

Illinois Weslevan University Digital Commons @ IWU

Related Documents

Alumni Association Board of Directors

2017

AABD Member Directory 2017

Alumni Assocation, Illinois Wesleyan University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/aabd docs



Part of the Education Commons

Recommended Citation

Alumni Assocation, Illinois Wesleyan University, "AABD Member Directory 2017" (2017). Related Documents. 4.

https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/aabd docs/4

This Article is protected by copyright and/or related rights. It has been brought to you by Digital Commons @ IWU with permission from the rights-holder(s). You are free to use this material in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s) directly, unless additional rights are indicated by a Creative Commons license in the record and/ or on the work itself. This material has been accepted for inclusion by faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@iwu.edu.

© Copyright is owned by the author of this document.

AABD Member Directory



Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the liaison between alumni & the University. The Board also provides connections between alumni & current students.

Membership Criteria

The Alumni Association Board of Directors is composed of the officers of the Association (President, President, President, Vice-President for Engagement, and Secretary; a representative from each of the following groups:

Council for IWU Women(CFW), Golden Titans, Greek Alumni Network (GAN), Minority Alumni Network (MAN), Pride Alumni Community (PAC), and the Young Alumni Council (YAC); the chair of the following committees: Regional Alumni Chapters Committee (REG), Wesleyan Fund Committee (CFW), Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (ADM), Class Newsletter Editors Committee (CNEC); the President of the Parent Board; a representative from the University's fiftieth reunion class (ex officio); three Alumni Trustees (ex officio); the President of the University Student Senate; no fewer than twelve at large Directors*; and the University's Director of Alumni Relations (ex officio).

A representative from each of the above will be chosen by his/her respective group and will serve a one year term, except for officers who serve a two year term, as specified by the Bylaws of the Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association.

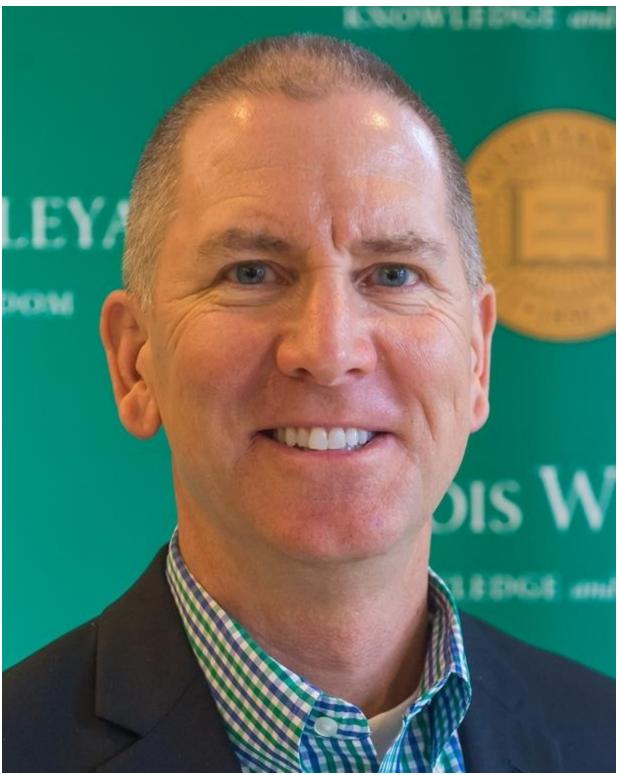
*At-large members appointed by the Board of Directors should provide diversity of class year, gender, race, and demographic representation, as well as skills that may be needed to better accomplish the Association's mission.



Dirk Behrends '87, dirk.behrends@yahoo.com Normal,IL

AABD Committees: WF/GAN, Why I serve on the AABD: to improve access to quality education for marginalized/underrepresented students. I established the Dirk L. Behrends endowed scholarship (2016), Major/Activities at IWU: English/Sigma Chi, Cross Country, Track and Field, YMCA Aquatics Director, Hometown and other places lived: Delavan, IL, also Chicago, Los Angeles, Profession and Current Work: VP, Association Enterprise Solutions, Current

Employer: Abila, **Hobbies/Interests:** Improving access to quality healthcare, legal services and education for marginalized and underrepresented groups, through organizations such as Howard Brown Health Center, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN), Lambda Legal, Human Rights Campaign, and the Chicago Public School System, **Other Activities:** Chocolate lab, Gabe, international travel, world's cultures and religions, and proud Godfather to Connor, Landon and Ethan.



