Alumni

Key Points
Cultivating loyalty, thereby keeping alumni connected to Purdue University, has been the central purpose of the Purdue Alumni Association since Purdue's first graduate, chemistry major John Bradford Harper, received his bachelor's degree in 1875. J. B. Harper recognized the need for graduates to stay in touch, and in 1878 he stepped forward to found "The General Alumni Association" and serve as the first president. The Purdue Alumni Association has been helping maintain the image of Purdue University world-wide and bringing Purdue alumni and friends together around-the-world ever since. He set in motion what would become a long history of successful individuals and events that have shaped the Purdue Alumni Association and Purdue University into world-class organizations.

Alumni by State
In 2013-14 a total of 405,450 U.S. students have graduated from the university. As shown in the chart below, Purdue's reach extends beyond neighboring states with California and Texas included in the top five.

- **1. INDIANA**: 189,710
- **2. ILLINOIS**: 34,851
- **3. CALIFORNIA**: 20,191
- **4. OHIO**: 14,817
- **5. TEXAS**: 13,779
- **6. FLORIDA**: 13,637
- **7. MICHIGAN**: 11,890
- **8. VIRGINIA**: 6,601
- **9. NORTH CAROLINA**: 6,548
- **10. COLORADO**: 6,292

In addition to 405,450 graduates from the United States, Purdue has 15,720 international alumni from 161 countries.

Alumni Demographics
To date 41% of Purdue alumni are female compared to 59% men.

Number of Greek Alumni by Decade
The College of Engineering at West Lafayette has the most alumni but over the last five years Liberal Arts, Management, Technology, and the Regional Campuses have seen a trend in alumni growth.

Alumni by West Lafayette Colleges and Regional Campuses
- **Veterinary Medicine**: 4,729
- **Pharmacy**: 12,344
- **North Central**: 18,235
- **Education**: 17,528
- **Purdue Fort Wayne**: 22,229
- **IUPUI**: 25,309
- **Technology**: 36,372
- **Agriculture**: 38,764
- **Calumet**: 39,498
- **Science**: 40,590
- **Management**: 41,422
- **Liberal Arts**: 43,434
- **HHS**: 58,593
- **Engineering**: 108,485

More than 425,000 current Purdue alumni
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Corporations – corporations and corporate foundations who make gifts to Purdue University – typically recruit our students;
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Each year affiliates of the Purdue Alumni Association donate money to fund scholarships to current Purdue students.
In 2014-15 the Marshall Co. Alumni Club from Plymouth, Indiana provided the largest amount of scholarship monies with $67,000 of scholarships dispersed to 28 awardees. Other clubs donating $10,000 or more in 2014-15 include St. Joe Valley (South Bend, Indiana), Elkhart Co. Alumni Club, Indianapolis Alumni Club, Muncie Indiana Alumni Club (Delaware County), and the alumni club of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Delphi Corporation Raytheon Company United States Air Force Lockheed Martin Corporation International Business Machines Boeing Company General Electric Company General Motors Company Eli Lilly and Company Purdue University

The top ten employers of Purdue alumni are presented as of August 2014.

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Scholarship Giving by Dollar Amount and Number of Awards

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70 active clubs

57 clubs are sanctioned by Purdue Alumni Association
54 clubs hold Gold level standing
4,992 people participated in events

Over 3,000,000 emails were sent to alumni and friends
Approx. 700,000 records are maintained in the alumni database
$1,851,858 Alumni club resources held with Purdue for FY14