Honoring the winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Charles A. Dukes Award, the Beyond Duke Service and Leadership Award and the Forever Duke Award
Duke University engages thousands of volunteers each year in roles and programs on campus and around the world. Their service is invaluable. The Duke Alumni Association relies on alumni volunteers — who interview applicants, plan local events, organize class reunions, lead affinity groups and participate in countless projects and programs.

Today we give thanks to all Duke volunteers and honor the winners of the 2015 **Distinguished Alumni Award, Beyond Duke Service and Leadership Award, Charles A. Dukes Award** and **Forever Duke Award**. All of these winners have displayed unwavering loyalty to Duke and have contributed in significant ways to their local communities, to society and to the future of the university.

Do you know a Duke alumnus or alumna who is deserving of a Duke Alumni Association award? We encourage you to nominate him or her at [www.dukealumni.com](http://www.dukealumni.com)!
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Distinguished Alumni Award
The Alumni Association's highest honor

In 1983 the Duke Alumni Association Board of Directors established this award as our highest honor. The alumni who receive this honor have distinguished themselves by the contributions they have made in their particular fields or professions, in service to Duke University and to the betterment of humanity. All living graduates, other than active members of the Duke Board of Trustees and current Duke employees working in the Alumni Affairs and Development departments, are eligible for consideration.

Kimberly Blackwell ’89, H.S.’00
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Leading the way in cancer research
Kimberly Blackwell embodies the innovation, passion and drive that make Duke University the special place it is — and the way she is using her talents makes her the special person we want to honor.

As a clinical oncologist at Duke since 1994 and now as the director of the breast cancer program at the Duke Cancer Institute, Blackwell has dedicated her time, research and expertise to the mission of fighting breast cancer and saving the lives of women everywhere.

Over the past several years, Dr. Blackwell developed a new breast-cancer treatment known colloquially as the “smart bomb.” The FDA approved the treatment — officially named T-DM1 — in 2013. T-DM1 attacks a particular protein found in an aggressive type of late-stage breast cancer while leaving the healthy cells untouched. The results are nothing short of miraculous. Women undergoing Dr. Blackwell’s treatment are surviving at higher rates and experiencing fewer chemotherapy side effects.

Blackwell also played a major role in the development of another breast cancer drug known as lapatinib. Her research work at Duke as the principal investigator for these two drug trials established Duke as the place where two of the last six drugs approved for breast cancer were engineered.

Blackwell’s groundbreaking research in the fight against cancer earned her a spot on TIME Magazine’s “100 Most Influential People in the World” list in 2013.

In addition to her innovative research, Blackwell also serves as professor of medicine and assistant professor of radiation oncology at Duke University Medical Center and maintains an active clinical practice. Her clinical and research interests surround the formation of blood vessels in breast cancer, breast cancer in younger women and hormonal therapy.

“The Duke community is what kept me here,” Blackwell says. “The brain-tumor group at Duke has a slogan: ‘At Duke there’s hope.’ And that’s really true. We do things here that can't be done anywhere else.”
Charles A. Dukes Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service

Recognizing extraordinary long-term volunteer leaders

The Charles A. Dukes Award was instituted in 1982 and was named after the first director of the Duke Alumni Association, who built his reputation on volunteer leadership. Since then, the Duke Alumni Association has presented the award to nearly 300 long-standing volunteers who have served with distinction in leadership roles, and like Dukes, have devoted themselves to extraordinary long-term efforts that help Duke further its mission.

Stuart Dean ’75, P’03, P’11

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Connected to the best

Known as a trusted and thoughtful leader, Stuart Dean sees his volunteer work at Duke as a way to give back just a measure of what was given to him during his days at Duke. For 25 years, Dean has served as General Electric’s key executive for Duke, using his integral position to help guide, direct, facilitate and foster the engagement between the university and GE. Over the years, GE has given millions of funding in support of teaching and research programs and offered Duke graduates first consideration for jobs with GE.

Dean’s role at GE is CEO of ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which is a dynamic and emerging economic region. Dean has lived in Southeast Asia for 24 years and possesses a deep knowledge of the region, culture and economic and legal practices. He plans to retire to the region.

Dean’s international experience and expertise profits Duke through his commitment to DukeEngage. He offers networking opportunities through his contacts in the private and public sectors and leverages his connections for the benefit of Duke programs benefiting students and faculty. He also serves on the Trinity Board of Visitors and has made significant personal contributions to the university.

Sally Searcy Kleberg ’66, P’91, P’94

New York, New York

Forever Duke, Deep in the Heart of Texas

Volunteerism is at the heart of Duke University, and Sally Searcy Kleberg took her commitment to volunteerism and Duke with her deep into the heart of Texas. Since moving to Texas in the late 1960s, Kleberg has been integral to keeping the Duke community strong in the Lone Star State’s biggest cities. She, along with her husband Kip, began a Duke alumni group for Central Texas that included San Antonio and South Texas alumni.

