

Alumnae Student Relations Committee Report
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Mission: The ASR Committee sponsors programs, which help create a positive relationship between students and the Alumnae Association. This ongoing relationship encourages students to become supportive and active members of the AAMC when they become alumnae.

Members: Viji Nakka- Cammauf (Chair), Lynda Campfield, Michelle Balavich, Kristen Oliver, Melissa Berkay, Kelsey Lindquist, Latasha Warmsley, Bev Curwen, Miki Hong.

Ad Hoc: Alums Helping Students: Stacy Varner, Kellidee Little and Angela DeMoss.

April 26, 2022: Pearl M Dinner for 2022 Seniors. I met with several groups to facilitate this year's event including staff from the office of the Provost, Dean of Students, Alumnae Relations and the Senior Student Council.

This event is a highlight of the year for seniors and there was a lot of enthusiasm as we were planning the event. However, the attendance was smaller than anticipated. When asked why there was such a sharp decline in attendance the DSL staff informed us:

Students did not participate in events hosted by the Alumnae Association (Winter Celebration & Pearl M) for fear of hostility from alum. Students sharing positive views of the merger or asking for Alumnae respect of our campus after the defacing of campus over reunion weekend, have been harassed by alumnae online, as was an NU student sharing the news she was participating in the Leading Social Change program.

We anticipated an attendance of 150 but had 112 instead. Our caterer PINX provided to go boxes and students who attended were able to take an extra box of food back to their dorms. Commuting students were able to take food boxes home to their families. There was a wonderful sense of belonging and relating of students for students with our alumnae. They were grateful and appreciative. The evening ended at the Reinhardt alumnae house with desserts and sparkling cider. It was a bitter sweet experience to host the final Pearl M dinner at Mills.

Monday May 2, 2022: Finals Snack Distribution. We assembled 115 snack bags and had a lot of extra goodies for students to add to their bags. All the bags were gone with happy and grateful students carrying them following their dinner at the Tea Shop. We had wonderful conversations with students and let them know we are here for them and will be at commencement to cheer them on.

As we come to the close of our events for students on campus at Mills, I am very grateful for the committee members and the Ad Hoc group of Alums Helping Students who collaborated to support and stand by our students during a very challenging year at Mills.