why the dollar goal has not increased. We ask that all members of the Penn Alumni Board make at least a participatory level gift to The Penn Fund.

The Board’s next full meeting is scheduled for April 14th in NYC immediately preceding the Scholarship gala.
PennGALA
Submitted by Chris McAdams, GAR’12 and Lex Ruby Howe, C’07, Co-chairs

PennGALA has embarked upon a series of initiatives this year aimed at expanding our regional base, connecting current students and alumni, and fostering Penn pride in all our alumni members. As the year draws to a close, we are continuing to work towards our plan for sustainability, diversity, and inclusion across our membership.

Alumni Weekend 2014
During Alumni Weekend 2014 in May, PennGALA was thrilled to pepper the schedule with events and programs for its Alumni constituents and guests including a Happy Hour in Center City Philadelphia (Stir Bar), and a “Penn’s LGBT Community Through the Ages” retrospective in which alumni were encouraged to bring and share LGBT-related memorabilia from their time at Penn. It was a wonderful weekend.

Homecoming Weekend 2014
This Homecoming, PennGALA is excited to organize and participate in the following events:

- Diversity Alliance Celebration (10/23)
- PennGALA and Lambda Grads Happy Hour at City Tap House (10/31)
- PennGALA and Lambda Alliance Speed-Mentoring Event at the LGBT Center (11/1)
- Chopped: The Health Edition (11/1)

Regional Events
Since our last report, PennGALA has successfully expanded its regional programming to a number of cities that historically have not received significant attention from the organization. Cities that now have regional event coordinators include:

- Chicago (Meg Hlousek and Courtney Dayno)
- Fort Lauderdale (How Diamond)
- Miami (Steve Deitsch)
- New York (Ryan Hayward)
- Seattle (Matthew Manarski)

One of our major goals is continue expanding PennGALA’s quality regional programming. For 2015 and the remainder of 2014, we will focus on establishing or strengthening our presence in the following cities:

- Atlanta
- Boston
The following are just a few examples of the exciting regional programming PennGALA has been able to organize over the past year:

- Women-specific networking in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco
- All-Ivy Latin LGBT event in New York
- An intercollegiate mixer at the nation's first LGBT Bollywood bar in San Francisco
- An all-Ivy house party hosted by PennGALA Steering Committee member Chris McAdams
- The Penn-Yale Pride Party in New York City
- An all-Ivy summer party hosted by PennGALA member Greg Seaney followed by Jazz in the Park
- Intercollegiate alumni hiking in Runyon Canyon Park in Los Angeles
- An all-Ivy summer party hosted by PennGALA Steering Committee member Marianne Mondt
- A meet and greet with Tony award-winning producer Jayne Baron Sherman in Fort Lauderdale at the home of Penn alumnus How Diamond
- An all-Ivy fall event at the Seattle Art Museum (11/20) co-hosted by PennGALA

**QPenn 2014**

On Thursday of QPenn Week, Penn’s annual week celebrating everything LGBTQA, PennGALA and Lambda Grads (the graduate LGBTQ organization on campus) co-sponsored a social event for students and Philadelphia-based alumni on campus at City Tap House. We were delighted to receive over 50 attendees for drinks, snacks, and wonderful conversation. This event has become a tradition, and provided a great opportunity for alumni to connect with both undergraduate and graduate students, and we hope to continue the tradition next year.

**Newsletters**

Last year PennGALA established a robust communications schedule in conjunction with Alumni Relations. We sent quarterly newsletters to our Alumni subscribers, with information from both undergraduate and graduate student groups, updates from the LGBT Center staff, and profiles of alumni, faculty, and current undergraduates. These newsletters also contain information about our diversity of 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 as an informal way of reaching alumni and friends with the latest news from Penn. This year, we are excited to launch a LinkedIn group. This will allow our members to network with others who share their interests at their own convenience. It can be found at http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/penngala/linkedin.

**Mentoring**
PennGALA has continued its focus on mentoring current students, both undergraduate and graduate. Steering Committee member Meg Hlousek has taken on the task of coordinating this program.

On April 17, two Penn alumni (Sam Giusti and Keith Munera) both volunteered their time, talent and resources to host a small group of Penn students at El Vez, a popular restaurant in Center City. This dinner gave Penn students the opportunity to chat with two alumni who have experienced success in the fields of finance and philanthropy.

PennGALA is in the process of building a stronger, more comprehensive mentoring program. We are currently working with both the LGBT Center and Career Services to best determine how to build on programs that are already available and reach as many interested students as possible.

