

**Parent Network Board Meeting
Sunday, February 17, 2019**

PNB Members in Attendance: Jane Abraham P'19, Mayra Addison P'21, Michele Altemus P'19, Jim Burgess '84 P'20, Michelle Cash P'20, Marc Chiang P'21, Jon Frank P'21, Heidi Friedlander P'19, Nicole Heath P'22, Cathy Kenworthy P'20, Ginny Lee P'21, Laurie Lippincott P'19, Lisa Love P'20, Amy Mehlman P'21, Donna Novitsky P'20, Joe Pugh P'19, Steven Rogers P'19, Michele Sileo P'20, Anne Sinek P'22, Linda Singh P'20, KK Streater P'18 P'21, Tina Thomson P'20, Peters Suh P'19, Balaji Venkatraman P'22

Teleconference: Leslie Barclay P'19, Jennifer Bruch Hogan P'19, Jennifer Church P'21, Alicia Lloreda P'20, Melanie Mace P'17 P'19, Jyoti Narula P'19 P'22

Guests in Attendance: Ajay Bhutoria P'22, Amy Whittaker P'22, Josh Friedlander P'19, Bob Taylor P'22, Trey Cash P'20, Sherie Bernardez P'22, Susan Southmayd P'21

Absent: Renu Advani P'21, Ghada Aluzri P'17 P'20, Geetha Anand P'19, Vijay Anand P'19, Randy Anderson P'22, Bengi Atun P'20, Kristin Baker P'20, Stephanie Chakmak '87 P'16 P'19, Manoj Chitre P'18 P'22, Sudhir Goel P'20, Nidhi Gupta P'22, Bill Jacob P'20, Tarun Jotwani P'20, Anjali Kausar P'19, Scott Kennedy P'21, John Lin P'21, Suharsh Mittal P'22, Sergio Pineda P'19, Surojit Shome P'22, Rick Verjee P'21, David Zhu P'20

Staff in Attendance: Ursula Diamond, Evan Rutter '06, Jeannie Scalmanini

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Lippincott called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll of those on the teleconference. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Friedlander corrected the minutes to include Inside CMC Day 2019 to the last board meeting. The board voted to approve the minutes.

3. College Updates

- Evan Rutter '06 provided updates on the College. \$1.5 million dollars was put toward sponsored summer internships last year, and the hope is to continue fundraising for more summer internships and financial aid. Admission is doing well with a high yield rate for ED 1, and the department is expecting the same for ED 2.

4. Committee Updates

- **Jil Stark '58 GP'11 Award:** Donna Novitsky is the 2019 [Jil Stark '58 GP '11 Parent Volunteer of the Year](#) Award recipient! Donna was honored for her work with Career Services at the Soll Center for Student Opportunity, working tirelessly to secure a vibrant array of parent sponsored internship experiences for

CMC students. Jil Stark '58 GP'11 presented the award to Donna at the Parent Donor Lunch during Family Weekend 2019.

- **Career Development:** The committee has secured 243 job shadowing experiences in 10 different countries to date, and 203 students applied for these positions. Thirty parent-sponsored internships were secured, with 10-15 more anticipated in the next 3-4 weeks from the alumni group who have been duplicating the efforts. Parent volunteers are needed to serve as Experts-in-Residence, specifically in entertainment and arts. The Student/Parent Networking Sessions are staffed with parent volunteers and ready to go.
- **[Parents Fund](#):** The Parents Fund Committee is working toward two major goals. First, a \$1.2 million goal with 58% accomplished to date. Second, an 800 household participation goal with 664 households to date. Ten new families have joined the President's Leadership Circle (PLC). The 1946 challenge was a success, with 319 families participating. An anonymous donor will be matching 1-to-1 in a challenge towards the Parent Fund to encourage participation until Commencement. Staff member Monica Lyons will be conducting training sessions within the next few weeks.
- **Communications:** The [CMC Parent News](#) distribution timeline changed to include a September, late January, and April edition. Open rates have been trending up, so the Committee will stick with this timeline. The Committee is also discussing the option of a summer newsletter aimed at new incoming parents. The private [CMC Parents and Families Facebook group](#) has grown to include 637 members including many ED Class of '23 families. Please reach out to let us know if you can help write articles for future newsletters.
- **CMCAA Liaison:** Members of the Alumni Association, inspired by the work of the PNB Career Development Committee, are working to create a unique networking session at Alumni Weekend 2019. They are also sending out a call for internships, modeled after the work of the PNB.
- **Admission:** Parent participation increased significantly in the fall, and additional parent volunteers were identified during the admission session today. A full Committee conference call will take place in March with the goal of organizing the regular decision family calling campaign. Additionally, the ambassador network is in the process of contacting ED families to welcome them into the CMC community. In the past, ED families would not hear from a volunteer until late summer. Volunteers are needed for Inside CMC Days to sit on panels and to serve as a resource for perspective families.
- **Programs:** Family Weekend 2019 is in full swing and all events have been well received and attended. One of the new events, the hike on the Claremont Loop, was extremely successful and sold out quickly.

- **Nominating:** The Nominating Committee is looking to add a few more board members from the Class of 2022. The Board is currently at 53 members. It is now time to look toward next year. If you have an interest in a leadership role, please contact a Nominating Committee member.

5. Sharon Basso, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dianna Graves, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students

- Dean Basso and Dean Graves presented an overview of Student Affairs' key functions.
- They discussed the importance of college as an opportunity for personal growth and ownership, and the “whole student” development theory in action. This included Magolda's theory of self-authorship, and the student's ability to define their own beliefs, identity, and social relationships.
- They discussed academic success key initiatives, and developing and implementing leading practices in academic support for all students including academic coaching, support, workshops, and events.
- Support aimed at helping students build executive functioning and stress tolerance to reduce anxiety were covered, including an overview of the new [Academic Success Consultants](#) and the development of the executive functioning skills model.

6. [Claremont Programming Board](#) (CPB) Executive Committee Members, Kylie Bernardi '20, Josh Rodriguez '21, Samantha Lee '20

- The team discussed their purpose of creating, organizing, and implementing inclusive student programming, and shared examples of events they had previously put on such as: Game Truck Night, Social Sunday Snack, Open Mic Night, etc.
- They discussed their general leadership structure, campus engagement, and future plans.

7. Adjournment

- Ms. Lippincott adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.