CALLING ALL TIGERS

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER WEEKEND
OCTOBER 20-22
IN SERVICE OF PRINCETON AND HUMANITY

Princeton volunteers are welcomed back to campus October 20-22 for a Tiger-spirit-filled weekend focused on Princeton’s ongoing commitment to service. The Office of Alumni Affairs and the Office of Development have put together a terrific program for this quadrennial event with inspirational and practical sessions for all alumni volunteers. It will be a great opportunity to learn from each other as well as from Princeton campus experts. Volunteers can choose from a large selection of talks and activities during the weekend.

The weekend kicks off with a timely book talk by Vanessa Tyson ’98 on multiracial congressional coalitions. There will be tours of the Arts and Transit project, Entrepreneurial Hub, and Art Museum. Volunteers can join with current undergraduates from the Pace Center for discussions and a community service activity. There will also be a special performance from the Triangle Club.

Friday’s program features a conversation with President Christopher L. Eisgruber ’83 followed by a faculty panel addressing the topic of “Service and Civic Engagement as a Lens for Learning and Living.” Current students will then share their research which exemplifies Princeton’s commitment to service. There will also be conversational sessions on inclusion and diversity.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

“Calling ALL Tigers” has been the theme of my term as the Chair of the Alumni Council this past year. We know that the Princeton alumni are the most engaged and loyal alumni on the planet; we know that the benefits of being an active engaged community are great; and we know that we are a body of like-minded, fun-to-be-with people!

So how do we call ALL Tigers? How do we engage alumni who think we have forgotten about them?

There are two main groups that can achieve the goal of engaging alumni. Classes are an obvious way. Old friendships are the basis of our outreach. But regions are far more immediate, far more local, and far more able to engage on a daily/weekly/monthly basis with our far-flung alumni. YOUR activities in providing interesting fun local events keep the 92,000+ alumni of Princeton engaged and energized. To date, you are doing a wonderful job. So PLEASE: Keep Calling ALL Tigers!

Jeff Wieser ’74
The core of the weekend’s activities will be the opportunity to connect and learn from other volunteers in workshops and meetings on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Annual Giving Chair Weezie Sams ’79 points out that “one of the hallmarks of Princeton Annual Giving is the large number of dedicated volunteers involved, who we can never thank enough. The Alumni Volunteer Weekend will be a valuable opportunity for volunteers to share best practices, learn from each other, and get inspired for the 2016-17 AG campaign.” Richard Holland ’96, chair of the Committee on Regional Associations notes that alumni should “be sure not to miss the Tiger Volunteer Meet-Up on Friday afternoon, which will showcase lots of volunteer opportunities for your next endeavor.”

Many alumni interview applicants yearly and help represent Princeton in their communities. Jennifer Daniels ’93, Chair of the Princeton Schools Committee, says the Friday afternoon workshops will help answer “the questions most often asked by alumni schools volunteers: ‘How can I make my interview reports better?’ and ‘What role do they play in the admission process?’ Participants will learn tips and best practices for interviewing students and also gain a better understanding of the admission process through mock admission committees.”

There will also be time to celebrate. On Friday night, there will be a Tiger Pub Crawl to continue your conversations with old and new friends. On Saturday morning, in commemoration of the 270th anniversary of the University Charter, a new plaque will be dedicated recognizing Princeton’s informal motto, which combines the thoughts of Woodrow Wilson and Justice Sonia Sotomayor ’76, “Princeton in the Nation’s Service and Service of Humanity.” Get into the spirit at the Tiger Tailgate then get ready to cheer our Tigers at the Harvard vs. Princeton football game.

Register for the weekend at:
http://alumni.princeton.edu/volunteerweekend or email questions to alumnievents@princeton.edu.

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