During Homecoming 2014, PennGALA and Lambda Alliance are co-hosting a speed-mentoring event for undergraduate students and alumni mentors in a variety of fields.

If you have any further questions, please contact co-chairs Chris McAdams, GAR’12 (c.k.mcadams@gmail.com) and Lex Ruby Howe, C’07 (alexis.rubyhowe@gmail.com)

**PennGALA 2014/2015 Steering Committee**

Christopher McAdams, GAR’12 – Co-Chair
Lex Ruby Howe, C’07 – Co-Chair
Marianne Mondt C’08 – Secretary
Mohammed Shaik Hussain Ali, GEN’08
Dwayne Bensing, L’12
Courtney Dayno, C’09
Tyler Ernst, ENG’12 W’12 GEN’13
Meg Hlousek, C’12
Mathew Manarski, C’13 (non-voting)
Don McIntyre, C’59 (non-voting)
Joel Melamed, C’71 (non-voting)
Graham Ober, C’12 (nonvoting)
Julianne Oothoudt, SW’11 (non-voting)
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Dennie Zastrow, C’10 G’12
Penn Graduate School of Education Alumni Association
Submitted by Dominique Aubry, GED’07

The Penn Graduate School of Education (GSE) Alumni Association (EAA) Board consists of 45 board members.

In the 2013 – 2014 year, we launched five new pilot programs:
1. The Alumni to Community Committee
2. Department Liaisons
3. Regional Chapters
4. Quarterly Faculty Updates
5. Board Leadership Series

Recent Board Events:
Board Retreat – June 14, 2014
Board Picnic – September 27, 2014

We are planning the following events for Fall 2014:
2014 EAA Board Networking Event – TBD, November 2014
2014 Annual Fund Student Thank-a-thon – November 2014
Alumni Awards Ceremony – Alumni Weekend
Holiday Party – December 6th, 2014
Mid-Year Retreat – January 17, 2015

Ongoing Alumni Events:
EAA Alumni Meet-ups
GSE Student Alumni Mentor Program

Summary of Goals for the 2014 – 2015 Year
Based on our past success we are aiming to achieve the following goals for the year:

FY14-FY15 Alumni Initiatives:
- Alumni Crash Courses.
  o Multi-Series (or a minimum of 3 hours) evening and weekend workshops for students & alumni to participate in.
  o Goal: 2 per semester
- Alumni Invitational
  o Annual Alumni event to launch Graduation Happy Hour.
    Tentative Date: Thursday or Friday within 2 weeks of GSE graduation
- Alumni End of Summer BBQ
  o This will be a casual BBQ for recent graduates and the general alumni community together.
  o Tentative Date: September 2015
- Education Boot Camp
  o A startup weekend running from Friday night through Sunday afternoon.
A workshop training that goes from idea creation through the first 6-12 months of building a start-up.

Tentative Date: Columbus Day Weekend in October 2015

**FY14-FY15 GSE Alumni Board Initiatives**

- **Board Training Program**
  - By Application, board members who are on the board for a minimum of 3 years can apply for a Board Training Program that will link them to other Boards in the City of Philadelphia (and possibility of adding other cities)

- **Volunteer Engagement Program**
  - Building a list of additional alumni volunteers to support GSE
  - Bit.ly/gsevolunteer

- **Board Only Events**
Penn Medicine Development and Alumni Relations:
Medical Alumni Advisory Council Sponsored Activities
Submitted by Louis Kozloff, C’65, M’69, 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 2014-2015 events and projects:

Henry A. Jordan Medical Education Center
Steel has rapidly risen over Civic Center Boulevard and the medical students and faculty are excited to move into the building at the start of the new year. In May during Medical Alumni Weekend and the 250th Anniversary Celebration we will officially open the building with a ribbon cutting on May 15, 2015. Thus far, the School has raised over $22M for the Center.

The Perelman School of Medicine’s 250th Anniversary
President Gutmann helped kick off the yearlong 250th Anniversary celebration with a cake cutting ceremony on Campus Green with Ray Perelman in September. In honor of our 250th year, the University also declared this the “Year of Health” and the Penn Reading Project featured, “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down” by Anne Fadiman. She joined us October 7, 2014 for Grand Rounds to share her insights. As the first school of medicine in the United States, this presents a great opportunity to share the history of medicine and share the vision for the future of medicine.

