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Dear Alumni of the Miller School of Albemarle:

We hope this note finds you well. We are excited to share a few important updates about the Miller School and our Miller School Alumni Association.

In the summer of 2022, to grow the Office of Advancement to further the success of the Miller School, the Miller School of Albemarle Board of Trustees and Head of School, began a search for a new Director of Development and Development Assistant to support the Director of Advancement. The goal of building the Office of Development was multi-faceted, with the primary intent to coordinate fundraising and engagement for all constituents of the MSA family, including alumni engagement and fundraising.

The Office of Development has spent the past year updating information for alumni and friends, developing new programs for consistent engagement with the MSA community, and establishing a regular cadence of communication updates. Enclosed you will find a card that has important dates for events on the Hill and regionally.

Additionally, the Alumni Association has spent the past few years working to stay connected through the pandemic and continue to benefit the Miller School through service and philanthropy, which is now approaching \$78,000 in annual donations for the benefit of the Miller School. These donations are made through the distributions received from four endowment funds, currently held at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation. You can read more about these endowments, including the Alumni Scholarship, at millerschool.org/alumni-msa.

The partnership with the Miller School and the Miller School Alumni Association continues to help move the initiatives of the school forward in the spirit of projects like the creation of the Alumni Gym and the renovation of the Canteen from generations past. The school's investment in the Office of Development has also allowed the synergy of these two organizations to help streamline the alumni and friend experience in a number of ways. A key development in the relationship occurred this past Annual meeting in June 2023, when the membership of MSAA voted to allow the Office of Development to assist in the accounting and receipt of gifts to the Miller School Alumni Association's four endowed funds at the CACF. The Office of Development and the MSAA will now coordinate fundraising and engagement efforts under one roof with the support of the Director of Development.

What this means for alumni:

- All donations to the MSAA may now be mailed to the Miller School address or made online at www.millerschool.org/donate
 - Alumni who in the past have donated to the Alumni Foundation Trust, Life Membership Fund, Beale Library Fund, Cemetery Fund, or are members of the 1% club, may continue to do so online or by mailing a check made out to the "Miller

School Alumni Association” to the Miller School indicating in the memo line your gift intention.

- Donations may also be made directly to the Miller School of Albemarle for the unrestricted use of the School’s Annual Fund. Gifts to the Miller School’s Annual Fund support the school’s greatest need and are put to immediate use to close the gap between tuition and the operational budget.
- All donations, regardless of fund designation, will be recognized in the annual Bell Tower magazine.
- All communication, events, and fundraising efforts will fall under the Office of Development as the school heads into its 150th birthday!
- The MSAA will continue to meet quarterly, with its annual meeting held in June at Miller Reunion.
- All Miller School alumni are invited to visit the Miller School. Upon arrival, please check in at the front office or with the Development Office.
 - Alumni visiting the Hill after business hours or on the weekends should call ahead so we can prepare for your arrival.
 - There are now locked gates heading to Alumni Lake for the safety of our community. Let us know if you're visiting so we can unlock the gate for you.
 - Alumni are welcome to utilize the campus for personal use, including tennis courts, lake, disc golf course, and biking trails; however, we ask that you call ahead to be sure the area is not reserved for student use. Please only access the trails with prior authorization.
- The Miller School will also create a volunteer alumni council to connect alumni, gather classmate contact information, host regional alumni events, and assist in planning Miller Reunion events.

For many years the Miller School has relied on the great work of the all-volunteer-run Miller School Alumni Association. The MSAA has, without a doubt, lifted the school to its current successes with its generous support, both in philanthropy and service. We are indebted to these loyal alumni and friends for their support and are thrilled about the opportunity to strengthen our partnership. Miller’s future is bright. We are all lucky enough to have called Miller home and together we are all in For the Hill to support the minds, hands, and hearts of future generations of Miller students.

Please keep up to date with all that is happening at millerschoolofalbemarle.org/alumni-msa. There you will find a calendar of events, links for registration, and links to our social media pages.

Regards,



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