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### THE ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARD FOR SERVICE TO PRINCETON

recognizes outstanding service contributions to Princeton by any member of the Princeton family, with special emphasis on those who serve significantly, but inconspicuously.

#### Carol Barash \*89 P11 P12

In the past ten years Carol has touched nearly every nook of Princeton's volunteer world.

Her first assignment came as chair of the Communications Committee for the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA). At the same time, she took on additional leadership positions in both the APGA and the Alumni Council.

Recently, as the Graduate School Chair of Annual Giving, Carol

has increased the ranks of graduate alumni AG volunteers from six to 100, bringing in not only increased dollars but also increased participation on every level.

And that's not all. The chair of Graduate Alumni in her regional association, she has also been active in Alumni Schools Committee work, has served on her local Princeton Prize in Race Relations Committee and spearheaded a joint event with both the APGA and the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA). As a Career Service volunteer, she has advanced projects with the Alumni Council's Careers Committee, the APGA and Career Services.

#### Melvin R. McCray, Jr. '74

In 1997 for Princeton's 250th Anniversary, Melvin produced *Looking Back: Reflections of Black Princeton Alumni*, an award-winning video documentary on the history of African American students at Princeton. He followed that video with two more on notable members of the Princeton community: John Chavis, probably the first African American to matriculate at Princeton, in the Class of 1795, and Carl Fields.

Melvin has served as a Ferris Professor of Journalism at the Council

for the Humanities, has lectured on Chavis for the University's Center for Human Values/African American Studies lecture program, and has participated in the Princeton Summer Journalism Program. In the fall of 2007, he worked with Professor Melissa Harris-Lacewell in her course "Introduction to African American Politics."

In September of 2006 at the conference "Coming Back and Looking Forward: A Princeton University Conference for Black Princeton Alumni," Melvin was the opening speaker, videotaped the conference for the Web, interviewed many participants for a follow-up to the 250th video, and produced a highlight DVD of that magical weekend.

#### Duncan W. Van Dusen '58 P90 P92 P94

For Duncan, Princeton has been a labor of love for more than 50 years. In particular, he has led the Philadelphia Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) with distinction for several decades, and helped Philadelphia become one of the first "large city" ASC's to achieve a 100% interviewing rate. He has also served as a Career Service volunteer and his class secretary and solicitor. For many years he has been seen along the P-Rade route sporting the characteristic DaVinci hat of a marshal. And

he has long been a stalwart of the Princeton Club of Philadelphia; a current officer notes, "Duncan has had a role in all aspects of our governance and is the glue that holds everything together."

Duncan credits his father, Lew Van Dusen '32, for developing in him "the Princeton values of selfless caring for others, compassion, gratitude, and service to the community, service to Princeton." These values are echoed in the remarks of the many alumni who have been touched by Duncan. "He is the first to offer kindness," he is a "mentor and a valued source of information;" he "does all the work and takes no credit."

## YOUR NEW ELECTED trustees



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**Katherine Brittain Bradley '86**

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REGION I

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YOUNG ALUMNI  
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**Meaghan P. Petersack '08**

Residence: Mercerville, NJ

## from the director

Reunions 2008 was a splendid event on campus again this year, thanks to the hundreds of extraordinary alumni volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to create the best party of all at the best old place of all for nearly 20,000 alumni, faculty and friends!

Princeton alumni serving Princeton alumni.

The six alumni you see on these pages (including one very recent to the ranks!) have served alumni, do serve alumni, and will serve alumni. And they have been so recognized by their fellow alumni.

**Nominations for recipients of the Alumni Association's Award for Service to Princeton as well as the Woodrow Wilson Award (undergraduate alumni) and the James Madison Medal (graduate alumni), and recommendations for Alumni Trustee candidates—these all come from the alumni body at large.**

We welcome your participation. Please send any suggestions you may have for any of the above awards or positions, with a brief note of support, to

Kathy Taylor '74, Director for Special Projects, at [ktaylor@princeton.edu](mailto:ktaylor@princeton.edu) or The Office of the Alumni Association, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, NJ 08542-0291. We want to hear from you!



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