

Alumni Connections

A student perspective on student-alumni networking.



Connecting Students & Alumni

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There are numerous ways for students to connect with alumni on-campus, either through a student organization or a college-specific career center.

These resources allow students to make invaluable connections with alumni which, in turn, provides them with opportunity, which is what it all boils down to, according to Jimmy Cox.

"You never know the opportunity that may be presented to you just because you were able to connect with one alum."

Jimmy Cox
Director, Student-Alumni Programs

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As a student, I have been told by nearly everyone that alumni networking is important. I received this advice often, but I was left wondering why it was seemingly so important and what I could do to get involved.

After talking with Jimmy Cox, I had a better understanding of the resources found on-campus and how to get started. In sorting through these resources, I found that each one provides a unique perspective with a variety of events. Here are some examples of what can be found:

The College of Liberal Arts Career Center connects students with alumni via Alumni Stories on the CLA Career Center website and through additional programs such as Parker Dewey and Ascend Indiana. Lori Sparger, Chief Operating Officer for CLA, tells me these programs allow students to develop professional contacts and build networks that will later assist students during their internship and job search.

Old Masters is an organization that connects distinguished professionals to Purdue students. Every year a panel of Old Masters is hosted at the university, and a recent addition, known as "An Evening with the Old Masters", allows students to ask the Old Masters questions; this event is designed to connect and inspire Boilermakers.

The Purdue Alumni Student Experience (PASE) is a membership organization that provides members with access to numerous networking resources such as Dinner with Boilers and Mock Career Fairs. Dinner with Boilers allows a small group of students to enjoy a meal with successful alumni in an intimate setting. The Mock Career Fairs allow students to prepare for Career Fairs by interacting with and being coached by alumni on interviewing techniques.

"Old Masters is a program that shows students that success is a tangible reality. Old Masters inspires students to take their degrees and push the limits of their respective fields."

Mark D'Aloia

**Old Masters
Central Committee**

For more information on the mentioned features, click below:

[Alumni Stories](#)

[Parker Dewey &
Ascend Indiana](#)

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the Old Masters](#)

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*It is important to note that Purdue's Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) is a resource that all Purdue students have free access to. Check out the CCO's website linked in the photo on page one!