Alumni Events

Parents and Partners and White Coat Ceremony
In August, the Alumni Development and Alumni Relations office welcomed 380 parents and partners of the 2014 incoming medical students. The parents and partners were treated to a morning of sessions ranging from hands on simulation demonstrations to experiencing firsthand the standardized patient program allowing all that participated the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a medical student at Penn Medicine. After lunch, all were invited to participate in the White Coat Ceremony where Lou Kozloff, C’65, M.D.’69 offered greetings on behalf Medical Alumni Advisory Council. Thanks to a generous gift, Lou Matis, M.D.’75, made it possible for each incoming medical student to receive a gift of a special 250th anniversary stethoscope.

Metro Club of New Jersey Annual Fall Dinner with J. Larry Jameson, M.D., Ph.D
Dean J. Larry Jameson will be the special guest of the Metro Club of New Jersey for their Annual Fall Dinner on October 28, 2014. He is excited to speak with a dedicated Penn Club of alumni and offer remarks on the 250 Years of Medicine: Discovery, Learning and Greatness at Penn.
Women in Medicine
The 53rd Annual Elizabeth Kirk Rose, M’26 Women in Medicine event will be December 11, 2014. Senior Vice Dean for Education, Gail Morrison, M.D.’71, FEL’76 will present Arlene Bennett, ED’60, M.D.’64 with the Elizabeth Kirk Rose, M.D.’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.

250th Anniversary Celebration
The Alumni Development and Alumni Relations office will host events around the country featuring Dean J. Larry Jameson, M.D., Ph.D. and Senior Vice Dean for Education, Gail Morrison M.D.’71, FEL’76. The Perelman School of Medicine is scheduled to host alumni events in:
- Chicago on November 8, 2014
- Washington, DC on November 20, 2014
- New York, NY on January 21, 2015
- Palm Beach, FL on March 1, 2015
In addition, there will be events in San Francisco and Boston. The culmination of the 250th Anniversary will be a black-tie gala on May 16, 2015 at the Philadelphia Art Museum.

Student Study Break
The Office of Alumni Development and Alumni Relations launched a new program this year with its First Friday’s Study Breaks. Hosted in the heart of the Medical School, all four years of students have been welcomed to come take a break and get to know the Alumni Development and Alumni Relations Office and the many different ways they can become involved with alumni to learn, network and be our next leaders.

HOST Program
Every October, the Development and Alumni Relations office works to link fourth year students who are interviewing outside of the local area in an effort to reduce travel costs through the Host Our Students as They Travel (HOST) Program. Last year, the HOST program had 101 student requests and was able to make 51 matches with our alumni volunteers. Many MAAC members participated in this program. This year the program is on track to surpass last year’s success.

Mentorship:
Last year, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations successfully launched the new Perelman School of Medicine Alumni Mentorship Program. Over 250 alumni signed up to participate as mentors to the next generation of Penn Medicine physicians. More than 100 students were matched with a mentor and feedback from all involved was extremely positive. The program will launch again in November 2014.

Medical Alumni Weekend
Medical Alumni Weekend 2015 is scheduled to take place on May 15 – 16, 2015. Dean Jameson will have the honor of presenting the 2015 Distinguished Graduate Award to
Patricia A. Gabow, M.D.’69, Mehmet C. Oz, M.D.’86, WG’86, and Robert M. Wachter, C’79, M.D.’83.

This year, we have some top-tiered committees who are sure to make extraordinary strides in rallying classmates to return to campus in celebration of their respected reunions. We are excited that Mark Frazier Lloyd will moderate a lively discussion of the founding and formation of the Perelman School of Medicine with Professor John Savill, Dean of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine and Vice Chancellor of Edinburgh University and Gaetano Thiene, Professor of Cardiovascular Pathology, Department of Medical Diagnostic Sciences and Special Therapies, University of Padua School of Medicine. In addition to this panel, Mark Frazier Lloyd will be leading a Penn Travel trip to Scotland in July, 2015 and will visit the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

More information about Medical Alumni Weekend and the 250th Anniversary can be found at www.perelman250th.com
Penn Nursing Alumni
Submitted by Terri Cox-Glassen, Nu’91, President

It is my pleasure to serve as the President of Penn Nursing Alumni. I am pleased to report the following updates:

✓ PNA Board Leadership
  • We participated in the preparations and celebration of Afaf Meleis as she completed her role as Dean.
  • We welcomed Dean Antonia Villarruel when she began her role as the new Dean of the Penn School of Nursing.
  • We successfully recruited 3 new alumni board members and 3 new student representatives to serve on the board for the 2014-2016 terms.

