ACES Alumni Association

June 30, 2015—July 1, 2016

Annual Report
Overview

ACES Alumni Association Mission Statement
The University of Illinois College of ACES Alumni Association inspires meaningful engagement and advocacy amongst the ACES family to advance the College of ACES.

Strategic Goals
1. Provide meaningful activities, events and opportunities to develop and strengthen relationships among alumni and between alumni and the College.
2. To recognize and publicize/promote excellence and inspire alumni and students.
3. To increase awareness of the ACES Alumni Association among the ACES student body and facilitate engagement throughout a students academic career.
4. Create opportunities for fundraising for alumni sponsorship program.

Facts and Figures
ACES Alumni ..........................................................36,618
Alumni E-Newsletter Circulation .....................................16,737
Alumni Living in IL .........................................................21,378
Total Alumni Living Internationally ................................1,178

Online Presence
NEW Website: www.acesalumni.illinois.edu

Social Media
- Facebook:
  - ACES Alumni Association (1706 followers)
  - ACES Student Advancement Committee
  - Round Barn Society (330 followers)
- LinkedIn: (570 followers)
- Twitter: (330 followers)
- YouTube Channel—alumni videos
- Instagram

Board of Directors 2016-17

Executive Board
President Bill Francis, B.S. ’71, JD ‘74
VP/President Elect Sue Gray, B.S. ’83, M.S. ‘90
Secretary Dawn Bohn, B.S. ’98, Ph.D. ’04
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District Directors
District 1 Jim Endress, B.S. ’74, EDM ’79
District 2 Kim Morton, B.S. ’82
District 3 Holly Spangler, B.S. ’98
District 4 David Brown, B.S. ’88
District 5 Charlyn Fargo-Ware, B.S. ’78
District 6 Alan Puzey, B.S. ’74
District 7 Ed Marburger, B.S. ’79
District 8 Trudy West, B.S. ’81
Young Alumni Director Kirk Buitla, B.S. ’07
Young Alumni Director, Chicago Kurt Hansen B.S. ’14

Vocational Directors
Animal Sciences—Lee Denzer, B.S. ’82, M.S. ’85
Ag & Biological Engineering—Chad Yagow, B.S. ’01
Ag & Consumer Economics, Randy DeSutter, B.S. ’79
Crop Sciences—Molly Cline, M.S. ’78, Ph.D. ’80
Human Community Development—Amy Leman, B.S. ’98
Food Science & Human Nutrition—David Wengerhoff, B.S. ’76
Human Resource & Environmental Sciences—Jim Testin, B.S. ’84
Extension Director—Patty McGalughlin, B.S. ’82, MEXED ’87

Student Representatives
SAC VP Alumni Relations—Gabe Stoll
ACES Council Representative—Claire Stelter

Ex-Officio
Robert Hauser, Dean College of ACES
Tina Veal, Director of Alumni Relations
LeAnn Ormsby, Assistant Dean, ITCS
Chad Vogel, Associate Dean, Office of Advancement
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Alumni Engagement

ACES in Places
One of the ACES Alumni Association goals is to engage alumni across the state through ACES in Places events held throughout the year.

District 4
ACES in Places: Barber & Oberwortmann Horticulture Center

On October 15, 2015 over 25 alumni and friends gathered at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticulture Center in Joliet, IL. A tour of the greenhouses were provided followed by dinner and a program by Kristen Bernier - Organic Community Garden and Marketing from the Joliet Park District, Kim Meenen provided a college and advancement update and David Brown provided a ACES alumni update. David Brown hosted the event.

District 2
Chicago O'Hare Custom & Border Patrol
Kim Morton, ACES Alumni District 2 Director, hosted the event. Participants met at the Hilton Adnimo Restaurant for a luncheon followed by a private tour of the Customs and Border Control at O'Hare International airport. Alumni learned how the Custom Border Patrol keeps our food, natural resources and economy safe from foreign invasive species and agro-terrorism.

Big Ten Ag Alumni Event
Washington DC—March 7, 2016

Big Ten Event was held at the National Press Club on March 7, 2016 with all 11 Big Ten schools for a reception during the CARET meetings in DC.
District 3 ACES in Places
Caterpillar Visitors Center, Peoria, IL
Holly Spangler, ACES Alumni District 4 Director, hosted the alumni event. Participants toured the Caterpillar Visitors Center and heard from Gweene Henricks, Vice President of Caterpillar, Dean Robert Hauser, Dr. K.C. Ting, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Beth Laad, Site Director at the Caterpillar Data Innovation Lab, Research Park.

