Alumnae/i and student activities

From your first campus visit to orientation week to your final day of walking at commencement through the alumnae/i Blue and Silver Line, Wilson College Alumnae/i are committed and engaged in opportunities to support current Wilson students from all programs. The degree of involvement and what you gain from the interactions are up to you and your interest in participating.

Learn more...

Aunt Sarah Program
At Wilson College you have the unique opportunity to inherit a new relative by participating in the Aunt Sarah Program, named in honor of our namesake Sarah Wilson. Alumnae/i volunteer as “Aunts” and students sign up to be “nieces or nephews”. An Aunt Sarah will be in contact with their niece/nephew each month through a letter/email or an occasional package to brighten the trips to the mailbox and provide encouragement.

For decades students have enjoyed developing a relationship with their Aunt Sarah, learning about shared memories/traditions, as well as, career and other personal life adventures. For alumnae/i, it is an opportunity to remain connected to campus life and give back in a personal way that perhaps someone did for them.

Traditionally, Aunt Sarah was a secret connection with hints and clues to discover identities. However, over the years with new technology, many decide to email, text, Facetime, Skype or even meet face to face for ongoing interaction. There still remain secret connections with packages and letters going back and forth utilizing staff in the Alumnae House.

The purpose of this program is to provide moral support for our students during their time here. The program has the potential of building bonds between former and current students. Some of the pairings last a semester, some through commencement and others last a lifetime. It is not about expense, it is about meaningful connection.

Food for Finals
The end of semester can be stressful and very busy preparing for final exams. Alumnae/i have all “been there, done that” – they understand. Each semester there is a “food for finals” week where late night snacks are provided by various campus groups. The Alumnae Association and Alumnae/i Relations Office are proud to be a sponsor of this program and provide encouragement for our students.

Career Networking
With nearly 8,000 Wilson graduates, one or more are certain to be in career fields of interest to you. Many are willing to provide words of advice, job shadowing, internship opportunities and employment assistance. These connections can be a great asset toward your future career. It is never too early to develop your network, connect early and work with us through combined efforts with the Wilson Career Development Center. Opportunities for networking are offered every semester or by request.
**Internship Gift Program**
The Alumnae Association sponsors an Internship Gift Program to supplement funds needed for a student to complete a desired internship experience. The gift is intended for an unusual expense that might prohibit the completion of the experience, not to be used toward tuition or routine expenses. Alumnae/i make restricted donations for this purpose.

**Ring it Forward**
The Alumnae Association invites alumnae to donate their Wilson class rings back to the college so it might be given to someone in the new generation of Wilson Alumnae. This is another great opportunity to have a potential pairing between an alumna and a current student to keep the spirit of Wilson Traditions alive.

**Wilson College Government Association – Alumnae/i Relations Liaison**
The liaison is a WCGA volunteer position to represent the Wilson student body. They interact with the Director of Alumnae/i Relations, the Alumnae Association Student Parent Relations Committee and the Board of Directors to discuss concerns or make suggestions to foster alumnae/i student opportunities.

**Student Workers**
The Alumnae/i Relations Office has work study positions available through the Financial Aid office and hires students to assist in the annual Reunion Weekend in early June. Students assist in alumnae/i programming and have a great time getting to know alumnae/i of all ages – their stories are amazing!

**Alumnae/i Emporium**
The Alumnae Association and Alumnae/i Relations Office coordinate the sale of unique Wilson items, ranging from t-shirts, notecards, posters, replica ornaments, and much more. Items may be purchased online or at our many events.

**Donor Appreciation Dinner**
Hosted by Institutional Advancement, student scholars are invited to assist in giving thanks to our generous donors who support Wilson College financially.

**Senior Bash**
Alumnae/i volunteers interact and provide a treat at this annual celebration of the graduating class.

**Blue and Silver Line**
Commencement activities include alumnae/i representatives from all decades to honor and celebrate our graduating class joining the ranks of the Wilson College Alumnae Association.

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