✓ Awards Committee Update
Accomplishments:
  • At Alumni Weekend last year, Dean Afaf Meleis was awarded the PENN NURSING HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD for her significant contribution to the achievement of Penn Nursing Alumni and School of Nursing goals through their personal support of the school and by inspiring loyalty among others.

✓ Nominating Committee Update
Accomplishments:
  • Assured a Balanced Board Profile, including definition of diversity/board balance (race, gender, geographic region, age, specialty, graduate degree year, etc.)
  • Job descriptions reviewed, finalized and approved by Committee Chairs and Senior Leadership and distributed broadly
  • Expanded PNA Board Volunteer Pipeline built through nominations/recommendations
  • Solicitation email sent to more than 70 potential volunteers on the Volunteer Pipeline, generating 18 responses expressing interest now or in the future
  • Drafted set of consistent interview questions. Finalized and used for informational phone interviews of prospective volunteers
  • Solicited volunteers’ interests. Prepared to assign to particular committees and/or board volunteer positions
  • Continued to build the database and process for maintaining a growing and diverse volunteer pipeline.

✓ Student-Alumni-Connections Committee Update
Accomplishments:
  • Partnered with faculty from Nursing 101 to pair incoming freshmen with an Alumni host for a clinical experience during their first semester.
  • The Student-Alumni Connection Committee continues to encourage alumni and current students in enrolling in Penn sponsored Alumni social networks. In addition to these virtual connections, the committee is planning several events in students’ hometown
during School breaks and during national nursing conferences for additional networking opportunities.

- The Committee hosted a welcome event at Homecoming for the Penn Nursing Alumni Board with Dean Villarruel.

✔ **Alumni Events Committee Update**

**Accomplishments:**

- Recruited a diverse group of members including non-board members, current students, past reunion chairs, and previous event attendees
- Organized nursing events at Alumni Weekend and Homecoming (specifically, the Nurse Networking Event) and work to increase participation in these events
- Successfully organized meet ups/happy hours/holiday parties/networking events as engagement tool for alumni.
- Increased nursing alumni participation in regional alumni clubs. Specifically, continue the outreach to the alumni in NYC and begin outreach to alumni in Boston.
School of Social Policy & Practice Alumni Council
Submitted by Iris Leon, WEV’08, SPP’10, Chair

Council Mission
The Alumni Council at Penn’s School of Social Policy & Practice represents the voice of the alumni; encourages alumni support of the School; and informs alumni about issues that advance the School’s growth and development.

Developments since May 2014
The Council welcomed a new Chair, Iris Leon WEV 08 SPP10. Iris served as Vice-Chair for one year prior to her appointment as Council Chair.

The Council welcomed two new members, Herbert Wren SPP10, Service Coordinator with Impact Services Corporation, and Melissa Bruno SPP07, Client Services Manager with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In continued efforts to promote the work of the Council, several Council members attended new student orientation to plant the seed early about the importance and value of long-term alumni involvement with SP2 and Penn.

SP2 hosted the first of many Future of Social Change events in Philadelphia on September 12th. Several Council members attended and there was a robust turnout of SP2 alumni. The Council looks forward to helping the School promote future events in this multi-city tour.

Plans for 2014-2015 include:
• Sharing the Council’s vision and plan with new SP2 Dean John Jackson, PhD
• Creating an education/networking program Bridging Theory & Practice targeting in particular, MPSS and NPL alumni
• Creating a support network for alumni who have experienced personal and/or professional loss.
• Recruiting new members in under-represented degrees—PhD & MSSP

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Southern California Regional Advisory Board  
Submitted by Kyle Kozloff, W’90 and Denise Winner, W’83, Co-chairs

SCRAB membership continues to grow. Our efforts to contact BFS-level donors (giving $2,500 or more) residing in Greater Los Angeles have resulted in 22 new members, bringing our total SCRAB membership to 150.

SCRAB has embraced the digital world, and is now sending all renewal communications via email. This year we offered electronic renewals via PayPal, and about 90% of our membership transacted that way. We will continue to push toward 100% electronic payment, both for membership renewals as well as ticket purchases for appropriate events throughout the year. This effort has allowed us to track more easily our relationship with each SCRAB member.

Key SCRAB Events Since the Last Board Meeting

Our events this summer were more geographically diverse this summer, as we were able to take advantage of unique opportunities away from the West Side of Los Angeles!

