



FY26 Report of the Alumni Council

Alumni Council President Kent A. Strong '89, P'27, along with Vice Presidents Alanna H. Hughes '04, Ted McEnroe '85, P'28, and Daryl-Lynn J. Roberts '96, began the second year of their three-year terms on July 1, 2025.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee approved a slate of nominees for the Alumni Trustee ballot, as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Board President Amy C. Falls '82, P'19, '21 subsequently invited the following individuals to stand for election: Ruben J. Alvero '76, MD; Mae Concemi Bradshaw '62; Jeni K. Lee '06, PhD; and Christine A. Okike '01.

In March, the Executive Committee voted to sunset the Alumni Communications Committee as a standing committee. This decision was formally confirmed at the spring Council meeting through a bylaws amendment. The change followed several years of thoughtful discussion and was determined to be in the best interest of the overall volunteer experience.

The seven standing and four association committees of the Alumni Council are pleased to share highlights of their work over the past year, including:

Alumni Admission Representatives (AARs)

- Launched the inaugural STAR (Small Town and Rural Student) program to provide insight into the current student experience.
- Expanded engagement and support for AARs, with particular focus on newer volunteers.

Annual Giving Board (AGB)

- Provided feedback to OAR and GiveCamps on Volunteer Information portal to improve messaging and functionality.
- Continued investment in the young alumni cohort, including education on philanthropic behaviors.

Athletics

- Celebrated a strong slate of inductees, highlighting inclusion of an Abbot alumna and new sports.
 - Ousmane Diop '90
 - Coach Peter L. Drench
 - Kristen T. Faulkner '11
 - Merzudin "Zoom" Ibric '06

- Erik S. Kristensen '91 (d)
- Juliette Weston Suhr AA'42, P'65

Class Secretaries

- Focused on increasing submission rates across all classes. Classes with a class secretary achieved an 87% submission rate for the Spring 2026 issue.
- Continued to explore ways to improve the class secretary experience by updating the Class Secretaries Guidebook.
- Began exploring new engagement strategies, including universal prompt ideas and guidance on different outreach methods to provide class secretaries with more options to increase contributions and encourage participation from classmates they may not regularly hear from.

Equity & Inclusion (E&I)

- Hosted a virtual event, “Navigating a Changing Climate in Higher Education,” featuring:
 - Bret D. Asbury '96, Professor of Law, Drexel University
 - Dr. Tiffany D. Joseph '00, Associate Professor, Northeastern University
 - Rafael Lorente '86, Dean, University of Maryland

The event was hosted by Committee Co-Chairs Stuart Hee '94 and Erika Prahll '96.

Non Sibi

- Engaged over 200 volunteers across 20 projects, expanding into new regions including Philadelphia and Houston.
- Strengthened cross-committee collaboration through partnerships with the Af-Lat-Am Alumni committee for the DC Central Kitchen Non Sibi Project and for the Brides' March in New York City.

Regional Volunteers

- Supported the Regional Leadership Teams (RLT) by researching their needs, developing and refining documentation, and sharing resources to better support their work throughout the year.
- Launched a centralized “one-stop shop” for RLTs, creating easier access to agendas, resources, and key information to support their ongoing work.
- Designed a strategy for committee members to attend RLT meetings to assess the effectiveness of current efforts and identify future needs.

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- Hosted a number of events, including
 - *Curriculum Continuum: Abbot Academy's Influence Today*, featuring Catherine D. Tousignant '88, Instructor in English at Phillips Academy and Frances D. Nolde '54, Former Instructor in English at Abbot Academy.
 - Lessons and Carols at Phelps House, with 60 attendees, representing class years from the 1950s through the Class of 2030.

- The Abbot All-Classes Gathering, with 50 attendees, representing class years from the 1940s through the 1990s.
- Reviewed alumnae survey feedback and presented findings at the February gathering. Ongoing efforts focus on engaging less-connected Abbot alumnae and celebrating Abbot's legacy through newsletters and programming.

Af-Lat-Am Alumni

- Co-hosted the Bride's March Non Sibi project in New York City, marking the first collaboration between the Af-Lat-Am and Non Sibi committees.
- Partnered with Non Sibi for a project at DC Central Kitchen, which reached capacity with 10 unique participants.
- Organized two virtual student–alumni events.
- Initiated discussions on documenting Af-Lat-Am alumni history in advance of the 60th anniversary in 2028.

Alumni Award of Distinction

- Hosted 2025 recipients Pablo Durana '02, Ruth E. Harlow '79, and John Marks '61 on campus in October for classroom visits, student dinners, and remarks at All-School Meeting.
- Selected a 2026 slate of three recipients, who have agreed to accept the award and will be honored at the October 30th All School Meeting.
- Planned a comprehensive review of more than 200 existing nominees and new candidates in advance of the 2027 selection cycle.

Andover and the Military

- Hosted the 16th annual Veterans Day program and dinner featuring Commander Jesse M. Ehrenfeld '96, MD, MPH. Commander Ehrenfeld also delivered remarks at All-School Meeting earlier that day.
- Welcomed Sean Flynn '27 to the annual meeting of the Committee. Sean is the first recipient of the Erik S. Kristensen Memorial Scholarship Fund, established to carry forward the legacy of Lieutenant Commander Erik Kristensen '91 and honor his bravery in wartime. The scholarship provides financial support for students to attend Andover's Summer Session. Sean participated in the Summer Session prior to enrolling at Andover.