

## President's Report - February 2018.

2017 has been a demanding but a very productive year serving as the President of the AAMC.

I was able to attend a number of Holiday Teas around the Bay Area and Orange County. Everywhere I went alumnae were eager and interested in knowing more about the AAMC's engagement with the College. Some have shown interest in serving on Committees and in supporting the AAMC and the College. The Orange County club presented President Hillman with a generous check for the College.

The signing of the Memorandum of Collaboration with the College was a significant milestone in the life of the AAMC. Things that have taken effect since the signing of the MOC are:

- Invitation to attend the staff meetings of the Office of Institutional Advancement . I get to see how the work various divisions of the OIA fit into the larger network of the College structure. It is also wonderful to be invited to be a partner with OIA.
- We have dedicated space in the Quarterly for my letter and news about the AAMC.
- We can now fundraise and receive all checks that are written to the AAMC into an Alumnae Fund.
- PeopleGrove : the online mentoring program providing an avenue for alumnae to student mentoring with the possibility of alumnae to alumnae mentoring and admissions.
- Partnerships with various departments of the College.

Lokey School of Business partnership is growing with our joint work with the online mentoring program. The AAMC sponsored a Careers in Finance networking event where alumnae shared here how their successful careers. Following the event one of the attendees secured a job with a presenter's firm.

Line of Credit: I am grateful and proud to be part of the Board which made this historic and generous decision to extend the \$2,000,000 line of credit which will be specifically used to fund two very significant programs: The Mills Undergraduate Signature Experience and the select Online programs for the School of Education These programs will draw more students to Mills and generate income at the same time.

Auditor stipends: With the generous gift by an alumna we were able to award four auditor stipends for this semester. We will hear about their experience of auditing when the semester ends. We have funds remaining for alumna to audit more classes.

Dolores Huerte documentary and reception: Alumnae joined other dignitaries and the Mills Community to hear Dolores Huerte speak at the reception and view the screening of the documentary about her championing the United Farm Workers Movement. It was wonderful to meet members of her family and one of her daughter's who is a Mills alumna.

The AAMC and the Office of the President co hosted the book reading and discussion on "It Never Ends: Mothering Middle-Aged Daughters," a book by Nan Gefen,( a former Trustee of Mills College)and Sandra Butler. The book explores the issues of closeness and distance, longing and need, and judgment and acceptance in relationships between mothers and daughters. This event brought several alumnae to Mills and some who had not been back here for almost 20 years! It was great to connect and give them updates on the AAMC and invite them to join our committees.

Some of the upcoming AAMC events are , Pearl M Dinner on Wednesday March 28th and The Phenomenal Woman of Color, on Wednesday April 18th. Please make every effort to come and support our students and our Mills Community.

1. For the Pearl M we need to nominate a senior at Mills who has been engaged in the AAMC programs and made significant contributions to the AAMC or one of its committees.
2. We are still looking for regional reps – does anyone have ideas on how we can encourage regional reps? Does the branch club take care of this need?
3. ASMC request for stoles for First Gen students.
4. Request from Professor Jared Young.
5. Admitted students weekend April 6-7 . Request fro AAMC involvement.