GRADUATE ALUMNI: A SECRET SAUCE TO SPICE UP REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Regional Association leadership teams around the world are focusing on the benefits of involving more Graduate Alumni in their programming and membership efforts.

- **Princeton Club of Southern California** Graduate Alumni co-chair, Cathy Busby *83, initiated the New Lecture Series, featuring graduate alumni lecturers. Busby modeled the lecture series after events she had attended with the *Princeton Club of Austin*. The goal of the lecture series is to increase club participation by graduate alumni, while enhancing networking opportunities between undergraduate and graduate alumni. The first lecture, given by Joseph Kirschvink *79 on “Animal Magnetism,” was a resounding success with more than 40 alumni in attendance.

- The *Princeton Club of Brussels* and the *Princeton Association of the Netherlands* have used committees made up of undergraduate and graduate alumni to select event speakers that will interest a wide range of members. “In areas of the world where there are smaller numbers of Princetonians, we all feel like a part of the same community,” said Michael Verba *10.

- Currently there are 101 graduate alumni that hold a regional leadership position. Once engaged in an association, graduate alumni can bring “energy and expertise” to leadership positions at a club, according to Brian Biegen '04, president of the *Princeton Association of New York City*. Donna Armentano *86 is a perfect example, beginning as an “on and off member” of the *Princeton Association of New England*, she will assume the role of President this spring. “Donna’s impending ascendance to the role of President of the Princeton Association of New England is a significant occurrence for graduate alumni,” said Andrew Hoffman '89, vice chair for the Committee on Regional Associations.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 24,841 living graduate alumni. Just under 1/3 have graduated in the past 10 years.

- More than 900 graduate alumni are active in interviewing prospective students on behalf of the Alumni Schools Committee.

- 12 graduate alumni have been Nobel Prize winners.

- 27 graduate alumni are former or current U.S. ambassadors.

Join CORA’s discussion group for regional officers and share information and best practices.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRINCETON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TAIWAN!

The Princeton Alumni Association of Taiwan is the recipient of this year’s APGA Regional Association Award. The PAA of Taiwan was selected for this award because of their continued commitment to engaging graduate alumni.

- The PAA of Taiwan now has more graduate alumni helping with ASC interviews, planning events and joining the leadership team than ever before.
- A new admission reception is being planned for incoming graduate students in June 2012.

For more information about Princeton graduate alumni, please visit the APGA website.

ALUMNI RESOURCES

- The Committee on Regional Affairs is thrilled to have Marina Murvanidze Mitchell ’98 join the committee as a resource. Marina has been instrumental in helping CORA look at new ways to engage graduate alumni.
- The Office of the Alumni Association is looking forward to welcoming two new staff members later this summer. The Senior Associate Director and Assistant Director of Graduate Alumni Relations will be welcome additions to the Alumni Association offices.
- Summer is the perfect time to reach out and welcome alumni who may be new to your region. Click here for directions on how to create a TigerNet/Harris data pull of new alumni in your area.
- Have an event to submit or looking for a particular form? Don’t forget the Volunteer Resources page on the Alumni Association website!

A big THANK YOU to Naim Antaki ’98, Peter Noymer ’88, and Cheryl Rowe-Rendelman ’81 for their service to CORA the past two years.

CORA ANNOUNCES 2012 AWARD WINNERS

The CORA Award for Innovation is presented to the Hilton Head Chapter of the PAA of South Carolina for their engagement of alumni of all ages.

The Austin P. Leland ’28 Award is presented to the Princeton Club of Georgia for the best overall performance of a club or association with more than 300 members.

The John Maclean Award is presented to the Princeton Alumni Association of New Hampshire for their efforts in reinvigorating their association.

The Princeton Club of San Antonio Award is presented to the Princeton Club of Japan for the best overall performance of a club or association with fewer than 300 members.

For more information on these awards, click here.

Please join us on May 24, 2012 at 12:00 pm EDT for our next CORA teleconference, The Meaning and Impact of Board Diversity in Alumni Regional Associations, moderated by Cheryl Rowe-Rendelman ’81. The call-in number is (609) 258-2607 or (800) 653-1257 (toll-free).

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