When they arrived in San Antonio, they connected with local Dukies only to discover a very scattered alumni group in the South Texas region. Searcy Kleberg worked tirelessly to bring the group together, eventually building the official Duke Alumni group for South Texas. The Klebergs’ commitment to Duke did not stop there. She and Kip chaired the regional campaign committee for major gifts when the university launched
the capital campaign for the building of the Bryan Center. Kleberg also served on the Board of Trustees in the late 1970s.

In 1990, Kleberg relocated to New York City bringing her love of Duke and her commitment to its alumni with her. She still remains an active member of the Duke Alumni group of New York. She also has served on the Nicholas School of the Environment’s Board of Visitors since 1991, currently in the role of chairman of its development committee.

Harsha Murthy ’81
Washington, D.C.

Preserving the role of volunteer
Harsha Murthy’s list of volunteer roles at Duke couldn’t be contained within the allotted space on the award nomination sheet. Much of his volunteer time has been spent in service to the Library Advisory Board (LAB) of which he was a member for 15 years and the board’s chair for the last four and a half years.

During his tenure as the LAB chairperson, Murthy oversaw many projects at Duke Libraries, most notably the recent renovation of Rubenstein Library and the launch of the Duke Forward campaign. Murthy has attended events on behalf of Duke Libraries including the National Collegiate Book Collecting Contest in Washington, D.C., a special event at the Library of Congress hosted by Duke Trustee David Rubenstein ’70 and dinners with President Brodhead.

Murthy is a member of Duke’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Taskforce. He is also involved with the Duke University Financial Partners and has been a guest lecturer for students in the Duke in New York Financials Markets and Institutions program. Murthy is also a member of Duke’s leadership board in Washington, D.C., and is a member and donor for the Duke Chronicle Development Committee. Last but not least, Murthy has participated in the Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (AAAC), serving future generations of students.

He says that volunteering for Duke brings him personal satisfaction and is just plain “fun.” We have to agree with him.

Karl Sheffield ’54
Naples, Florida

The best kind of yes-man
“Karl is an alumnus who says ‘yes’ to Duke, no matter the request,” says nominator Stacy Davis, senior assistant director of Leadership Giving. “From his involvement with athletics that spans many decades to his support of our new comprehensive reunion model to his gift planning leadership, Karl continues to say ‘yes’ to Duke.”

During the preparation for his 60th reunion, Sheffield authored a letter to his class — sharing his reasons for supporting Duke with a planned gift. The passion of his words
inspired many classmates to give their support, and the result was a record-breaking 1954 class gift. Sheffield was a key leader during the reunion event, with roles that included introducing President Brodhead and representing the class of 1954 on stage with the class gift.

Sheffield’s service to Duke reaches every corner of the university. In addition to his reunion leadership, he has served on the Campaign Steering Committee, Athletics Advisory Board, Athletics Leadership Board, Duke Forward Athletics Leadership Campaign Committee, Women’s Athletic Scholarship Campaign Committee, Development Council in Atlanta and the Regional Campaign Council.

Gregg Tenser ’89
Manhattan Beach, California

**Reputation for excellence**

Surpassing goals has been a signature move of Gregg Tenser throughout his service to Duke. As co-chair for the class of 1989’s 20th and 25th reunions, Tenser’s leadership helped the class exceed their Annual Fund reunion goals on both occasions. While this feat is remarkable on its own, what makes it and Tenser’s leadership even more impressive is the fact that the class of 1989 had never reached a previous reunion fundraising goal.

As a result of Tenser’s great work as a fundraising volunteer, he was appointed to the Annual Fund Executive Committee (AFEC) in the summer of 2009. Since joining the committee, Tenser has been an active member by attending every meeting (often flying in from overseas), hosting alumni events in Los Angeles and advocating for an inter-reunion engagement program.

Thanks to Tenser’s diligence and passion, the class of 1989 holds a reputation for being a fantastic reunion fundraising class. Tenser has helped form the strategic direction for the AFEC, which will be setting its sights on increasing fundraising goals exponentially — and we know how Tenser handles goals. “The impact of his leadership will be felt for years to come,” says nominator Jen Cameron.
Beyond Duke Service and Leadership Awards
Celebrating local and global community service

Established in 2013 by the Duke Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Beyond Duke Service and Leadership awards recognize alumni who have made extraordinary contributions of service to their communities and to society at large. Three awards are given annually — one in each of the following categories: Young Alumni, Local Community and Global Community.

Maria Gibbs ’12
South Bend, Indiana

Service by a Young Alumna/Alumnus

Building bridges to economic empowerment
Maria Gibbs understands more than most how to bridge the gap between poverty and prosperity. The recent Duke engineering graduate demonstrated that fact by earning recognition as one of the “New Faces of Civil Engineering” from the American Society of Civil Engineers for her incredible work designing and building footbridges to isolated communities around the world.