- On July 31st we held the long awaited guided tour of SpaceX in Hawthorne, followed by a group dinner. SpaceX, founded in 2002 by Penn alumnus Elon Musk, designs, manufactures and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft. Garrett Reisman (ENG’90, W’90), who is a former NASA space shuttle commander and current engineer for SpaceX, led the tour. We are grateful to Garrett for patiently and expertly handling our 1-hour Q&A session. The event, limited to 30 members due to SpaceX regulations, sold out almost immediately.

- South Bay members of SCRAB were spoiled again on August 26th, when Deirdre and Jeff Bronchick (C’84) hosted a Summer Fling Cocktail and More party at their home. Participants enjoyed a poolside party, cocktails, and custom pizzas from a brick oven. This schlep-free event for South Bay SCRAB members and other local alumni served as a great opportunity to encourage alumni south of LAX to get together, and all who attended expressed a desire to have more events in the South Bay.

- SCRAB continued the trend of geographically diverse events with a Behind-the-Scenes Experience at the Los Angeles Zoo in Griffith Park on October 5th. Chuck Block (C’85), who is both a SCRAB Executive Board Member and a Member the LA Zoo’s Board, organized this family-friendly event. SCRAB members were given docent-led tours of the zoo, and were treated to a special walk-through of employees-only sections of the elephant and chimpanzee habitats complete with expert talks about the care of these animals.

- SCRAB hosted a breakfast in Westwood on October 7th that included a special presentation led by Yvonne Romero da Silva, Vice Dean and Director of Admissions. Vice Dean Romero da Silva addressed the selective admissions landscape and Penn’s position in the higher education market. She also shared strategic initiatives undertaken by Penn and the Office of Admissions.
Future Events

• On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, we are planning a return visit to Loteria Grill in Santa Monica, where Mexico-native and restaurateur Jimmy Shaw (C’83, W’83) has generously offered to co-host a margarita tasting and authentic Mexican dinner.

• On January 22nd we will host our second annual Clippers game with dinner and reception at a Staples Center luxury suite during the Clippers versus Nets NBA game. Laura Stein (C’92, L’95), and her husband, Sam Goldfeder, have been instrumental in helping to coordinate the event. We plan to have Sam, who represents Blake Griffin among others, and Gary Sacks, Clippers’ President of Basketball Operations, stop by the box and visit with alumni. The Clipper Spirit Dance Team will also make an appearance and provide photo opportunities for our members.

• As always, baseball season will mean the return of the annual SCRAB Evening With the LA Dodgers (thanks to help from SCRAB member Michael Rosenblum) as they take on the Philadelphia Phillies. Tastykakes will be served!

• In June, we look forward to a presentation by Engineering Professor Dan Lee after a team of Penn students he oversees competes in a DARPA robotics challenge in Pomona.

We look forward to another great year for SCRAB.
TCPW 2014 Summer Networking Event Series:
TCPW has been hosting a Summer Networking Event series for the past nine years. 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 held seven events this year and were able to reach over 500 Penn Women – read on for more information on each one.

New York – June 4th
Over 150 Penn juniors, seniors and recent grads created a lively group at The Penn Club of New York where Soledad O’Brien was the featured speaker. TCPW Career Networking Co-Chair, Lori Wachs, interviewed O’Brien. Previously of CNN and HBO, O’Brien is currently the Chairman of Starfish Media Group. O’Brien spoke about how being financially conservative has helped to ground her and make it easier to make some tougher decisions, such as when she left CNN to start her own production company. She believes in being strategic, flexible, and working hard. In fact, she encouraged the audience to not complain about doing grunt work if the experience can lead to your next step. TCPW thanks Mark Jezierski, General Manager of The Penn Club, for helping sponsor this event.

Philadelphia – June 11th
On June 11th, the Trustees Council of Penn Women welcomed District Attorney of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Risa Vetri Ferman, to speak at our Fifth Annual Philadelphia Networking Event. The event, held at the Morgan Lewis & Bockius offices, attracted more than 80 attendees including a number of rising Penn Juniors and Seniors. Ferman, who was born, raised and educated in the Philadelphia area, voiced her strong commitment to serve the region she owed so much to. In addition to achieving one of the strongest conviction rates in Pennsylvania (98%), she has dedicated her office to protecting both children and senior citizens through the creation of Mission Kids, the Montgomery County Advocacy Project (MCAP), and the Elder Abuse Unit. Ferman has clearly risen to the ranks of successful civil servants but attributes her success to her willingness to follow her heart and “doing things that would be interesting.” Her cross-examining skills, though surely shored up by her time at Widener Law School, were really tested and sharpened during her time tending bar at the White Dog Cafe. Of her career, Ferman says: “It was an exceptional ride because I had no clue what was coming next.”

