The Alumni Relations team believes in our partnership with volunteers. Serving as ambassadors, volunteers expand our reach to all members of the Lehigh community. In collaboration with staff, volunteers contribute their talent, skills, leadership, and passion to advance the university’s mission.

“How volunteers impact Lehigh University
During fiscal year 2013, 2,470 volunteers contributed approximately 63,000 hours of service, which equates to $1.4 million in labor hours or the equivalent of 30 full-time employees for one year.

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What volunteers do

- Recruit prospective students
- Serve on a board
- Plan regional events
- Fundraise and plan reunions
- Lead an affinity group
- Engage and fundraise with former athletes
- Recruit students for professional opportunities
- Serve as a student leader

“As is the case with many alumni, my motivation arises from affection and gratitude. I believe that by volunteering, I can help to energize alumni, help familiarize potential future Lehigh students with what Lehigh has to offer, and, most importantly, help to make a Lehigh education accessible to more highly-qualified students. These efforts, I believe, will at least in a small way be beneficial to Lehigh.”

– Tom Spencer ’69, Board of Directors

“I am motivated to volunteer for Lehigh by the opportunity to connect and re-connect with successful and interesting people that happen to share my affection for Lehigh. I am also motivated by a large debt of gratitude that I feel toward prior generations of Lehigh alumni who made my education financially possible.”

– Mike Sirkin ’06, Lehigh Lawyers Association
“Reflecting on how rich my college experience was I stammered with the realization of how many years had passed. Could it really have been 35 years ago?! I wanted to revisit those times. I wanted to reconnect with all who shared those incredible years with me. Volunteering for Lehigh opened that door. It transported me back and brought me forward. It has been a gift to correspond, talk, and interact with so many wonderful friends, acquaintances, and fellow alumni. The reward was fulfilling in multiples greater than the effort. Through volunteering I reaffirmed that the Lehigh bond is stronger than steel!”
– Toni Cantalupo ’78, Class Leadership

Who volunteers, by:

**Class Decade**

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**Role**

- **2,470** total volunteer roles
- **370** volunteers hold multiple roles
- **1,875** unique volunteers
- **20%** of volunteers hold multiple roles

Most volunteer roles held by an individual is **8** by a graduate of the 1940s.
The LUAA Board of Directors focused on energizing volunteers to become better ambassadors of and for members of the Lehigh family.

**Class Leadership volunteers** helped bring **900 alumni** back to Old South Mountain for Reunion. More than **2,875 donors** gave back to Lehigh, raising more than **$5 million** for the University to celebrate their reunions.

Whether they are three or 3,000 miles away from campus, **Regional Club volunteers** connected alumni to Lehigh through **233 events**, engaging nearly **7,200 attendees** in the past year.

**Alumni Admissions Outreach** volunteers provided over **440 prospective students interviews** after a record number of applicants requested alumni interviews.

For the second consecutive year the **Young Alumni Council** had **100% philanthropic participation** and led Lehigh to a repeat victory in the Lehigh Lafayette Challenge by a score of 2,748 to 2,592.

The **Awards Committee** recognized **17 outstanding Alumni Award winners**, as well as exceptional undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and members of the community.

Several new affinity groups were launched, including the **Lehigh University Alumni Healthcare Network** which engages alumni from all different colleges and backgrounds who work or are interested in an aspect of the healthcare industry.

**Athletic Partnership** volunteers reconnected former athletes to the current athletic programs, organized more than **65 events**, and helped raise more than **$1.8 million** to enhance the student-athlete experience.

**Senior Alumni Council** volunteers logged more than **1,600 hours** staffing the Visitor’s Desk in the Alumni Memorial Building, where they are often the first welcoming face campus visitor see.
Volunteer Accomplishments

“Doing volunteer work for Lehigh has been very fulfilling not only because I am contributing to a great institution of higher education, but also because I have been privileged to work with and get to know so many extraordinary members of the Lehigh family over so many years. Since my undergraduate days, the most important part of my Lehigh experience has been Lehigh people. While I certainly made numerous friends while I was a student at Lehigh, I have made even more since graduation while volunteering for Lehigh. These friendships have enriched my life immeasurably.”