Gibbs’ passion for this area of work first ignited when she learned of a rural community in El Salvador whose elementary school students had to swim across a flooded river to get to school during the rainy season. Spurred to action, she traveled to El Salvador to help these students with a Denver-based nonprofit organization called Bridges to Prosperity.

Since then Gibbs has traveled to Nicaragua and Rwanda to help build and test suspension footbridges over impassable rivers. It is her desire to alleviate poverty by using her knowledge and experience to create safe access to education, health care and economic opportunities. Gibbs received the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and studies bridge aeroelasticity, focusing on wind-induced effects on Bridges to Prosperity’s suspension footbridges. She is earning her Ph.D. in engineering at the University of Notre Dame.

Mark Hecker ’03
Washington, D.C.

Service to a Local Community

Tutoring 2.0
Oftentimes it’s in helping others that we help ourselves. Mark Hecker’s revolutionary approach to tutoring is built on this concept and embodies the Duke principle of helping our peers. Hecker’s nonprofit organization Reach Incorporated has built a unique and flourishing tutoring community in the greater Washington, D.C.-area by pairing high-school students struggling in reading with elementary school students who are also having trouble reading at grade level.
The Reach program trains the high-school students to be effective reading tutors and then pays them to tutor the elementary school students. Both groups are helped through the interaction. Best of all, the program has proven results with all ages improving and attaining success in their reading efforts. Hecker — who holds a bachelor’s degree from Duke, a master’s of social work from the University of North Carolina and a master’s of education from Harvard University — is a 2011 Echoing Green Fellow and a 2013 Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network Fellow.

Nominator Mike Ambrose, a former teacher and current education policy advocate, says of Hecker: “I spend my days thinking about how to bring better educational opportunity to all students. If possible, one of my first steps would be to clone Mark Hecker. Where much of the country sees low-achieving high-school students who are statistically too late for intervention, Mark sees untapped talent and new hires who can positively shape the next generation of D.C. students.”

Sally Heller Rankin M.S.N.’78 and Rev. William Rankin ‘63, Ph.D.’77, A.M.’79

Tiburon, California

Service to the Global Community

Dedicated to global health

The Rev. William (Bill) and Sally Rankin would be the first to tell you that their work is just a drop in the bucket of what needs to be done in the global health arena. However, their dedication to putting knowledge in service of society is bringing hope to thousands in the sub-Saharan nation of Malawi.

In 2000, while working with an interfaith peace-building organization, Bill learned that a $4 dose of an anti-retroviral drug could halt the transmission of HIV from mother to newborn. That information was transformative for Bill. In response, he founded the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA), which brings HIV/AIDS health care and education to the estimated 930,000 Malawi citizens with HIV/AIDS and to their families.

Sally's contributions to global health match Bill's in passion and reach — most notably her research on the adaptation of patients and their families to chronic illnesses, particularly families dealing with the challenges of HIV/AIDS. Sally is also recognized as a public health scholar and expert and has worked with GAIA to empower women and to expand the number of trained health care professionals in Malawi.

Collectively the Rankins have authored 16 books or book chapters and more than 141 peer-reviewed articles. Both Bill and Sally have taught at the university level for more than 20 years and have held major leadership positions -- he as dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and she as associate dean for global health at the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco.
Forever Duke Awards

 Rewarding recent excellence in volunteer leadership

The Forever Duke Award was established in 2009 to recognize alumni for excellent recent volunteer service in support of the Duke Alumni Association’s mission of engaging, connecting and celebrating alumni. Such volunteerism could include inspiring service to Duke, to the Duke Alumni Association and to additional alumni groups in diverse roles such as leading a Duke Alums Engage event, serving on a campus board or committee and coordinating a regional network or class reunion.

Jeremy Block ’03, M.P.P.’10, Ph.D.’10
New York, New York

Setting the pace for success
Jeremy Block pursues success wherever he goes. As a student-athlete at Duke, he was a track and cross-country runner and he achieved triple Dukie status with his undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees. So when Block moved to New York City, it was no surprise that his volunteer work with Duke New York alumni propelled the group to levels not yet imagined.

As the leader of the DukeNY Advanced Job Networking Group, Block is responsible for ensuring that alumni seeking employment find the best job fit. He coordinates meetings, oversees content and communications and, in partnership with Paul Bernard A.M.’75 and Jeanette Brizel ‘83, handles logistics for the group.

Beyond networking, Block frequently takes an active role in other DAA events and programs, including Hoops Watches and DEMAN events. “Jeremy has proven to be a most valuable volunteer in the region, and I am confident that his role will only continue to grow,” says nominator Erica Gavin ’96.

Sarah Borns ’72, P’02, P’08
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Building on success year after year
As the chair of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Duke Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (AAAC), Sarah Borns is helping to build the future of Duke. Every year, tens of thousands of Duke applicants around the world are interviewed by the AAAC. And for the past 16 years, Borns’ committee has completed all of their region’s applicant interviews.

