



PRINCETON WOMEN'S NETWORK

Mission Statement

Mission of the Princeton Women's Network (overall network of local PWNs)

Princeton Women's Network (PWN) fosters a sense of community among alumnae in defined regions around the country and the world. Each individual Princeton Women's Network (PWN of [name of region]) provides some or all of these opportunities:

- Social and professional networking; personal and professional development;
- Mentoring of alumnae and students;
- Engagement through arts and cultural activities, social events and service projects; and
- Friendship among Princeton women.

Each PWN is created, managed and grown through local grassroots-generated leadership and programming, recognition of a range of scale and scope of interactions, partnerships with regional associations, classes or other constituent groups and the development of volunteers to ensure longevity.

PWN

- Advises volunteers on how to start a PWN in their regions;
- Connects alumnae communities through an organization of PWN leaders from the regions;
- Helps leverage PWN activities and ideas across regions
- Uses the network to support regions without critical mass or resources;
- Shares best practices for programming, organization, management, communications, and volunteer and leadership development;
- Provides staff support from the Alumni Association;
- Encourages and helps local leadership without imposing rigid structures or ideas.

PWN provides communications and collaboration tools to support local PWNs, including:

- PWN (network-wide) leadership meetings/calls to share information about event ideas, activities, best practices, participation demographics, and relevant topics.
- PWN website as a resource for:
 - Access to engage alumnae leadership;
 - Other alumni/ae resources such as TigerNet;
 - Links to regional PWN websites, which can provide ideas to leverage;
 - Ways to make leadership and volunteer jobs easier:
 - Guide for starting a PWN
 - Best Practices for leading a PWN
 - Leveraging existing alumni/alumnae events to promote PWN gatherings (at Reunions, Alumni Day, Volunteer Leadership Conference, She Roars and other group conferences (Black Alumni, LGBT, Graduate Alumni), for example).



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Mission Statement guidelines for local PWNs (PWN of [name of region])

Describe your goals, audience, desired activities and relationship to other Princeton alumni organizations.

Example:

“Founded in 1995, the Princeton Women's Network of New York City sponsors and promotes activities of interest to Princeton alumnae in the New York City area. These events include personal & professional development programs, arts & cultural activities, service opportunities and social events.

PWN of NYC is intended to enhance, not replace, traditional alumni associations by organizing activities, mostly, though not exclusively, for alumnae. PWN of NYC is officially recognized by the Alumni Association and operates in New York as a special committee within the Princeton Association of New York City (PANYC). Also, we partner with the Princeton Club of New York, which often generously provides meeting space for some of our events.

We welcome all alumnae to join us. The range of events PWN of NYC sponsors is limited only by your interest, imagination, and energy.”

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