San Francisco – June 23rd
The San Francisco TCPW Summer Networking Event featured Sukhinder Singh Cassidy, Founder & CEO of Joyus. More than 60 women gathered to listen to Sukhinder talk about entrepreneurship, building international businesses, being a woman in the tech industry, overcoming our fears and learning from our mistakes. She shared personal stories about how the lessons from her father inspired her to become an entrepreneur and endure the challenges and obstacles that come along with it. Sukhinder also entertained the group with funny stories of launching international offices across Asia and Latin America for Google and dealing with cultural differences in each market. As she traveled the world, she also expanded her family describing the high tech industry as one in which women can succeed if they ask for what they
need. Sukhinder’s ambition is coupled with her self-described lack of patience. When asked what advice she would give to her younger self she replied: “Be patient. It will all work out in the end”.

**London – July 1st**
The 5th Summer Networking Event took place in London on 1 July. Olivia Streatfield, WG’04 discussed her successful career which started immediately after graduation at McKinsey, and her current role as Marketing Director for Talk Talk, a fixed line and mobile telephony and internet service provider in the UK. In addition to being responsible for more than £1BN+, Streatfield is able to balance life with two children. Olivia captivated the group by sharing her thoughts about drawing clear boundaries to maintain work/life balance. The discussion lent itself to an interactive and intimate conversation amongst the attendees, many of whom shared their stories as well. TCPW thanks members Juliet Sjoborg and Margie Gordon Schaye for hosting the event.

**Chicago – July 16th**
The Trustees’ Council of Penn Women hosted the fifth annual Chicago Penn Women’s Career Networking event on July 16th. Approximately fifty current Penn students, young alumnae and mentors met for four rounds of structured networking in the Free Range Office co-working space. Penn Alumni Relations Director, Laura Foltman, flew in for the event and welcomed alumni as they arrived. All alumnae were encouraged to exchange contact information and to keep building connections throughout the year.

**Washington, DC – July 29th**
On a rare balmy summer evening in Washington, about 75 Penn women -- alumnae, upperclassmen and TCPW members -- gathered on July 29th at a Marriott Courtyard Hotel to network and listen to ABC News correspondent Claire Shipman talk about her book "The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance -- What Women Should Know" (co-authored by the BBC’s Katty Kay). A spirited Q and A followed her talk, which was peppered with references to crises of confidence in highly competent women, including the authors and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Afterwards, attendees lined up for Shipman to sign copies of her book (provided by TCPW member Tracy Bernstein), balanced wine glasses and hors d’oeuvres and recalled their own crises of confidence.

**Beijing, China – August 16th**
The Trustees’ Council of Penn Women hosted the second annual Beijing Penn Women’s Career Networking event on August 16th. Approximately fifteen alumnae met to hear Junru Tian, M.D., Ph.D. talk about her amazing career as a doctor and entrepreneur, both during the cultural revolution and currently as a world leader in the treatment of vertigo and other balance disorders. Michelle Liu, CFO of Hexun InfoTech Company, Limited, told of her early journey from China to the U.S. (including a degree from the Wharton School) and back to China. She spoke of her pioneering efforts in business and the strides women have made. Alumni enjoyed the event and want to expand networking events to monthly or quarterly.

Dawn Porter Eringis, CHE’85, WG’89, Chair
Trustees’ Council of Penn Women
1. Executive Committee

The current UPAAN National Board:
- **President**: Carlin Yuen ’10
- **Alumni Programming Chair**: Michael Mariano ‘00
- **Community Building Chair**: Henry Chow ’10
- **Marketing Chair**: Ben Watkins ‘13
- **Mentorship Chair**: Soumya Kandi ‘11
- **Treasurer**: Ravi Chaganty ‘09

2. Chapter Leadership

Each chapter has its own leadership structure and selection process for its leadership. The following chapter leaders are in place at this time:
- **Los Angeles**
  - **President**: Brian Chi ‘10
- **San Francisco**
  - **President**: Luis Chia ‘07
  - **Vice-President**: Ben Alisuag ‘09
- **yPAAN (NYC)**
  - **President**: Amanda Young ‘12
  - **Vice-Presidents**: Monica Chen ’09, Nick Eng ’10
  - **Board Members**: Claire Choi ’10, Ankit Dhir ’10, Eileen Feng ’12, Karan Dhruve ’12, Michelle Leong ’13, Kevin Jiang ’13, Tanvir Gopal ’13