Borns has been involved with the AAAC since 1984 and has been the chairperson since 2000. Year in and year out, Borns invests her time, talents and patience into executing the highest number of interviews she can. Her goal is to finish 100% of the interviews before the deadline. Her team has met that goal every year but one.

Part of the role she plays is to engage potential students at an annual AAAC dinner. One of the purposes of the event is to invite the accepted students to become a part of the Forever Duke family. The event serves as an effective recruitment opportunity and
Borns is the one who introduces the applicants and presents them with a thoughtful Duke-themed token. Her personal touch is one of the ways she goes above and beyond to help bring the top undergraduate students to Duke.

Borns says, “To interview every applicant in Jacksonville is a feat that takes planning, patience and lots of enthusiasm. It’s been a privilege to be part of the process.”

Kwang-Lu Amy Chen ’00
Boston, Massachusetts

Stepping up to lead
As the new alumna in town, Amy Chen never expected to become president of Duke Boston. She wanted to reconnect with old classmates, make new friends and watch basketball. Before long, however, Chen was leading the Boston alumni group.

For the past four years, Chen’s passion and dedication has enabled Duke Boston to experience growth and great success. While working a demanding job, she also handles the agenda setting for all the meetings, attends every event and guides the group forward.

Chen credits her committee for bringing creativity and hard work to all of Duke Boston’s events and programming. From a Goodwill clothing drive that involved other ACC alumni chapters, to serving at the Hope Lodge (a nonprofit that hosts cancer patients’ families during hospital stays), the alumni programming in Boston exceeds Duke standards time and time again. Her nominator notes that Chen’s consistent presence holds everything together, and Duke Boston would not be what it is today without her leadership.

Chen says, “Volunteering is my way of saying thanks for all that Duke has given me. By helping to plan diverse regional programming, we bring Duke culture right into our own community here in Boston. It’s not the individual service events that I’m most proud of, it’s the relationships I’ve built with the diverse members of the board that I will always treasure.”

Cuyler Christianson ’76
New York, New York

Faithful service inspires others to join in
For the past 15 years, Cuyler Christianson has led a monthly soup kitchen volunteer effort at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. The soup kitchen distributes about 20,000 heart-healthy meals a year to New Yorkers in need.

Recently, DukeNY invited local Duke alumni to join Christianson in these monthly events. In any given month, a group of Duke alumni show up to serve meals to men and women in need at the soup kitchen. Together they demonstrate the power of lending a helping hand.

As a Duke history major in the 1970s, Christianson says he encountered both the great wonders and great challenges of the human experience. It was then that he
Thomas Fousse M.B.A.’94  
_London, England_

**Putting the UK in Duke**

Thomas Fousse is one of the most active Fuqua School of Business alumni in Europe. Even though his professional role as managing director at the Carlyle Group in London is highly demanding, it hasn't stopped him from offering his time and talents.

Fousse started serving on Fuqua’s inaugural Regional Advisory Board for Europe in 2012. Since then his volunteer work has gone above and beyond. From generous donations to underwriting the Advisory Board meetings and alumni receptions in London to speaking to the Global Executive MBA students as a keynote speaker — Fousse has been involved on every level. Overall, he has been key to Fuqua's regional effort in Europe through his counsel and connections — including helping Fuqua students and recent alumni navigate the job market in the United Kingdom.

With a consistent display of willingness, Fousse continues to step up and give his time and resources to Fuqua and Duke in a manner that inspires his fellow Advisory Board members as well as other alumni in the region.

Fousse says, “I volunteer to say thank you to Duke and to help Duke further its mission in any way that I can. I hope my efforts make a difference in the lives of alumni, current students and future students.”

**Taking networking to the C-Suite level**

Brian Greene and Jason Jones met through the Duke Atlanta alumni group. The friendship they struck resulted in a shared vision to start a Duke networking group for those who hold C-suite roles. The rest, as they say, is history.

Today Greene and Jones head up the Duke C-Level Executive Networking organization in Atlanta. Through their tireless efforts, they have created an incredibly strong Duke affinity network with more than 100 members. Aply named “The Dukies,” the group gives its members the opportunity to meet quarterly for a breakfast and to hear from a keynote speaker. This fall, they are planning a road trip back to Durham for a football game.

Greene says, “Duke has been a special place for me since I stepped on campus for the first time as a 17-year-old. Since then I've felt an extreme sense of community at Duke.
Jones says, “One of the main reasons I chose Duke was to surround myself with smart, motivated and successful people. By volunteering for Duke, I have the opportunity and privilege to continue to be uplifted by those same people.”

Alex Guttler ’05, M.B.A.'12
New York, New York

All-star of the startups
Alex Guttler has always enjoyed getting things off the ground. With an impressive track record of launching successful tech startups, this double Duke graduate played a huge role in encouraging the entrepreneurial spirits of his fellow Dukies while he was still an M.B.A. candidate at Duke’s Fuqua School of Business.

As co-chair of the Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Club, Guttler was key in helping secure a gift of financial support from David Rubenstein ’70 for the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative at Fuqua.

