

WKU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Western Kentucky University has more than 72,000 alumni living throughout the world! Western alumni have become astronauts, CEO's, successful actors, spiritual leaders and internationally recognized educators. In short, WKU alumni are successful. The WKU Alumni Association exists to strengthen and enhance the spirit of the University by involving WKU alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends in the current life of the institution.

The Association communicates with alumni in various ways. ALUMNI, the official alumni magazine, is sent to all alumni and friends. The Association has more than 40 alumni chapters throughout the United States. These chapters provide job contacts for new Hilltoppers in that area, raise money for academic scholarships, assist with student recruitment, and organize social events. The Association also has an up-to-date web site (www.wkualumni.org), and a toll-free number, (1-888-WKU-ALUM).

On campus, the Alumni Association organizes the Homecoming celebration, funds the faculty and staff awards program, coordinates the Hall of Distinguished Alumni program, and assists with student programming. The Alumni Association also sponsors the Student Alumni Association (SAA), which is an organization that offers leadership opportunities, career contacts and social events to students. The SAA also serves as student ambassadors for Alumni programs such as Homecoming, reunions and visits from VIPs.

A 30 person National Board of Directors and the Alumni staff are charged with ensuring the continued growth and development of the Association. The Association is almost 75 years old, and there have only been six alumni directors - William J. Craig, Lee Robertson, Jimmy Feix, Jim Richards, Gene Crume, and Donald Smith.

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