3. National Initiatives

- **Alumni Programming & Community Building**
  - Built a safe and friendly environment for discussion and questions on sensitive topics, and an awareness and interest in APA issues across the country via our Facebook Hub, which has inspired a few alumni members to start contributing.
  - Started to create the same environment and community via our LinkedIn
group (linkedin.upaan.org), by posting occasional news related to professional careers.

- Planning the first major Homecoming Weekend event in collaboration with the rest of the Diversity Alliance alumni organizations to hold a cooking competition with chefs representing the various affinity communities. Shooting for something new that can engage alumni in more interesting ways.
- Working on new programming for the New York City alumni in absence of a full-fledged chapter there, piloting a program designed to get alumni to make new connections based off the startup, Grouper.

○ **Communications**

- Working on improving communications between campus and the alumni constituency, including regular updates from both students and faculty.
- Grew our listserv size by 7% since our last update in the Spring, and have sent consistent quarterly newsletters and social media blasts since then, with several alumni mentioning that they find the frequency just right.

○ **Finance & Fundraising**

- Successfully raised money for the UPAAN Public Service Internship Fund and provided a Penn student -- Heena Khoja -- with a $1500 gift for summer 2014.
- We are happy to announce that the IRS has now officially recognized UPAAN as an official 501(c)7 non-profit!
- Developing a fundraising plan to carry UPAAN and the Public Service Internship Fund in a sustainable manner throughout the years.

○ **National Board & Chapters**

- Unfortunately, UPAAN saw two of its chapters close in the past year as alumni moved on to different interests or locations, in Philadelphia and Washington DC. We are working on finding new volunteers for these chapters.
- UPAAN recently announced the creation of UPAAN Groups, essentially a way for any alumni of similar backgrounds to connect over a group of common interest, much like the Penn Alumni Special Interest Groups, but under UPAAN’s umbrella. Alumni can sign up on this Google form [here](#), and we hope that this will engage and empower alumni more.

### 4. Programming Activities (22)
January 25th, 2014 | yPAAN | Lunar New Year Celebration with Penn yPAAN, Princeton A4P, Harvard H4A @ Lan Sheng Restaurant and Bryant Park
Penn yPAAN, Princeton A4P, and Harvard H4A celebrated the Year of the Horse with over 60 NYC alumni by hosting a delicious brunch at Michelin-starred Lan Sheng, followed by ice skating at Bryant Park.

February 23rd, 2014 | yPAAN | Serve Sizzling soup for Service on a Pre-Spring Sunday @ St. Francis Xavier Welcome Table
yPAAN coordinated a half-day service at a soup kitchen in the heart of Manhattan. Individuals came together to serve food to hundreds of under-served individuals in the community.

March 16th, 2014 | yPAAN | St. Patrick's "Holi-Day" Brunch @ Brick Lane Curry
NYC Penn alumni celebrated both St. Patrick's Day and Holi, the Festival of Colors at a delicious Indian brunch in East Village.

March 30th, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN Movie Club Discussion - "Children of Men" @ Kipsey's
yPAAN launched its 2014 Movie Club series to provide alumni the opportunity to watch and discuss films with fellow movie enthusiasts. The critically acclaimed film "Children of Men" kicked off the series.

April 10th, 2014 | yPAAN | Spring Fling Dinner @ Chinese Mirch
Philly's not the only place to celebrate Spring Fling! Bringing alumni together, yPAAN hosted a Spring Fling dinner at this delicious restaurant in New York City's "Curry Hill."

April 14th, 2014 | yPAAN | NYC 101 - The yPAAN Guide to the City Life 2014 Release
Continuing its annual tradition, yPAAN updated its all-purpose, comprehensive guide to moving to NYC for upcoming summer interns and recent college graduates. Highlights included tips on finding apartments, which restaurants to eat at, and venues to explore in NYC.

April 19, 2014 | UPAAN SF | Penn Quizzo @ Jakes Steak's, San Francisco
Come join your fellow Penn friends for an afternoon of Penn themed quizzo and drinks! Prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams :)

April 30th, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN 2009 Happy Hour @ Greenwich Treehouse
The Class of 2009's 5-Year reunion started a little early with a yPAAN 2009 Happy Hour in the West Village. Intrepid members of the fine class of 2009 battled a thunderstorm to celebrate their 5th anniversary of graduation.

