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THE ALUMNAE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS:
ENGAGING MINDS, ENRICHING LIVES



THE ALUMNAE OF
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



Clockwise from top left: An Alumnae-sponsored lecture on the Evanston campus; Mary Ross Potter, dean of women and first president of the Associate Alumnae of Northwestern; Teresa Woodruff '89, professor of medicine and 2008 Alumnae Award winner; Johnnetta Cole '59 MA, '67 PhD, '92 H, educator and 2013 Alumnae Award winner.



The Alumnae of Northwestern University

WHO WE ARE

The Alumnae of Northwestern University is dedicated to serving the University and sharing Northwestern’s academic resources with the broader community. During the past 100 years, this all-volunteer organization of women has offered more than 675 noncredit continuing education courses to the public and contributed more than \$7.5 million to support education and research at Northwestern.

The organization was founded in 1916, when 30 Northwestern alumnae joined together to support fundraising for a Women’s Building on campus. By 1938, the group had contributed \$167,682 to the construction of Scott Hall’s facilities for men and women. Since then, The Alumnae of Northwestern has developed many projects that benefit the University.

WHAT WE DO

Continuing Education

The Alumnae offers intellectually stimulating, noncredit courses to the public at a modest cost. Each year more than 3,000 people enroll in these courses, taught on the Evanston campus by renowned University faculty. Funds raised by this program support numerous projects at Northwestern.

Academic Enrichment

The Alumnae created an endowment in commemoration of its 75th anniversary that annually brings distinguished scholars and artists to campus.

Grants

The Alumnae provides funding for University departments to support worthwhile programs not covered by their annual budgets. Grants underwrite diverse needs, including research, speakers, conferences, and equipment.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

1916 The Alumnae of Northwestern University is formed with the original name of the Associate Alumnae of Northwestern University.

1923 The Associate Alumnae opens a tearoom at 721 University Place, called At the Sign of the Purple Oak, serving sandwiches and drinks as a fundraising project.

1931 A student loan fund is established that evolves into an undergraduate scholarship fund, which continues today.

“The Alumnae can be proud of a century of accomplishments. The energy and generosity of these volunteer women bring Northwestern’s ideas to the community, support students and faculty in countless ways, and help to build and renovate our campus. We are deeply grateful for their commitment.”

MORTON SCHAPIRO, PRESIDENT AND PROFESSOR

WHAT WE DO

Campus Buildings

The Alumnae has contributed to the building, restoration, and renovation of many Northwestern facilities, including Scott Hall, University Hall, Harris Hall, Rogers and Hobart Houses, the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, and the John Evans Alumni Center.

Teaching Awards

The Alumnae of Northwestern University Teaching Professorship, a three-year appointment, honors a tenured faculty member for excellence in teaching and curriculum innovation. The organization also funds faculty curriculum awards each academic year, and supports the annual Outstanding Teacher Awards, which are presented through the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences.

Scholarships and Fellowships

The Alumnae provides several scholarships annually for undergraduates pursuing majors in science,

technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) and for graduate students in terminal master’s programs who are pursuing public service careers. The organization has granted fellowships to doctoral students in their final dissertation year and endowed a three-year undergraduate scholarship.

Internships and Other Student Awards

The Alumnae sponsors students through the Summer Internship Grant Program and annually honors a woman in the senior class whose volunteer work has enhanced the University community.

Alumnae Award

Each year since 1976, The Alumnae has honored an outstanding alumna who has made significant contributions in her field and has received national recognition. Past winners include actress Patricia Neal, Lyric Opera director Ardis Krainik, scientist Neena Schwartz, playwright and director Mary Zimmerman, journalist Christine Brennan, educator Johnnetta B. Cole, and entrepreneur Carole Browe Segal, among many other distinguished women.

1938 The Alumnae contributes \$167,382 to the construction of Scott Hall. The building’s Alumnae Library room is named in recognition of the gift.

1946 The Waa-Mu Ticket Patron Project begins, providing premier seating and recognition for show patrons.

1965 The first Woman’s Day, an annual fall event featuring lectures and a luncheon, takes place. The name changed to NU-Day in the 1970s, and the event continued yearly until 2001.

1968 The first Alumnae-sponsored, daytime noncredit continuing education courses begin in the fall. The program has twice received the Exceptional Achievement Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

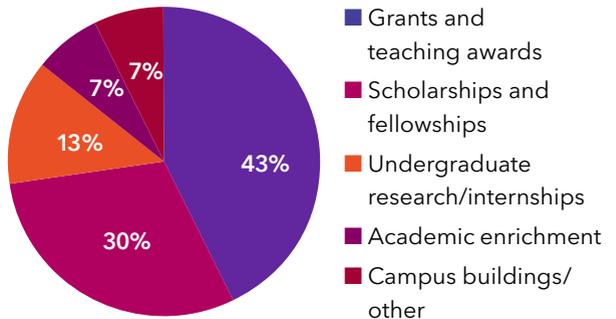


Students pursue research with Alumnae support.

OUR GIVING TO NORTHWESTERN

The Alumnae has raised more than \$7.5 million to support students, faculty, and programs at the University.

Categories



Contributions

1916-36	\$12,000
1937-56	\$191,000
1957-76	\$217,000
1977-96	\$2.1 million
1997-2014	\$5.2 million
TOTAL	\$7.72 million

1976 Northwestern alumna and television personality Lee Phillip Bell '50 receives the first Alumnae Award.

1991 The Alumnae celebrates 75 years by creating the Professor Endowment for Curriculum Development and the Academic Enrichment Endowment to bring speakers and performers to campus.

1999 The Alumnae approves a \$100,000 gift for renovations in Norris University Center.

2001 As part of Northwestern's Sesquicentennial, the Professor Endowment for Curriculum Development is augmented, creating The Alumnae of Northwestern University Teaching Professorship.



President Janet Bilandic with 2014 Alumnae Award winner Kelly O'Donnell '87.

THE CENTENNIAL AND BEYOND

Independent research is an increasingly vital component of today's college experience. To expand opportunities for students, commemorate our 100th anniversary, and look to the future, The Alumnae of Northwestern University is establishing The Alumnae Centennial Endowment for Undergraduate Research. Funds from the endowment—to be administered by the Office of Undergraduate Research—will support students from all academic areas, giving them opportunities to develop and complete independent research and creative projects.

We invite you to make a gift to support the endowment and to participate in our centennial events on campus as we celebrate our past achievements and move into our second century.

*Janet Pound Bilandic '84 MBA, President
Pamela Butler James '71 and Anne Heiberger Martino '89,
Centennial Committee Co-Chairs
The Alumnae of Northwestern University*

2009 The Alumnae initiates STEM scholarships for undergraduates and fellowships for students in terminal master's degree programs. The group begins annual support of Northwestern's summer internship program for undergraduates.

2013 The Alumnae Memorial Assistance Fund, administered through University Financial Aid, is created to provide emergency funds for students with unexpected challenges.

2016 Centennial of The Alumnae of Northwestern University.



Clockwise from top left: With Alumnae support, Northwestern undergraduates pursue research in many fields; Lee Phillip Bell '50, television host and 1976 Alumnae Award winner; Elizabeth Gerber, assistant professor and recipient of The Alumnae's 2014 Curriculum Development Award, with an engineering student; University Trustee Christine Brennan '80, '81 MS, journalist and 2006 Alumnae Award winner.

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