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About Us

The Alumni Association

Mission
To create meaningful, lifelong affinity and kinship with each other, and to remain involved with, and support, the College.

Vision
The College of St. Scholastica Alumni Association is committed to being an association with strong, active and informed alumni who are able to support and represent the College’s mission. We are committed to serving the needs of alumni through recognizing and responding to the diversity of our generations, interests and geographic locations. We believe innovative use of technology, dynamic alumni programming and student outreach are all necessities in fostering effective communication. We encourage active alumni participation in any capacity furthering goodwill toward the College. The College’s Catholic Benedictine tradition, rich friendships and strong academic preparation inspire this vision. We strongly believe that alumni continue to carry on as representatives of the College and exemplify the Benedictine values shared by all who attended The College of St. Scholastica.

Alumni Board of Directors
The College of St. Scholastica Alumni Board is an advisory board working closely with the Alumni Relations department. The board is made up of working committees that represent the voice of St. Scholastica's 20,000 alumni; board members work to offer ideas, insights and feedback on alumni programming.

Alumni Relations
The Alumni Relations department is a division of College Advancement. The alumni team is here to help alumni remain connected to the College and to one another. Alumni Relations works to keep you informed about the College, plan alumni events, offer learning opportunities, connect you with students or other alumni, and more. Alumni team members are resources for alumni volunteers and are here to help you with your tasks.

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College Facts

Mission Statement: Shaped by the Catholic Benedictine heritage, The College of St. Scholastica provides intellectual and moral preparation for responsible living and meaningful work.

Main campus location: Duluth, Minnesota
Main campus size: 186 forested acres overlooking beautiful Lake Superior
Extended campuses: St. Paul, St. Cloud, Brainerd and Rochester, Minnesota
Founded: 1912
Affiliation: Catholic, Benedictine

Student enrollment (Fall 2015 semester)
- Total main campus, full time undergraduate: 1,821
- Total undergraduate: 2,844
- Total graduate: 1,516
- Total College enrollment: 4,360

Female/male ratio (percentage)
- Traditional undergraduate: 67/33
- Entire population: 72/28

Fees
- Undergraduate tuition: $34,764
- Room and board: $9,314 (average)

Geographic Origin of First-year Students
- 97% from the United States (85% from Minnesota • 15% from other states*)
- 3% from other countries*
  * 12 states and 7 countries represented this year. Our full student population represents all 50 states and 29 countries.

Recognition
- U.S. News & World Report magazine consistently ranks The College of St. Scholastica among the best colleges and universities in the region for academic excellence.
- Selected as a “Top Military Friendly School” by Military Advanced Education and GI Jobs magazines.
The Benedictine Values and Volunteering

These five Benedictine Values guide the College in the education it provides; we seek volunteers to help us live out these values. Help us build community by showing hospitality, a love of learning and respect to our alumni around the world while being good stewards of the College’s resources. Nothing speaks more highly for a college than successful alumni who enthusiastically serve and support it. Whether you help engage fellow alumni, recruit students, join the Saints Career Network or serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, you'll walk away with a sense of accomplishment and pride, knowing that you truly made a difference in the lives of St. Scholastica alumni and students.

Why alumni volunteers matter:

- Alumni often feel close to other alumni; you have shared experiences that allow a relationship to be forged.
- You come with knowledge:
  - You know which restaurants are great in your region
  - You know which instructors were most memorable for your graduation cohort
  - You know what you did when the big snow storm hit Duluth in...
  This understanding and these common experiences make you a great person to connect with your peers.
- Stories are powerful. Your memories of St. Scholastica can spark conversations that are vital to reconnecting alumni.
- A strong volunteer network allows the College’s work to reach more people.
- Engaged, well-informed alumni help enhance the value of a St. Scholastica degree by doing good work and speaking highly of the College in their communities. The College relies on its reputation to attract new students, great faculty and grant money.

As an alumni volunteer, you can give of your time, talent and treasure how and when you choose. Please review the alumni volunteer job descriptions to see what position(s) best fits your expertise. With so many programs and commitment levels available, we’re sure you will find the right opportunity for you!

Help us build community among alumni and with our current students. Show your Saints pride!
Volunteer Opportunities and Job Descriptions

Reunion Volunteers

Class Representative

The most important part of being a Class Representative is to HAVE FUN! The Alumni staff is seeking guidance and advice for planned activities and help contacting your Reunion classmates. Pulling together your class will take some work, but it also will be an opportunity for you to reconnect with the College and with your classmates. It will add diversity to the Reunion if you can get classmates from other fields of study or other geographic areas to attend. It also will increase imaginative ideas for events and strengthen your friendships.

Class Representatives Are:

- Hard working
- Committed to having a fantastic reunion
- Hospitable
- Community oriented
- Responsible
- Welcoming to all

Do:

- Review letters written by Alumni Relations before the letters are mailed to your classmates.
- Work with other Class Representatives to communicate with your classmates by phone, email or handwritten note.
- Assist in planning of Reunion by offering ideas and feedback.

Commit:

- Your time. The time commitment varies throughout the year leading up to your Reunion celebration. Through most of the year, you will put in less than one hour per month. Your busiest time will take place during the first few months of your Reunion year when you will participate in a training session and work to contact your classmates. During this time you probably will put in about 5 hours a month.
- To help make Reunion great.

Class Gift Officer

Reunion Class Giving is an important part of our Reunion tradition and the College’s annual fundraising efforts. Class Gift Officers work closely with the Director of the Annual Fund to increase Reunion Giving participation and gift size.

Class Gift Officers Are:

- Passionate about St. Scholastica
- Strong communicators
- Committed to helping St. Scholastica raise money
- Donors to the College
**Do:**
- Sign and/or write letters to your classmates
- Call and/or email your peers to talk about giving and giving options
- Talk about the importance of supporting the College
- Supply College Advancement staff with updates you receive (contact information, life events, career changes, etc.)

**Commit:**
- Your time. Depending on your schedule, Class Gift Officers dedicate an hour or more each month leading up to their Reunion celebration to help increase the Reunion giving.
- Your communication skills. Because Class Officers are acting as representatives of College Advancement, you commit to timely and professional responses to all inquiries from classmates and College staff.

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**Regional Coordinator**

The Regional Coordinator will work to foster connections between St. Scholastica Saints in their region. These connections will be made through events ranging from annual socials to regular planned meetings (such as book clubs, coffee clubs, monthly lunches, etc.).

The College of St. Scholastica wants all Saints—alumni, parents, students and friends—to have opportunities to actively engage with the College and the worldwide College community. However, with a small Alumni Relations staff, we have difficulty traveling to areas with fewer Saints. We look to Regional Coordinators to help us organize events in these areas and demonstrate St. Scholastica hospitality around the world.

**Regional Coordinators Are:**
- Friendly
- Hospitable
- St. Scholastica supporters
- Reliable
- Strong communicators

**Do:**
- Work with Alumni Staff to organize events in your region, at least 1 per year.
- Serve as host or co-host for your regional event: arriving early, setting up, greeting guests and other event duties as needed.
- Welcome all St. Scholastica Saints to participate in regional offerings.
- Stay informed about the College; communicate College news, happenings and facts with Saints in your region.
- Supply Alumni Relations staff with an update after each event: attendance, updates from alumni and general event feedback.

**Commit:**
- To help organize and host at least one event per year.
- To respond to or forward on inquiries from alumni in a timely manner.
- To regularly communicate with the alumni office about your region.
Alumni Board Director

The College of St. Scholastica Alumni Board is an advisory board working closely with the Alumni Relations department. The board is made up of working committees: Advancement, Awards, Events and Outreach, Nominations and Technology. We look for directors who are willing to share their ideas with the Alumni staff.

Directors

Are:

- Reliable
- St. Scholastica supporters
- Possess a strong work ethic
- Willing to learn about the College and pass along that knowledge

Do:

- Foster the spirit of the College in ways that increase alumni engagement.
- Identify new ways and strengthen existing ways to give alumni a strong connection to one another and to the College.
- Create meaningful, lifelong affinity and kinship with each other and to remain involved with and supportive of the College through the work of the Board's committees.
- Promote greater access to College resources, including educational opportunities, career counseling and participation in key events.

Commit:

- To serve for a three-year term with a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- To either lead or actively participate in one of the working committees.
- To attend three meetings a year, in the Twin Cities or in Duluth. Meetings are on Saturdays.
- To serve as a brand ambassador for the College, including helping increase engagement and positively promoting the College.
- To participate in alumni gatherings as well as either Homecoming and/or Reunion.
- To contribute financially - as the member's means allow - to the College's annual fundraising campaign, which runs from June 1 to May 31 each year.

Casual Volunteer Opportunities

Homecoming

Each fall the College celebrates Homecoming with a weekend full of events. It takes a lot of people to make these events run smoothly so we rely on volunteers to help make the weekend a success. Volunteer sign-up typically opens in August of each year. Volunteer positions have a variety of responsibilities and the time commitment varies. Please visit homecoming.css.edu to access the volunteer position list and sign-up form.

Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair is held annually in St. Paul, beginning in late August and ending on Labor Day. Each year, the College has a booth at the Great Minnesota Get Together. You can volunteer for a shift at the booth and spend some time meeting with fairgoers and talking about St. Scholastica and your experience here. Additionally, you will receive tickets to the Fair, a t-shirt made for the occasion and other benefits. To see available shifts and volunteer, visit http://css.edu/administration/marketing-and-communications/state-fair.html.
Community Day

Community Day is a semiannual tradition, a day each semester when students set aside their academic work to do work in our community. All members of the St. Scholastica community, including alumni, have the opportunity to participate in volunteer activities on Community Day. Volunteer sign-up takes place online several weeks before Community Day. Visit http://www2.css.edu/app/community/ to check if registration is available.

Saints Career Network

The Saints Career Network connects alumni volunteers, who serve as valuable resources of information with students who are pursuing their first entry-level professional position, or with other alumni who are considering changing occupations or looking for a new employer. To become a Saints Career Network volunteer in our searchable database, create a mentor profile at css.edu/careernetwork.

Calling for Events

Many alumni respond better to phone invitations than mailed or e‐mailed invitations. Alumni volunteers can give their time calling to invite alumni to upcoming events. If you are interested in being placed a list of alumni willing to call others, contact Alumni Relations at alumni@css.edu.

Silent Auction

The Alumni Scholarship Silent Auction is held in June each year. The Silent Auction is the single largest fundraiser for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Volunteers help by requesting donations from businesses. If you are interested in helping, contact Alumni Relations at alumni@css.edu.

Get involved today!

For more information about any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact us.

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