– Jim Duane ’73, Awards Committee

Board of Directors
The LUAA Board of Directors strategized on how to reach our constituents where they live and expanding the scope of both LUAA and the Board to embrace more of the Lehigh community. By leveraging strengths and assets of the Alumni Association in outreach and engagement, the Board has extended outreach efforts to parents and families, as well as graduate students and alumni.

Class Leadership
Class leadership volunteers made the 2013 Reunion experience special for their classmates by engaging their peers, connecting them to Lehigh, as well as helping their classes join the Lehigh Reunion Hall of Fame by breaking reunion attendance and giving records. These volunteers advocated the “come back, give back” message to their classmates, and the Class of 1988—celebrating their 25th Reunion—swept all reunion attendance and giving records.

Regional Clubs
Serving as ambassadors, alumni volunteers are representatives for the Lehigh community in their area, providing social, educational, cultural, and networking opportunities for the Lehigh family in their regions. In fiscal year 2013, the regional clubs program featured seven campus-based speakers at events across the country, engaging the Lehigh community and providing a platform for faculty and deans to promote research, college and university goals, and the Lehigh curriculum as a whole.

Alumni Admissions Outreach
The Alumni Admissions Outreach volunteers were instrumental in recruiting and selecting Lehigh’s Class of 2017. For the first time, interviews were held in Turkey and Hong Kong, and Skype interviews connected alumni with students from China, Russia, Kenya, Georgia, and Saudi Arabia, among many others.
Volunteer Accomplishments

"My motivation to volunteer is founded in gratitude. My Lehigh experience prepared me to succeed in my profession and I attribute that to the exceptionally high quality of the institution, its faculty, and strength of its student-oriented programs—both inside and outside the classroom. I am grateful for the education Lehigh afforded me and I want others to know and share in this experience."

– LTC Andrew Morgado '94, Alumni Admissions Outreach

**Young Alumni Council**

The Young Alumni Council (YAC), representing Lehigh’s most recent graduates through their 10th Reunion, is committed to engaging their peers through relevant communications and opportunities for involvement. The YAC launched two successful initiatives to educate current students about the lifelong Lehigh experience. The Council invited student leaders to discuss “Life after Lehigh” and network. Additionally, seven young alumni were featured in a Young Alumni Spotlight in the *Brown & White*.

**Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee continued its decades-long tradition of celebrating the dedication, passion, and commitment of exceptional alumni and other members of the Lehigh community. The first ever Brown and White Night celebration was hosted on the Thursday evening of Reunion to honor the Alumni Award winners.

**Affinity**

Alumni Affinity Programs reconnect volunteers to their alma mater and each other by engaging people based on their personal and professional interests. This year, more than 1,350 alumni participated in events and activities. The Lehigh Lawyers and Wall Street Council collaborated to sponsor an event in New York City. In addition, the two groups competed in the first affinity giving campaign.

**Athletic Partnership**

Athletic Partnership volunteers work together to provide the best educational, developmental, and competitive experience possible for student-athletes. This included raising funds to send the women’s volleyball team to play against some of the top competition in China in an once-in-a-lifetime cultural experience.

**Senior Alumni Council**

The Senior Alumni Council has helped alumni more than 40 years out of school to stay connected through several programs—including the “Back to the Classroom” annual event, sending birthday cards to alumni celebrating milestone years, and manning the Welcome Desk in the Alumni Memorial Building. The Senior Alumni Council provides avenues for senior to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and support their alma mater.
“As the class correspondent for 10 years and now the head of the Women’s Basketball Partnership, I continue to feel connected to the amazing culture of the Lehigh community. It gives me great pride to give my time to a university that has granted me opportunities and friendships that will last a lifetime.”

– Kelly Collins Romanczuk ’00 ’02G, Women’s Basketball Partnership

**Microvolunteering!**

Connect with Lehigh and volunteer on the scale of minutes/hours instead of months/years. Use your skills and passion to contribute to the university without a long-term commitment. These projects can be accomplished from your desk over lunch, from a smartphone, after the kids are asleep, or any other free time in the day. Examples include: photo tagging/archiving, 15-minute mentor chats (call-in, Skype, email correspondence), or copywriting/copy editing.

To learn more about the volunteer program, please visit mylehigh.lehigh.edu/volunteer or contact the Volunteer Engagement Team at volunteer@lehigh.edu.