Today, Guttler is the regional co-chair for DukeGEN. Guttler, works with fellow alumni to oversee the organization, development and planning of events to help connect Duke entrepreneurs, investors and startups in New York City. The annual signature event is the Duke Angel Pitch, which highlights new Duke entrepreneurs (both students and alumni) who are pushing boundaries in business and technology. At the event, alumni get a taste of what new companies are doing, hear from successful Duke investors and operators and have an opportunity to network.

Guttler also serves as the Volunteer Committee co-chair for DukeNY, where he has been working to create an efficient system for welcoming and engaging new volunteers. His attitude and his passion have made a huge difference in recruiting and inspiring new volunteers.

Guttler says, “We have an incredibly large and active board in New York City, and we're starting to really harness all of this power to increase the quality and focus of all we do with our alumni community.”

Andrew Hananel ’01
Chicago, Illinois

Starting them young
Andrew Hananel ended his term as national chair of the Duke Annual Fund’s Young Alumni Development Council (YADC) in June 2014. But his legacy of volunteerism for Duke will live on and continue to grow because of his investment in and commitment to its success.

During the Campaign for Duke, the YADC program began in 1999 as a way to cultivate young alumni, Annual Fund leadership volunteers and donors. Many of Duke's most
generous undergraduate donors, volunteers and board members who graduated in the mid-1990s and early 2000s were involved with the YADCs. In 2009, the YADC National Board was created to provide strategic direction, further develop regional leadership and increase visibility of the program on a national scale.

Hananel served as the second board chair of the YADC National Board, a role he maintained for one year past its three-year term. Hananel served the extra year because he wanted to help the board maintain its consistency and strength during a staff transition — a noteworthy mark of his service to Duke.

During his service, Hananel played an instrumental role in helping to shape the direction of the YADC National Board and the YADC program overall. In addition to his role as national chair, Hananel is an active member of the Young Alumni Development Council in Chicago and recently joined the Annual Fund Advisory Board.

Sarah Hostetter ’09
Washington, D.C.

PIE-in-the-sky dreams coming true
Sarah Hostetter can’t imagine anything better than combining her passion for Duke with her passion for serving her community. And it all comes together in DukeDC’s philanthropic arm — Partners-in-Education (PIE). For the last few years, Hostetter has dedicated herself to growing this organization and bringing more educational enrichment opportunities to the elementary school children of the Washington, D.C.-area.

Aside from planning events and orchestrating activities and programs, Hostetter also meets with officials and partners and gives them tours of one of the schools where PIE works, Ludlow-Taylor Elementary. She is a part of the taskforce to develop a long-term plan for PIE, which is currently celebrating its 25th year serving students.

Hostetter never imagined what fulfillment she could experience in hearing a fifth-grader describe her first time on a boat or in watching a second-grader craft his first piece of pottery, tapping into creative talent he never knew he possessed. These are the achievements Hostetter holds as rewards for PIE’s efforts.

Hostetter says, “PIE was my first introduction to the Duke alumni community in D.C., and it opened my eyes to all of the opportunities the alumni network here has to offer. When I was given the chance to take more active roles in both PIE and DukeDC, it was a no-brainer for me. I love the ability to engage with and serve the alumni community, provide local children with opportunities they may otherwise not have access to and demonstrate to the D.C. community the values that Duke University and its alumni represent.”
Katherine Hutton ’05, M.B.A.’11
West Point, New York

Nurturing community. Building connections.
Katherine Hutton possesses a contagious passion for Duke. Combine that with her ability to plan, coordinate and implement top-notch events and programs, you can see why Hutton has earned the respect and recognition of her peers in the DukeDC alumni community.

Since 2013, Hutton’s contributions to both DukeDC and DukeDC Fuqua alumni groups have fostered unity and support for the community at large. In 2014, Hutton developed an inspiring proposal for a Duke Alums Engage activity — “Duke Feeds DC.” Over the course of three months, Hutton, along with her co-chairs, worked tirelessly to raise funds, plan and execute the activity. More than 150 alumni, parents and friends joined forces to address local food insecurity issues by making hundreds of wholesome sandwiches. The meals were later distributed by two local non-profits.

Hutton also envisioned and implemented the 2014 Table for Six (TF6) networking event. TF6 was a unique opportunity that connected experienced executives who had graduated from a variety of Duke’s undergraduate and graduate and professional school programs with interested alumni. The exceptional dining experience facilitated open conversation and opportunities to build relationships.

TF6 sold out, and D.C. alumni have voiced their desire to see that event repeated in the future. It has been replicated in Philadelphia, was featured in a Duke volunteer newsletter and is being documented as a one-page case study for the Duke Alumni Association.

Hutton says, “I volunteer because it brings out the energy and passion I have for Duke, and it allows me to connect with alumni who share the same enthusiasm. My friends and family say that my face lights up when I talk about volunteering for Duke.”

