One night. One focus. On February 25, 2014, Princeton regional associations around the world will host in-person networking events for alumni who are interested in connecting with fellow Tigers to further their career development and strengthen their network.

GNN 2014 will take place in cities around the country and around the world, including:

- Baltimore
- Boston
- Chicago
- Delaware
- Delhi
- Honolulu

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On hiatus from teaching after majoring in Slavic Languages & Literature at Princeton and getting her M.A. at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Mary Koger started attending PANE events in the early 1990’s. In a new city, with a baby, she felt at home in the PANE community. She loved to see the orange and black umbrellas bloom in Harvard Square on rainy days!

And PANE recognized a kindred spirit in Mary, quickly sweeping her onto its board and into service to Princeton that is still going strong more than 20 years later. Now vice president of PANE’s board, she cites her involvement with PANE’s community service project in Boston Public Schools, begun in 1995, as “the real life-changer in alumni involvement.” She discovered a new vocation and a passion for urban schools while also embarking on her journey as an engaged Princetonian.

Yet that is just one example of her engagement. She has also “loved the opportunity to learn about, promote and highlight alumni service projects” through the Alumni Council Committee on Community Service. As chair of that committee from 2009 to 2011, Koger oversaw the publication of the most complete compendium of Princeton alumni service projects throughout the world.

Thirteen years of working with the Alumni Schools Committee of Eastern Massachusetts have provided Koger with more opportunity to work with schools and young people—both the applicants and the recent graduates who form the bulk of the Boston ASC. On the Alumni Council’s Princeton Schools Committee since 2007, Koger has connected with other chairs all over the world, often sharing Boston’s abundance of eager interviewers with less-populated regions. Recent efforts to create a Central Pool of cyber-savvy interviewers, who use telephone and Skype to connect with applicants who would otherwise not be reached, have brought out a new generation of devoted volunteers. In recognition of the success of PANE’s ASC work, the club was one of the recipients of the Princeton Schools Committee S. Barksdale Penick, Jr. ’25 Award in 2011.

Koger notes that she loves “the alumni experience of multi-generational groups sharing activities and how the Princeton network becomes a hub for almost any event or project.” She goes on to add, “My work for Princeton is almost irresistible, given the best possible fellow volunteers!”