About the College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board

The mission of the Alumni Board is to recruit future students to the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), to mentor current College of Liberal Arts students with their career aspirations, to create opportunities for alumni to have ongoing and meaningful interaction with the college, the university, students, and each other, and to encourage both students and alumni to recognize and advocate for the relevance of a liberal arts education at Purdue University.

The Alumni Board sponsors the Annual Alumni Awards Banquet which honors Emerging Voice Award and Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, and the Outstanding Seniors Awards Banquet which recognizes graduating seniors from each of the 10 academic units within the college. Alumni Board members also volunteer at Homecoming, sponsor Graduate Gateway, and speak at CLA Career Center events.

The activities and events hosted by the CLA Alumni Board are funded in part by the Purdue Alumni Association (PAA). For every CLA alumnus/a who becomes a PAA member, a portion of those membership dues supports the CLA Alumni Board.

The Alumni Board can have up to 22 members.

Applying to the CLA Alumni Board

The College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board is currently accepting applications for a limited number of three-year membership terms beginning in July 2023. The board is open for membership to all persons who have been students or faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and all others who are associated with the college. The Alumni Board meets twice per year on Purdue’s campus. Board members are expected to attend a minimum of one meeting per year and maintain membership with the Purdue Alumni Association throughout their term, serve on at least one committee, and annually contribute a gift amount at each member’s discretion to the College of Liberal Arts.

Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2023. All applicants will be notified of the outcome in June 2023. Please submit completed applications to Samantha Underwood, Alumni Engagement Officer, at sjunderwood@purdueforlife.org.

CLA Alumni Board Application

**Contact Information**

Name:

Preferred Title (Mrs., Ms., Mr., Dr., etc.):

Preferred Pronouns (she/her/hers, they/them/theirs, etc.):

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Major(s) and graduation year(s):

Phone:

Email Address:

Organization/Employer:

**How did you hear about the CLA Alumni Board?**

\_\_\_ Current Board Member

\_\_\_ Past Board Member

\_\_\_ Faculty

\_\_\_ Staff

\_\_\_ Student

\_\_\_ Purdue Alumni Association Representative

\_\_\_ Email/Website

\_\_\_ Other

Please specify who:

**Interest Areas**Which board committees interest you most? Please check all that apply.

\_\_\_ Alumni Relations: The purpose of this committee is to engage CLA alumni and execute special CLA Alumni Board-sponsored events.

\_\_\_ Career Development: The purpose of this committee is to provide learning experiences and opportunities for career exploration for current CLA students.

\_\_\_ Member Engagement and Nominations: The purpose of this committee is to keep the CLA Alumni Board informed about college and university news and ensure all members have a positive experience while serving on the board. In addition, this committee facilitates the nomination and orientation process for new board members.

\_\_\_ Leadership: Interest in serving as an officer or committee chair if/when the opportunity is available.

**Interest Statement**

Briefly summarize what interests you most about serving on the CLA Alumni Board, including what you expect to gain from this experience.

**Special skills, volunteer experience, etc.**

Summarize special skills, experiences, and qualifications you have acquired from employment, volunteering, hobbies, other boards/alumni boards, or during your time at Purdue that would be a benefit to the CLA   
Alumni Board.

**Agreement and Signature**By submitting this application, I affirm the facts set forth in it are true and complete, and I agree to the statements listed (please initial next to the statements). I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

\_\_\_ Board members are expected to maintain Purdue Alumni Association (PAA) membership annually during their term.

\_\_\_ Board members are expected to make a gift to the College of Liberal Arts annually during their term.

\_\_\_ Board members are expected to attend a minimum of one board meeting each year (spring/fall) in person or virtual. If participating in person, board member must cover all personal expenses related to travel to and from West Lafayette for meetings. In addition, each board member must serve on at least one committee.

\_\_\_ The terms of all members shall commence on July 1st of the year of their election or appointment extending for 3 years. Members may serve a maximum of two full terms in succession.

Name (printed)

Signature (electronic is acceptable)

Date

**Our Policy**It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

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