Brooke Levin ’06
Durham, North Carolina

Inspiring growth and connection
Before she relocated to Durham to pursue her M.B.A. at Duke’s Fuqua School of Business, Brooke Levin was a leader in her South Florida alumni community. Since Levin’s appointment in November 2013, the group has flourished.

One of the ways Levin engaged the alumni of South Florida was through personal communication, continuously reaching out to invite them to partner in building a network for involvement and support. She has inspired a growing number of alumni through her leadership and accountability.

Levin has worked with a number of groups in South Florida including DukeGEN in partnership with Fuqua, as well as a DukeEngage pilot program. She’s helped facilitate and plan a slew of events, including a brunch, lecture and gallery tour at the 2014 Art Basel show. More than 200 people attended the Art Basel event, including alumni.
from Duke's national DEMAN network and from around the world. In addition to helping arrange the logistics of the event, Levin helped secure $6,000 in sponsorships for the event, significantly offsetting the cost and providing a model for future Duke alumni events.

Levin's energy and commitment for Duke is woven through her work. By leaving her example of leadership and creativity, the South Florida alumni community will continue to thrive for years to come.

Leslie Lewis ’79
Longmont, Colorado

**Bringing Duke connections home**

Leslie Lewis is the kind of person who blooms where she’s planted. She’s also the kind of person who nurtures growth and friendship with those around her. After she graduated from Duke, Lewis lost touch with the life of the university. But in 2012, she returned to attend Duke Women’s Weekend celebrating 40 years of Title IX.

Lewis spent the weekend learning from those who pioneered educational opportunities for women and found herself both moved and inspired to build on their legacy. She also reconnected with classmates and friends over meaningful conversation. When she left Women’s Weekend, she carried with her a desire to share that experience with Duke alumnae in her part of the country. And that is how she began the Duke Colorado’s Women’s Forum.

Lewis currently serves as the Women’s Forum co-chair for Duke Colorado alumni. Over the past two years, she has dedicated her time to fostering unity and connection with Duke alumnae despite the fact that most of the women are not centrally located. Events she has planned include more than 40 events with Duke administrators like Laurie Patton, former dean of Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, and Linda Burton, dean of the Social Sciences division within Trinity College. She also heads up an enthusiastic Women’s Forum steering committee.

Lewis says, “I have the opportunity to be connected to amazing alumnae in the area, continuing the chain of inspiration beyond my own personal sphere. The possibilities for fulfilling great purpose and mission move from inklings to actualities within such a network of extraordinary individuals.”

John Lipe ’02
Charlotte, North Carolina

**True knack for packing the house**

John Lipe knows how to gather a crowd. John started the annual Blue Devil Award Dinner in Charlotte. Held in January 2014 at the Myers Park Country Club, the dinner drew nearly 300 alumni.

Not only did Lipe head up the planning and implementation of the event, he also secured a superb guest speaker — Duke Football Coach David Cutcliffe. Knowing that
Cutcliffe would be hard to reach during football season, Lipe started his efforts early. And much to the delight of alumni, Duke's football season ended up being one of the most memorable in history.

Building on the success of the first event, Lipe orchestrated a second Blue Devil Award Dinner, honoring Nobel Laureate Dr. Robert Lefkowitz. Once again the house was full with about 200 alumni attending. After his latest accomplishment, it’s no surprise that Lipe is now the co-leader of Duke Charlotte.

Those who know him say that Lipe’s enthusiasm and energy have no bounds. Lipe says, “I use the solid foundation of my Duke education and experiences to represent the school and its reputation. I act as a Duke ambassador to remind the community of the caliber of graduates the school continues to produce.”

Pam Liu ‘11  
*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

**Hoop-la brings everyone together**
Never underestimate the bonding that can happen when Duke Blue Devils get together to have a good time — especially over basketball. As the former young alumni contact for Duke Atlanta, Pam Liu demonstrated how watching hoops and relaxing can build friendships and connections across her city.

Upon moving to Atlanta, Liu realized how uncomfortable it can be to arrive in a new city without any support group to help one get acclimated. It was that experience that led her to join her local Duke alumni group and plan a party welcoming new alumni to Atlanta.

Liu loves Duke basketball and one of her favorite programs was in partnership with fellow alum Win Porter ’74, who owns several bars and restaurants in the Atlanta area. They hosted numerous game watches, and Duke alumni showed up in droves to help cheer their Blue Devils to victory. Before moving to Cambridge, Liu served as a member of the Duke Atlanta board and spent her time planning events and managing the group’s social media presence.

Liu says, “I wanted to help bring the Duke community together in Atlanta through mixers, sports watches and low-key social events. Forever Duke means being a part of the Duke family and knowing that wherever you go, if you meet a fellow Duke alum, you instantly share a connection and have become a part of each other’s support system.”

Lyda Molanphy ‘88  
*Austin, Texas*

**One to be counted on**
For almost 20 years, Lyda Molanphy has been a regional leader in Austin, Texas. During this time she has been a reliable and dedicated contact for staff and alumni.

