

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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Board of Governors Meeting
February 13, 2013

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Retreat

The annual board retreat will take place on Saturday, March 23. Topics for the day include creating common language and shared views to assist us in telling alumnae and other members of the Mills community who we are and what we do. We will also plan for fiscal year 2013/14.

AAMC Endowment

Please make a gift to the AAMC Endowment. Our goal is for every Governor to make a meaningful gift to help support our programs for alumnae and students. To date 9 out of 19 governors have made a gift.

I met with our newest board member Pierre Loving '77 to help orient her to the AAMC and our mission.

I enjoyed attending the student study break in December with the Alumnae Student Relations committee. The students were very grateful for the bags of snacks that we provided.

The five students who receive AAMC sponsored scholarships have been invited to have dinner with us prior to our February board meeting. Two of the students are recipients of the "Alumnae Association of Mills College Donna Hunt Endowed Scholarship", two students are recipients of the "Alumnae Scholarship", and one student is the recipient of the new "Alumnae of Color Scholarship in Honor of President Alecia A DeCoudreaux".

Alumnae Relations Efforts

I attended an alumnae event in Seattle at the end of January. The event was sponsored by Alumnae Relations and was held at the Seattle Art Museum. There was a docent led tour of "Singular Works by Seminal Women Artists" followed by a reception and remarks by President DeCoudreaux. I had the pleasure of introducing President DeCoudreaux to a large group of alumnae, a prospective student, a current Mills parent, and other guests. Multiple alumnae approached me and expressed their interest in running for alumnae trustee. The Seattle branch of alumnae is very active and in speaking with many of their leaders we were able to share ideas for events with one another. A generous former board member donated airline miles for my flight to Seattle. There is an event in LA at the end of this month that I am considering attending.

College Relations

Lucy Do joined me at my quarterly meeting with President DeCoudreaux in January. We discussed President DeCoudreaux's participation in this July's Travel committee trip to Russia. Twelve alumnae and guests have signed up for the trip. President DeCoudreaux's husband will also be on the boat trip. This is a wonderful opportunity for alumnae to get to know President DeCoudreaux.

Reunion

Reunion will take place September 26-29th. Nikole Hilgeman is currently looking for alumnae whose class year ends in 3 and 8 to join the reunion planning committee. Educational Outreach, Travel, and the Alumnae of Color committees are organizing activities to take place during reunion. The committee is considering an event featuring the AAMC Oral History Project.