May 11th, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN Movie Club Discussion - "Her" @ The Winslow
At the second meeting of Movie Club, "Her" allowed a group of film buffs to discuss the Oscar-nominated movie over brunch in the Gramercy area.

May 17th, 2014 | UPAAN LA | Getty Villa Lunch Meetup
It's alumni weekend and you couldn't make it to Philly! Join other alums who couldn't
make it back East with a fun gathering at the Getty Villa. Enjoy the art and grounds at the Getty Villa in Malibu with fellow alums.

**June - August 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN Mentorship Pilot Program**
Beginning summer 2014, yPAAN piloted a mentorship program, pairing older "young" alumni and Class of 2014 and younger individuals based on interests, career aspirations, and more. The pilot launched with success, with 20 participants involved!

**June 7th, 2014 | UPAAN LA | Inter-Ivy Summer Kickoff @ the Stark Bar at LACMA**
Kick off the summer by joining the Inter-Ivy Asian Alumni at the LACMA's outdoor bar, Ray's & Stark Bar!

**June 15th, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN's Annual Intern Welcome Event @ Smorgasburg**
Summer interns and alumni met and mingled while enjoying scrumptious eats at the large outdoor food market in Brooklyn on a sunny, summer weekend.

**July 26th, 2014 | yPAAN | 2nd Annual Central Park Picnic with Princeton A4P, Harvard H4A, and Penn yPAAN @ Central Park**
Asian alumni from Princeton, Harvard, and Penn gathered at Central Park's famous Sheep's Meadow for this annual summer picnic. Over 50 alumni had the opportunity to connect, eat delicious picnic food, and enjoy a summer afternoon in the heart of NYC.

**August 14th, 2014 | UPAAN LA | Asian Inter-Ivy Forum (LiTE) @ Cross Campus, Santa Monica**
We're excited to present a new event with the Asian Inter-Ivy Association, based in ideas in Leadership, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. We bring together accomplished members of our Asian Ivy alumni community to share their thoughts and expertise in a TED-like talk format, short talks of 15 minutes each.

**August 20th, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN's Resume Tip Sheet Release**
yPAAN released a second set of resources of resume tips from NYC alumni on transitioning to a new job, from the perspective of either an undergraduate entering the workforce for the first time or alumnus making a career change.

**August 23th, 2014 | UPAAN SF | 6th Annual Pan Asian American Alumni BBQ @ Crissy Field, SF**
Co-sponsored with Cornell Asian Alumni Network, this is an annual event for Asian American alumni from the all of the Ivy League schools to network over drinks and food.

**August 23rd, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN Movie Club Outdoor Screening - "The Aviator" @ South Street Seaport**
During the third installment of the Movie Club series, yPAAN film lovers experienced the quintessential NYC tradition of an outdoor movie screening while watching Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator." Attendees also had the opportunity to explore the revitalized South Street Seaport neighborhood in the Financial District.

**September 12th, 2014 | yPAAN | yPAAN's Annual Welcome to NYC Happy Hour @ Latitude**
It was that time of year again! yPAAN welcomed the Class of 2014 to the Big Apple on a sunny midtown rooftop lounge where they connected with fellow recent grads and older alumni while taking advantage of happy hour specials.

**October 11th, 2014 | UPAAN LA | Ivy Asian Alumni - Fall Welcome Happy Hour @ Alibi Room, LA**
Welcome newcomers to the greater Los Angeles area and catch up with old friends at our next Ivy Asian Alumni event. Enjoy drinks and a Kogi Taco at the Alibi Room, one of the bar/restaurants by Roy Choi.

**October 18th, 2014 | UPAAN SF | Penn Crab Boil @ Crissy Field, SF**
With nearly 30 Penn alumni in attendance, we spent a Saturday afternoon making and then enjoying quality crab, shrimp, sausage, corn and more! The family-style dining experience allowed for some quality bonding amongst Quakers!

**October 20th, 2014 | UPAAN LA | APIs + Politics: The Final Frontier? @ Asian Americans Advancing Justice, LA**
Asian Americans have been quick to enter and ascend the ranks of business, law, and medicine, but have been seemingly slower to rise in elected office. Is the political arena the "Final Frontier" for APIs (Asian and Pacific Islander Americans)? Find out in this panel!