Molanphy deftly manages the regional board of volunteers, recruiting new members as needed. She can be counted on by her fellow alumni volunteers to get the job done for Duke in the Austin community.
In addition, Molanphy has introduced and sustained signature Duke alumni programs in the Austin community. Some of those programs include the Forever Duke Send-off Party welcoming new Blue Devils from the Austin area to Duke, the Forever Duke Welcome Party for new alumni in Austin and yearly Duke Alums Engage community service programming.

“Staying connected to Duke is one of my happiest priorities. I love volunteering with alumni, getting to meet the new generation of Blue Devils and networking with other Dukies.”

Nicole Pilo ’95
Charlotte, North Carolina

Let’s start one now
In 2012, Nicole Pilo attended Women’s Weekend at Duke. That experience led to the question, “Why doesn’t Charlotte have a Women’s Forum?” Nicole answered in true Forever Duke fashion, “Let’s start one now.”

Through dedicated effort, excellent organization and raw passion, Pilo has built a thriving Women’s Forum program led by a talented steering committee that Nicole recruited. Together they have pushed each other to think creatively about programs and to execute events with great success.

The group continues to grow and add members. Even though Pilo has moved on to head up the regional alumni board in Charlotte, the Women’s Forum committee will benefit from the example she has left behind.

In addition, Charlotte-area alumnae have benefited from Pilo’s work. She believes that she has received great rewards from her involvement. “This experience has helped me learn that having alumni events that I enjoy in my community begins with asking for them and then diving in to help implement them in the best way possible. In the process, I get to meet amazing alumni and make wonderful friends all while reconnecting with my alma mater. It’s worth it.”

Kim Reed ’86
Potomac, Maryland

Winning with the Women of Duke
Kim Reed never imagined she would go to a school like Duke. From a small mountain town in Virginia where less than twenty percent of her graduating class went to college, Reed beat the odds and earned her way into one of the most prestigious colleges in the country. Twenty years later, Reed is earning the respect of her fellow Duke alumnae and giving back to the university that gave her wings.

Today, Reed is CEO of her own law firm. With a mind for strategy, she used her knowledge and talents to put together a comprehensive long-term growth plan for the Duke Women’s Forum. Currently the Women’s Forum has a presence in 20 regions. Together, alumnae launch networking initiatives, implement new educational programs and nourish local and global communities through their efforts.
Reed says, “We are providing intellectual content and opportunities for Duke women to find and reach their goals with the support and assistance of other Duke women. My greatest passion and ambition is to help the university revolutionize the experience of our female students and alumnae in order to provide them with all of the tools necessary to maximize their potential.”

John Shen M.S.’96, A.M.’98
*Long Beach, California*

**Above and beyond**
Those who know John Shen say that he is the best alumni volunteer with whom they have had the pleasure to work. What sets John apart from the rest of the best?

Shen’s role as the Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee chair for China means that he is responsible for the entire country of China, where conducting interviews can sometimes present challenges.

In this year’s early decision round, Shen was given the impossible task of interviewing 69 candidates in 17 days with only 12 alumni available to help him. Knowing that a good handful of these candidates live outside of Beijing and Shanghai, where most of the alumni reside, Shen wasn’t expected to complete all the interviews but to do what was possible. In the end, Shen was able to activate his team to complete all 69 interviews by the deadline.

What makes this even more impressive is that Shen is based out of Los Angeles and on a regular basis travels to the other side of the world to be at Duke events in China. He rearranged his work schedule and traveled on short notice to conduct seven of those interviews himself.

Shen’s commitment and loyalty to Duke are inspiring. To hear it from Shen, he is grateful for the opportunity to give back to Duke. He is honored by the role he gets to play in supporting Duke in China. We are honored by his service.

Jennifer Snook ’04, M.B.A.’11. M.E.M.’11
*San Francisco, California*

**Opening doors for Duke**
In the past year, triple Dukie Jen Snook has accomplished great feats for her fellow alumni. After moving to San Francisco to start her own consulting firm, she discovered there wasn’t a chapter for Duke LGBTQ alumni in the Bay area. True to her proactive nature, Snook headed up the launch of the group, and it has been gaining momentum ever since.

For the kickoff event, Snook organized a prominent Duke professor to speak to alumni about issues facing the LGBTQ community. She also is organizing a January event featuring Steven Petrow ’78, a Duke Alumni board member and *Washington Post* columnist.
In addition to her leadership role, Snook has invested her time in helping with DukeGEN events including the DukeGEN Startup Showcase. She is part of a small group working to identify ways that Northern California alumni can support the launch of DukeEngage this past summer in San Francisco.

Snook says, “My volunteer activities flow directly from my leadership experience as a student at Duke. I led the LGBTQ student group FuquaPride, and I was deeply involved with Project WILD. Those experiences shaped me, taught me about leadership and strengthened my connection to the broader Duke community.”

