

President's Report  
May 2019

Oakland Promise Scholarship Fundraiser. On February 28, we celebrated the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Dexter Gordon with an evening of book signing, jazz music, panelists and film clips from *Round Midnight*. This scholarship fundraiser netted \$6000 towards the Oakland Promise. Additionally Julie Marie Rench '95 gifted \$4000 in Facebook stocks towards the scholarship.

March began with the celebration of life memorial service for Linda Stingily at the Mills College Chapel. The evening was a tribute in song, music and stories of the impact Linda had made in so many lives.

Eileen Huang, MFA'82, who lives in France and is the Founder and director of the International Chamber of Music camps and festivals, treated us to an evening of Chinese traditional music and selections from Chopin.

Participated in the Climate Strike discussion on environmental issues at Mills.

Organized the Financial assessment workshop led by Mark Curtis to talk about our investments.

April is a time for lectures, recognitions and celebrations as it is close to graduation. I was invited to attend the Russell Women in Science lecture by Dr. Cori Bargmann, a neuroscientist working for Rockefeller University and the Chan – Zuckerberg foundation. This event is annually organized and funded by Criss Russell'71.

The Athletics PE and Recreation banquet honors student athletes. This year I had the honor of presenting the award for an outstanding Mills Alumna Lisa Kromer '97 who is the 2016 national champion in the United States Strongman middleweight women's 148-pound weight class. She is an accomplished athlete who continues to participate in national and international events.

A number of alumnae participated in the *Admitted Students weekend*. It was great to share our Mills stories and mingle with parents to answer questions.

Once again, we were able to collaborate with Lokey School of Business to sponsor the *Careers in Accounting, Finance & Operations & Alumnae Social*. This was a well-attended event with over 100 students, alumnae and community members. We had several panelists, which included two alumnae along with their company representatives who gave insights into how to get into the financial sectors. Last year this event generated four jobs for students. We hope to increase job opportunities through such events.

The meeting with the *PeopleGrove* representative was helpful in setting concrete goals to encourage student engagement with alumnae through our online mentoring platform *MillsConnect*.

*The Audit Committee* meeting with our auditing firm representatives was educational, affirming of our College's excellent financial accounting, and reporting.

This May for the first time *the Asian and Asian American* students will have their own *Graduation Ceremony*. I was asked to speak at this celebration and looking forward to it. I will also be sharing congratulatory words at the *Baccalaureate Ceremony* for graduating seniors. As another year ends, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with a group of dedicated and committed governors who care deeply about our alumnae community and the College.

