

President's report – May 2018.

This past quarter has been a very full and engaging with several highlights.

Peoplegrove mentoring platform implementation plan.

The AAMC and the Lokey School of Business partnered in creating an internship for a MBA student to help with the startup phase of Peoplegrove program. A steering committee of alumnae and staff began their work in February. The Advisory Council of alumnae and students followed with the joint meeting between two groups taking place on April 17, 2018. The process is well underway with beta testing, surveys and assessment with a plan of implementing the program in the Fall. Special thanks to Dawn Cunningham who is giving it excellent leadership.

Admitted Students Weekend.

This is the first time that the AAMC was invited to partner with the College in hosting a wine and cheese reception for parents of admitted students. We had a full house at Reinhardt Alumnae House with parents who had great questions and alumnae who could answer them. We had good representation from Alumnae of various class years. I recommend that we partner with the College for this event annually.

The Pearl M Dinner. This is a much anticipated and special occasion for all students but more importantly for the recipient of the Pearl M pin. Melissa Berkay who has been volunteering for the AAMC received the award. Melissa came to Mills after being homeless and has steadily grown to become a start athlete with distinguished academic accomplishments. The lantern procession and champagne reception was enjoyed by everyone. The Mills College choir led us all in the singing of our favorite Mills songs.

The Phenomenal Women of Color was another celebratory event with Melinda Micco, an Ethnic Studies Professor, named as the Phenomenal Woman of the Year. 29 students nominated by faculty also received certificates of accomplishment.

Both events were well attended with College Officers, Alumnae, staff, and students.

Distinguished Alumna - Dina Kavar '83. I knew Dina when she was a student at Mills and have kept track of her career over the years. She served as Ambassador of Jordan to France for 12 years. More recently she was the Ambassador to the United Nations Security Council in New York and currently the Ambassador to the US. I invited Dina to visit Mills and to meet with President Beth Hillman. This visit took place on Tuesday May1, 2108. It was a great visit and she is hoping to come to her class reunion this year if her schedule permits.

Sara Beottinger meeting. I had a wonderful meeting with the great granddaughter of former President Franklin Roosevelt. She has taught at Mills and very interested in its future.

This year has been one of the most memorable ones for me serving as President of the AAMC. I want to thank the Board of Governors for their dedication and commitment to the AAMC and the College. As in any given Board some members give sacrificially of their time and resources and we are blessed to have several of our Governors who have done just that. We will have four Governors stepping off the Board and we will miss each them all.