2015 Field and Furrow 80th Anniversary
Celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the Field and Furrow Club on November 6-7, 2016. Faculty and staff showcased the Turner Hall renovation process.

Farm Progress Show 2016
The ACES Alumni Association hosted a booth in the Illinois tent at the Farm Progress Show for three days in Decatur, IL. Board members and staff greeted alumni each day and provided alumni “I am Proud to be an ACES Alumni stickers” and ACES Alumni bags to those that visited our tent.

Alumni Communications
- **E-Alum Newsletter**— The ACES E-newsletter is distributed to 16,737 alumni with emails on file on a bi-monthly basis.
- **Round Barn Society Newsletter**— A email and hard copy newsletter is distributed to 350 Round Barn Society members 2x per year.
- **ACES @ IL Magazine**—hosts many articles and alumni profile stories about that is distributed 2x per year.

Want to share your email address with us? or Provide an ACES Alumni update? We want to hear from you!
http://go.illinois.edu/acesclassnote
ACES Family Academies

On July 9-10, 2015, the planning for four years and an effort to bring multiple entities to work together was a success! With over 100 participants and 50+ alumni volunteers the inaugural ACES Family Academies provided a 1.5 day experience with educational programs, with an opportunity to live in the dorms and eat in the dining halls as well as experience and share campus life with another generation in their families.

In the first year of ACES Family Academies the demographics included:

- 103 attendees
- 39 families
- 6 states
- 2 countries – USA and Africa
- 38% of participants had not given financially to the College of ACES above $150
- Ages attending: 8 year olds (17%), 9 year olds (13%), 10 year olds (10%), 11 year olds (14%), 12 year olds (10%)

A follow up survey was sent to all participants seeking input after the event. Some of the evaluation results included:

- 11% alumni had not visited campus in the past 10 years since graduation.
- 53% of the alumni attendees had visited campus in the past year
- 58% strongly agreed that ACES Family Academies introduced youth to a college campus and showed them that is it is not overwhelming to attend a large university.
- 47% of alumni attendees would not have visited campus this year if it were not for ACES Family Academies.
- 47% of the youth attendees had never been to the University of Illinois campus.
- 89% of the youth attendees would not have visited the University of Illinois campus if it were not for ACES Family Academies.
- 47% of alumni felt the innovation in programs and curriculum offered at the College of ACES was much more innovative.
- 89% of alumni felt they spent quality time with their youth attendees and family while attending the ACES Family Academies program.

We are looking forward to hosting in 2016!
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Alumni Engagement—Awards & Recognition

Campus Leadership
University of Illinois Alumni Association
Bo Zhang & Angie Eckert, ACES alumni, serve on the UIAA Board of Directors. Bo will complete his term in 2016.

Ed McMillan also serves as the Board of Trustees Chair and stays actively engaged with the ACES Alumni Association.

International Visitors
We often have many ACES International visitors here on campus that may have not been back since graduation. Hosting alumni during these visits is always a pleasure. Below is Jiaxiu Moh, an 81 year old son of an ACES alum from Shanghai, China, seeking history on his father Hsiang-Yueh Moh, who graduated from ACES in 1913.

ACES College Connection
ACES College Connection was held on Friday, September 11 at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Champaign.

The College of ACES Alumni Association hosted the event to included a speaker. Bob Easter, president emeritus, served as the speaker to share about his experiences from Professor to President with over 150 attendees.

ACES alumni award winners recognized during the evening included:

ACES Outstanding Young Alumni Award
- Karen A. Corrigan, B.S. ’97 Crop Sciences of Goodfield, IL
- Adam P. Rochman, B.S. ’01 FSHN of Chicago, IL
- Danielle R. Waterworth, B.S. ’02 ACE of Kansasville, WI

ACES Family Spirit
The Robert L. Randall Family

Ag Comm Huddle 2016
Assisted the Ag Communications department to plan, pull lists, send invites to Ag Communications alumni huddle during Homecoming weekend.
ACES Award of Merit

The ACES Award of Merit was held on April 11, 2015 on campus. Award winners had the opportunity to engage throughout the day with faculty and students during campus visits. The Award of Merit luncheon was held at the I-Hotel and Conference Center and recognized four outstanding alumni:

**Donna R. Greene** – B.S. ’75 Home Economics Education from Champaign, IL. Donna is the Senior Managing Director and Executive Vice President of Busey Wealth Management, Inc.

**Dr. Robert J. Gustafson** – B.S. ’71 Ag Engineering, M.S. ’72 Ag Engineering from Worthington, OH. Robert is the Retired Director of the Engineering Education Innovation Center & the Honda Professor for Engineering Education and Professor Emeritus, Food, Agricultural & Biological Engineering at Ohio State.