Doris Stoessel ’67  
*Tahoe City, California*

**Expanding the AAAC territory**

Doris Stoessel serves as chairperson of the Alumni Admissions Advisory Board for three committees in California — Central San Joaquin, Northern California and Fresno. As the only volunteer in the entire country who has been given the responsibility of heading up three territories, Stoessel happily invests her time and efforts into doing her best for the applicants in these areas.

What makes Stoessel’s work particularly valuable is the fact that her three areas are beyond California’s big cities. Still her committee has managed to interview as many students as necessary with a limited number of volunteers. And as a result, more students from the less populated areas of California are able to connect with Duke and potentially become members of the Duke family.

In her spare time, Stoessel enjoys traveling with the Duke Alumni Travel program. She has traveled to Oxford with Duke three times (1994, 2011, 2014), frequents Duke alumni trips to Italy and plans to travel with Duke to Sicily in 2016.

Denis Weinstein ’12  
*London, England*

**Bringing Duke back to Russia**

In June 2013, Denis Weinstein contacted the Duke Alumni Association about getting involved in the Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (AAAC). While volunteering for the AAAC program is a wonderful act in itself, Weinstein’s involvement would soon create new opportunities for Duke.

What sparked Weinstein’s interest was the fact that he was moving to Switzerland for a new job and would be spending a significant amount of time in Moscow. He wanted to know if Duke AAAC needed someone on the ground for interviews in Russia. The answer was a resounding, “Yes!”

There hasn’t been an active committee in Russia in a number of years, but Weinstein was up for the challenge. He actively recruited two other young alumni volunteers to join him and among the three of them, they interviewed all 20 applicants from Russia. Weinstein worked with the Fuqua Alumni Board to host a Send-off Party in April 2015. Thanks to Weinstein, Duke AAAC has a growing presence in Russia and is bringing new diversity of talents to the university.
Forever Duke Awards: Groups

Class of 2009 5th Reunion Co-Chairs

Record-breaking reunion

It’s amazing what can happen when a group of Dukies put their talents and determination to a task. When the class of 2009 co-chairs set out to plan their first reunion, they wanted to make it memorable. They wanted to give their classmates an outrageously fun time and also to inspire their fellow alumni to be audaciously generous in giving back to Duke.

Their reunion campaign exceeded both dollar and donor goals and raised $226,815 with 40% participation (more than 650 donors) — setting a new 5th reunion participation record and smashing the previous record of 36% set by the class of 2006.

To help build momentum for the campaign, the co-chairs made their gifts and pledges early. This helped to set the example for the committee as they reached out to classmates.

The co-chairs also planned an unforgettable class party for nearly 750 of their classmates and friends. They chose a theme of “Throwback Duke” complete with Durham food that all of their classmates could reminisce about. They wanted to make sure everyone felt included and excited to be back at Duke.

Through their hard work, camaraderie, loyalty to Duke and can-do attitudes, the class of 2009 has raised the bar for future class reunions.

Samantha Abramson ’09
Kathy Sunyoung Choi ’09
Bari Claster ’09
Kendall Dabaghi ’09
Alex Gorham ’09

Jin-Soo Huh ’09
Sunny Kantha ’09
Madison Li ’09
Mhoire Murphy ’09
Shannon Nelson ’09

Megan Neureither ’09
Sam Payton ’09, M.B.A.’11
Kevin Thompson ’09, M.M.S.’10
Duke Proceed Committee

Working to highlight, spotlight and unify
It takes a special group of people to plan and then sustain a movement within a community. Following the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Duke’s integration in 2013, an event that created a new sense of unity and celebration of diversity among Duke alumni, the Duke Proceed Committee kept going.

The committee, led by Hardy Vieux ‘93 and Janet Hill P’94, continued to work tirelessly to come up with a plan to ensure that the efforts and ground gained would continue and that the programming and community growth would become sustainable.

The Duke Proceed Committee dedicated themselves to meaningful communication and engagement with black alumni and students. Their goal is to create long-term progress throughout the entire university community and to be an example for all affinity groups at Duke.

From co-chair Janet Hill: “It was a rare privilege to work alongside Hardy and the other members of Duke Proceed to propose thoughtful programming designed to heighten the engagement of black alumni with the university. The members of the committee remain devoted to our collective efforts. During the long-term planning, they challenged each other as well as the status quo — all in the interest of spotlighting the considerable talents of black alumni and bringing their energy and success into a more close alignment with Duke.”

Jamaal Adams ’97
Sanders Adu ’94
Brenda Armstrong ’70, H.S.’79
Audrey Ellerbee Ph.D.’07

Isaac Green ’83, P’14
Pamela Martin Green ’85, P’14
Winston Henderson ’90, J.D.’96
Janet Hill P’94

Jeffrey Howard ’76, P’06, P’09, P’11
Reginald Lyon ’84
Naakoshie Nartey ’02
Ann Pelham ’74, P’06