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Penn Class of ’80 Community Service Project-
Making a Difference in West Philadelphia
The Class of 80 has been engaged in an exciting program in partnership with Sayre High School, a West Philadelphia public school with students from a largely underserved area. The project began at our 30th reunion when class members discussed creating an ongoing community service project. Since then the class has successfully partnered with Penn’s Netter Center for Community Partnerships and Sayre High School to create Penn’s first ongoing alumni outreach program.

Every month class members meet with Sayre students to expose them to a variety of venues in Philadelphia that they may not otherwise experience. Each trip not only provides the students with resources outside of the classroom, but also introduces them to educational and career opportunities that many students in other more resourced areas benefit from. Past trips have included the Barnes Foundation, the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, the Van Pelt Library, the Penn Robotics Center, City Hall for a day of mock trial, and the Enterprise Center.

Sayre students are engaged and excited partners in this program, and the number of students enrolling has been increasing. To strengthen our program, we need more volunteers, not just for field trips but also to present career opportunities to the students. The commitment can be as little as one late afternoon a year for two hours. If you are interested in engaging in West Philadelphia in a meaningful way, please contact Bruce McCullough at brucewmcc@gmail.com.