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.

Board of Directors Composition
The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Alumni Association Board of Directors is comprised of a president, vice-president, immediate past president, seven vocational directors, two major departmental representatives, eight district directors, a University of Illinois Extension Director, two young alumni directors, and two undergraduate students who also serves as the vice-chair for alumni relations on the Student Advancement Committee and a representative to ACES Council. Members are elected to serve two-year terms by the ACES Alumni Association. A person shall not be elected for more than three consecutive terms (6 years).

Role of District Director
Each district director is responsible for representing ACES alumni who reside within a specific geographic region in Illinois. He/she communicates the needs and concerns of constituents in their district to the ACES Alumni Association Board of Directors. The director also coordinates at least one social or professional event in his/her district during the academic year which includes securing a location and caterer, identifying the program participants, and working with the Alumni Association staff on creating the invitation and mailing lists.

The Board of Directors meets four times per year on a week day. Most of the meetings are held on campus, unless otherwise decided by the executive board.

Board members are expected to serve on a committee(s) to further the mission of the ACES Alumni Board of Directors. Standing committees are: Nominating Committee, Alumni Engagement, Award & Recognition, Student Engagement and ACES Family Academies. Additional committees are established on an as needed basis. These committees meet via conference calls between board meetings.

Eligibility
Nominees must have received a degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. The nominee must also reside in one of the following counties: Cook, DuPage, and Lake.

The nominating committee requires the following information:
- A letter outlining why the alumnus or alumna wants to serve in this capacity and the skills or experiences that the alumnus or alumna will bring to the Board of Directors.
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- One letter of reference and two additional names which may be contacted.

Please submit all materials via mail or email to:
Tina Veal, Director
ACES Alumni Association
115 ACES Library, Information & Alumni Center
1101 S. Goodwin Ave.
Urbana, IL  61801
Email:  vealt@illinois.edu

The application is due by October 15, 2019. The nominating committee will make a decision regarding the slate in mid-late November and applicants will be notified of their decision by email.

For more information call 217-333-7744 or email acesalumni@illinois.edu or Tina Veal, Director of Alumni Relations at vealt@illinois.edu.
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Responsibilities and Expectations

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The primary responsibilities of the ACES Alumni Association are oversight, counseling and direction to the Director of the ACES Alumni Association in the interest and for the benefit of the ACES Alumni Association and its members.

Board Members are expected to:
- Serve a minimum of two years (1 term) in the position, with the opportunity to renew for an additional two terms.
- Attend annually four ACES Alumni Board meetings, typically held on campus. Attend Alumni Board retreat every other year to set strategic direction. If a board member misses more than two consecutive meetings in one year, you are subject to removal.
- Assist in setting direction to further the purpose of the ACES Alumni Association through the strategic planning process and committee engagement.
- Respond to requests in a timely manner to allow board business to be completed.
- Prepare materials on time, including the consent agenda, in advance for each of the ACES Alumni Board meetings and come prepared to board and committee meetings.
- Serve on a minimum of one ACES Alumni Board committees and be an active member in committee meetings, outside of regular board meetings, to set and execute goals to support the association.
- Plan and carry out local projects and programs that further the organizations purpose throughout the state and nation.
  - **District Directors** – Assist with planning ACES in Places events in your area as needed.
  - **Vocational Directors** – Assist with keeping department heads up to date on alumni happenings, how they can be engaged and bring departmental updates or needs to the ACES alumni Board. Serve on the Departmental Advisory board.
  - **Extension Director** – Assist with keeping the ACES Alumni Board up to date on Extension needs and statewide program or changes including Extension Partners. Be sure to bring opportunities forward where the ACES Alumni Board can partner with Extension.
- Attend events sponsored by the ACES Alumni Association (ie. Award of Merit, ACES College Connection, ACES Tassel Turn, ACES Family Academies and other ACES in Places events near you to represent the ACES Alumni Board of Directors. Other events may be required to attend based on sponsorship of the program.)
- Assist in identifying potential award recipients and assist in preparing nominees summaries and other supporting materials.
- Support the college monetarily, as you are able, through gifts to the College of ACES Alumni Association and/or College of ACES.
- Personally fund travel to board meetings and other functions.
- As possible, keep informed about the University of Illinois and College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Become a member of the University of Illinois Alumni Alliance Illinois Connection to serve as an advocate for the university as needed.
- Be proactive, positive diligent, creative and attentive to all matters related to the association.
- Respect the confidentiality of Board business.
- Assist with recruitment of board members during the nomination process for new members.
- Assist with other duties as assigned.