



POLY
ALUMNI



VOLUNTEER GUIDE

WELCOME POLY ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

Poly Prep offers lots of great opportunities for alumni to stay involved through volunteer activities at the school. Most take very little time, but offer big benefits. Becoming a volunteer will allow you to:

- **Rekindle your Poly pride**
- **Reconnect with old friends**
- **Network to boost your career**
- **Advance Poly's mission**
- **Support current Poly students**

Tailor your Poly involvement to your schedule and personal interests. From helping to plan alumni events to connecting with Poly students, you'll make a difference—and have fun!



Alumni Association Spirit Award Recipients



Ayisha McHugh Nelson '12, Secretary; Jared Hedglin '09, Vice President; Qadir Forbes '11, President
BOG Executive Board 2022-2023

WHY VOLUNTEER?

I love the Poly community and have been in service to Poly since my days as a student.

—*Qadir Forbes '11 President, Board of Governors*

I wish to give back to a community that helped me a great deal.

—*Jared Hedglin '09 Vice President, Board of Governors*

I have deep gratitude to a school that shaped and positively affected my life and educational/professional trajectory. I aim to serve, contribute, and uplift the institution that truly gave me so much.

—*Ayisha McHugh Nelson '12 Secretary, Board of Governors*

Join us! Your school, your way—there's an opportunity that's just right for you!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors are alumni volunteer leaders, guided in their commitment by a set of bylaws and with support from the Alumni Office. The BOG fosters connections between fellow alumni and Poly by:

- Keeping our alumni community informed of what's happening at Poly today
- Organizing alumni events and programs
- Creating networking and mentoring initiatives
- Encouraging alumni participation in Annual Giving



Length of service

3 years

2 consecutive terms Each term of service is three years, with two consecutive terms allowed, after which they can serve as an emeritus member.



The BOG tasks fall under the following categories:

- Communications—promote school and alumni news and events, facilitate alumni and social media engagement, and provide guidance and support for class representatives
- Social Justice Initiatives—organize events and projects to raise awareness and bonding within the Poly Prep community around topics of social justice and activism
- Networking and Mentoring—organize opportunities for alumni to connect with each other and Poly student organizations, highlight alumni achievement through the Spotlight On series, and facilitate the alumni mentorship initiative
- Nominating—solicit new members of the BOG and identify/research potential recipients for the Distinguished Achievement Award and the faculty/staff Spirit Award

The BOG and the Alumni Office are partners in all BOG initiatives, with the Alumni Office providing informational and administrative support.

Approximate Time Commitment

10-15 hours per school year

The Board of Governors meets five times a year and members are expected to attend school events to the best of their ability, particularly those sponsored by the BOG specifically, i.e., Homecoming Spirit Award and Annual Meeting/Awards at Reunion. With meetings, events, and committee work, members should expect between 10-15 hours of commitment per year.



Poly gave me so much as a student. I loved my friends, my teachers, my education... and so it was an easy decision to stay involved as an alumna.

**—Alex Maresca Azara '00, P'33, '37 Board of Governors,
2000 Class Representative**

Poly gave me my best friends and the best memories and that was solely due to the culture of the school. While Poly has changed in many ways since I have graduated, I want to make sure that the spirit of the school remains the same.

**—Keyonte Sutherland '03, P'26 Board of Governors,
2003 Class Representative**

We all share a strong bond with Poly that is sustained through the generations. That good will and love for Poly motivates me to stay connected!

—Hal Rose '74, P'04, '09 Board of Governors, 1974 Class Representative

ALUMNI CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Alumni Class Representatives serve as the liaison between their classmates and Poly's Alumni Relations staff. This role includes:

- Serving as spokespersons for their class and encouraging classmates to submit class notes and contact information updates
- Sharing school news and alumni highlights with the class
- Supporting and promoting school events and Alumni Association Board of Governors (BOG) initiatives
- Encouraging participation in Annual Giving

Support from the Alumni Office

- Materials and support services as needed for Class Reps
- BOG updates on events, programs, and opportunities for alumni involvement and attendance



Length of service

No set term
—serve as long as
you'd like

Recommend another alum
as your replacement

Approximate Time Commitment

Less than
5
hours per
school year

REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Reunions are a great way to reconnect with Poly and rekindle old friendships. Members of the Reunion Planning Committee:

- Form a committee to get the word out on social media
- Encourage Reunion Day attendance through communications including phone calls, mailings, email, and social media
- Organize optional class get-togethers outside of the campus event
- Encourage participation in Annual Giving in celebration of your class milestone

Support from Alumni Office

- Materials and support services for effective reunion planning
- Assistance with messaging if needed
- Preparation and sending of mailings and emails
- Provide guidance with logistical planning and information



Length of service

4-6 months
any time during the
milestone years

Approximate Time Commitment

10 hours
or less
varies depending
on the reunion
activities

NETWORKING & MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

Poly graduates provide support and guidance to peer alumni with respect to their careers and interests. The Alumni Association Board of Governors leads this initiative, compiling a database of alumni and their industries who are willing to mentor peer alumni, wherever they may be in their careers.

Alumni interested in the mentorship program or hosting a networking event, please contact bog@polyprep.org



2022 BOG Kickoff Social



2019 Brooklyn Independent Schools Networking Event

Length of service

No time limit
—serve as long as
you'd like

Recommend another
alum as your replacement

Approximate Time Commitment

**Varies, depending
on the type
of mentoring
requested. May
range from a
one-time resume
review to several
hours of job
shadowing.**

OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE AND RECONNECT



2022 New York Regional event at Slate NY

Alumni Events/School Events

- Regional events
- Homecoming
- Reunion
- Special alumni invitations to campus and virtual events

Alumni Affinity Groups

Lead or join an existing affinity group or create a new one. Current affinity groups are:

- Poly Prep Alumni of Color
- Poly Women Connect

Affinity group leaders organize and implement plans and events, with assistance from the Alumni Office, if needed.

Student Connections

Make an impact on current Poly students by sharing your experience:

- Connect with one of our many Upper School clubs
- Participate in a school assembly
- Academic class visits

Get Started!



It's easy to become a Poly Alumni Volunteer.

Reach out to Director of Alumni Relations
Donna Muoio P'13, '17 or fill out this alumni volunteer form.

Donna Muoio P'13, '17
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*Hover your camera over the
QR code to visit our alumni
volunteer form.*

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