Al Black '79, al_black@att.net
Washington, IL

AABD Committees: Regional Alumni Chapters Committee (REG)
Why I serve on the AABD: Interested in giving back to IWU as I have filled various roles over the years including Class newsletter editor & Class Agent

Major/Activities at IWU: Dodds Hall President (2 years), Interhall Council, Homecoming Committee, Intramural Basketball Official & Basketball (4 years)

Profession and Current Work: Entertainment, Media & Telecommunications - Director of Business Services

Current Employer: AT&T

Hobbies/Interests: Fitness, Sports, investments (preparing for retirement)

Other Activities: Grandparent Club - BEST.GIG.EVER. - Heart of Illinois United Way Marketing Committee (also past Board Member & Campaign Cabinet Chair), coordinates Day of Caring events bringing together teams of volunteers from AT&T throughout the year on a variety of projects, AT&T Junior Achievement Job Shadow ASPIRE volunteer, past chair of the Peoria Business Academy and served as a mentor at Peoria (Central) High School, coached youth basketball and baseball for the Washington Recreation Association, as well as soccer for the youth programs of the Washington Park District.

Hometown: Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect, IL



Claudia Brogan '77, cwb713@comcast.net Decatur, GA

AABD Comittee: SAC, Why I serve on the AABD: I love learning about all the working-pieces at IWU and hearing about how things fit together. I feel challenged and informed

and motivated, getting to know these fellow alum-leaders. I am celebrating the excellent experiences I had at IWU, and the positive ways that being an IWU alum has served me well. Major/ Activities at IWU: Theater, Education, English/ Resident Assistant 2 years, Hometown: Mattoon, Illinois, Profession/Current Work: Independent Trainer, Group Facilitator, Speaker Coach, Current Employer: Self-employed, Hobbies/Interests: Have worked with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, as adult education curriculum coordinator in church settings, piano, community theater, adopting rescue pooches ("Who rescued whom?")



Debbie Burt-Frazier '75, debbiefrazier53@gmail.com Maiden Name: Debra R. Burt

Dayton, OH

AABD Comittee: MAN, Why I serve on the AABD: Even before becoming an IWU Loyalty Award winner (2002), I have enjoyed promoting and working to serve my alma mater. I am a charter member of The IWU Council for Women and that, too, focuses on alumni and current female students of Wesleyan. I love IWU, and strive to stay involved as best I can, Major/ Activities at IWU: English, Journalism / The Argus (editor-inchief), BSU (President, Director of Cultural Affairs), Liturgical Dance Troupe, Speech Team, Phi Kappa Delta, Pep Squad, Resident Assistant - 3yrs., Intramural Basketball, WESN Radio, Exploratory Theatre and Student Recruiting/Admissions, Hometown High School: Harlan High School alums, class of 1971, Profession/Current Work: Instructor, Current Employer: Central State University College, Wilberforce, OH, Hobbies/Interests: Community Theater, Reading, Travelling, TRIO Upward Bound Program, Volunteer Activities: Minority Alumni Board of IWU, United Methodist Women (President of local chapter @ Faith United Methodist Church, also a Trustee there).



Qiana Cryer-Coupet '06, qiana.cryer@gmail.com Chicago, IL

AABD Committees: MAN, Admissions

Why I serve on the AABD: I was afforded an excellent educational experience during my time at IWU. I serve on the AABD to ensure that current and future Titans have an experience that exceeds my own.

Major/Activities at IWU: Psychology/Black Student Union, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., ORL, Student Senate

Profession and Current Work: Assistant Professor of Social Work

Current Employer: North Carolina State University

Hobbies/Interests: Traveling with my husband and two kids



Dave Darling '79, DDarling@stonejohnsonlaw.com Tinley Park, IL

AABD Comittee: MAN, Why you serve on the AABD: To give back and serve IWU in any way possible Major/ Activities at IWU: Political Science, Spanish/ Cross Country & Track letter winner, Intramural Basketball Champions, Hometown / high school: Princeton High School or District 230 High Schools (Victor J. Andrew, Sandburg, Stagg), Profession/Current Work: Attorney, Current Employer: Stone & Johnson, Chtd., Hobbies/Interests: All Sports,

traveling, gardening, live concerts, relaxing with family & friends, mentoring students, **Volunteer Activities:** St. Stephen Finance Committee Member, St. