

Report of the Alumni Council, 2021–2022

The Alumni Council comprises approximately 135 alumni of Abbot and Phillips academies and meets on campus each fall and spring. Much of its work is conducted through the efforts of eight standing committees and four association committees. The council's mission, as outlined in its strategic plan, is "to enrich the lives of our alumni by inspiring them to live the values of the Academy and be catalysts for lifetime engagement." Alumni Council President Jennifer Amstutz '86, along with vice presidents Candace N. Douglas '00, Kent A. Strong '89, and Ruth Sisson Weiner '66, P'97, '01, will complete the first year of their three-year terms on June 30, 2022.

The Alumni Council had a productive and impactful year. After a year and a half of virtual meetings, the council returned to campus for its fall and spring meetings, and we are pleased to highlight the key accomplishments of each of our committees during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee approved a slate of nominees for the Alumni Trustee Ballot that had been recommended by the Nominating Committee. Nominees were then invited to stand for election by Board President Amy C. Falls '82, P'19, '21. The candidates were David A. Duckenfield '84, Lillian S. Kiang '96, Aisha Jorge Massengill '88, and Loyce LaShawndra Pace '95.

Abbot @ Andover:

Abbot@Andover produced three newsletters and hosted events to engage the Abbot Academy alumnae and the greater Andover community. A highlight of this effort: this spring, A@A sponsored a Zoom interview with independent filmmaker Dorothy Tod, Abbot class of 1960.

Af-Lat-Am Alumni:

The Af-Lat-Am Committee finalized its governance documents, hosted three events, and published a pair of newsletters to set pacing of programming and communications that will be carried forward. Next spring will also include a recognition of the 55th anniversary of the original student-launched club.

Alumni Admissions Representatives:

The Alumni Admissions Representatives Committee stepped up in support of the Admission Office to complete an enormous number of virtual interviews, a critical need given that students have not been able to come to campus for in-person interviews.

Alumni Award of Distinction:

The Alumni Award of Distinction is presented each fall to recognize and honor alumni/ae of Phillips Academy or Abbot Academy who have served with distinction in their fields of endeavor. In Fall 2021, the Committee honored three 2021 award recipients: William M. Lewis '74, Jr., Dorothy Tod '60, and Ming C. Tsai '82, P'18.

Alumni Communications:

The Alumni Communications Committee completed a Volunteer Newsletter redesign and continued exploring new approaches to increase engagement on Andover's Switchboard alumni engagement platform.

Andover and the Military:

Andover and the Military hosted its 12th annual Veterans Day Program and Dinner with guest speaker LCDR Ali Ghaffari '98, USN (Ret.), and continued publication of the twice-yearly *Blue Guidon* newsletter.

Annual Giving Board:

AGB focused in FY22 on increasing agent engagement through Alumni Council and Class Agent participation, trainings, and other activities, while partnering with the Office of Academy Resources to explore ongoing marketing efforts around alternative giving strategies and enhancing donor recognition for the Bulfinch Loyalty Society and Non Sibi Association.

Athletics:

The Athletics Committee inducted four new members into the Andover Athletics Hall of Honor during Reunion Weekend on Saturday, June 11th: Eliza A. Deery '79, Taek-Geun Kwon '92, Rush H. Taylor '96, Leon A. Modeste III, Coach. In addition, the Committee continues to look at diversity and racial ethnicity, which was reflected in this year's candidates.

Class Secretaries:

The Class Secretaries Committee partnered with Andover magazine and the Office of Alumni Engagement to refresh and restructure the class notes collection and publication process.

Equity and Inclusion:

The Equity and Inclusion Committee continued to work to foster an alumni community in which all members feel included, empowered, and engaged, regardless of their expression of identity, hosting a virtual event this spring: "A Conversation between Ai-jen Poo '92 and Dan Koh '03."

Non Sibi:

The Non Sibi Committee engaged alumni in 26 events with 280 participants, including 13 events during April 2022, this year's "Non Sibi Month." The Committee has also launched new social media and Facebook presences and worked to develop a special category flag for Non Sibi events in the alumni and community events category to increase visibility.

Regional Volunteers:

The Regional Volunteers Committee conducted a document review and editing process, and surveyed Regional Leadership Teams as part of its work to market regional leadership opportunities and provide templates to support RLT leadership within local areas.

For more information on or to suggest members for Alumni Council, please contact Karleigh Antista in the Office of Alumni Engagement at kantista@andover.edu.