**Scott McAdam** – B.S. ’80 Horticulture from Lemont, IL. Scott is the President and Co-owner of McAdam Landscaping.

**Jim R. Shearl** – M.S. ’76 Extension Education from Loda, IL. Jim is the Director of Quality Assurance at Ag Reliant Genetics.

Over 125 alumni and friends joined us for the Award of Merit luncheon. Award winners were also recognized at the college FUNK Banquet. Award winners each were created a schedule to meet with the Dean, faculty, staff, students and teach classes during their campus visits. All four winners participated in a panel for the Ag Ed Class teaching about 130 students about leadership styles.

Friend of ACES

The College of ACES Alumni Association created the Friend of ACES Award and worked with the College of ACES to recognize Orion Samuelson as the first recipient. The College of ACES will manage this award in the future.

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**Comeback Award**

Lyle Orwig, B.S. ’74 Ag Comm, was recognized as the 2015 UIAA Comeback Award winner. Assisted with coordinating his schedule to visit with faculty and classrooms.

ACES Round Barn Society

The mission of the Round Barn Society is to honor individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and to foster their continuing involvement in the College of ACES Alumni Association. Membership consists of past board members, individual award winners and ACES University of Illinois Alumni Association award winners. Events are held in conjunction with ACES College Connection and we continue to “pin” alumni who are charter members of the organization. The Round Barn Society was established in 2012.
ACES Career Fair
The ACES Career Fair was held on October 8, 2015 and hosted 103 employers on the University of Illinois campus. Many alumni returned to their alma mater to recruit students for their companies. The College of ACES Alumni Association greeted recruiters and highlighted alumni on social media.

ACES Tassel Turn
The ACES Alumni Association ushered graduates into alumni status at the ACES Tassel Turn on Sunday, May 15. Over 1500 students and family members gathered to celebrate their graduates success at Memorial Stadium in the Colonnades Club. Illini cupcakes and punch were provided. Graduates received a complimentary photo via a green screen with the Alma Mater and an ACES Alumni t-shirt. Students also had many wonderful photo opportunities with the historic columns and overlooking the Illini football field.

ACES Student Advancement Committee
2015-2016
The ACES Student Advancement Committee is managed by the ACES Alumni Association and ACES Office of Advancement. Thirty-five students were selected this year to represent the ACES Student Advancement Committee with the focus on alumni relations, student recruitment and advancement. The group serves as our representatives for external audiences of the College of ACES.

ACES Student Advancement committee members are key students that are selected through an interview process to represent the College of ACES to our external audiences.

Many roles they fulfill include:
- Hosting alumni award winners.
- Providing tours to prospective students and families
- Hosting college or campus programs
- Thanking donors for gifts through monthly “Thanking Drives”
- Hosting Orange and Blue days to share about the College of ACES.
- Coordinating the “I Pay It Forward, Students Helping Students campaign” to raise money for current student scholarships.
- Hosting during alumni events held on and off campus.
- Participate in a annual professional development trip to meet alumni and tour local industry.
- Serve on the ACES Alumni Board of Directors as a student voice.
- Participate in campus donor visits.

This group is trained to be engaged to represent the College and share their ACES story!
Regional Districts

District 1
- Boone
- Carroll
- DeKalb
- Jo Daviess
- Kane
- Lee
- McHenry
- Ogle
- Stephenson
- Whiteside
- Winnebago

District 2
- Cook
- DuPage
- Lake

District 3
- Bureau
- Fulton
- Hancock
- Henderson
- Henry
- Knox
- Marshall
- McDonough

District 4
- Grundy
- Iroquois
- Kankakee
- Kendall
- LaSalle
- Livingston
- Will

District 5
- Adams
- Brown
- Cass
- DeWitt
- Logan
- Macoupin
- Mason
- Menard
- Morgan
- Moultrie
- Piatt
- Pike
- Sangamon
- Schuyler
- Scott

District 6
- Champaign
- Douglas
- Ford
- Vermilion

District 7
- Alexander
- Bond
- Calhoun
- Christian
- Clinton
- Fayette
- Greene
- Jackson
- Jersey
- Macoupin
- Madison
- Monroe
- Montgomery
- Perry
- Randolph
- St. Clair
- Union
- Washington

District 8
- Shelby
- Coles
- Edgar
- Clark
- Cumberland
- Effingham
- Jasper
- Crawford
- Clay
- Richland
- Lawrence
- Marion
- Wayne
- Jefferson
- Franklin
- Williamson
- Johnson
- Pulaski
- Massac
- Hamilton
- Saline
- Pope
- Edwards
- White
- Gallatin
- Hardin
- Wabash