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Cordelia Orillac ’15

Even before she arrived at Princeton, Cordelia Orillac was no stranger to leadership. While at the Community School of Abu Dhabi, she was her class treasurer. So perhaps no surprise that when her pre-orientation Outdoor Action partner suggested that she run for class treasurer, she did. She won that year, and each subsequent year as student. She remembers, “It was cool to see not only the whole picture, but also each detail. To see how our events came together to grow into success.” She gives credit to the entire officer team: “They were great. So responsible and organized.”

It has been a group effort again when it comes to class officers for the first five years of alumni life. Although Cordelia is now class president, she continues to give credit to the team: “Everything is very holistic. We got together and decided what to do.”

Currently in medical school at New York University, where she is once again a student volunteer, Cordelia shares that she fell in love with Princeton when she first saw it. “It was a place where everyone was excited by learning. And I give back now because Princeton has given so much to me. I learned how to be a productive member of society.”

Pavithra Vijayakumar ’15

A Woodrow Wilson School major with a certificate in the Program in Global Health & Health Policy, Pivi Vijayakumar didn’t wait until she was an alumna herself to get involved in Princeton alumni life. She started working Reunions as a freshman and found it so much fun that she re-upped for her sophomore year and was a crew captain her junior year.

She also joined the Alumni Council’s Princeton Prize in Race Relations National Board in her freshman year as a student representative. Looking back on that and on her PICS internships, she shares, “I loved listening to alumni talk about the varied and unexpected paths their education allowed them to take. Their broader perspectives on life after Princeton were encouraging and motivating.”

Now out in Arizona doing research for the NIH before returning East for med school, Pivi continues on the Princeton Prize national board and interviews for the Alumni Schools Committee. When she can, she attends events hosted by the Phoenix-area Princeton Alumni Association, happy to stay connected: “The most valuable part has been the chance to keep having the same kinds of conversations we were lucky to have as students—open discussions with a diverse set of people.”

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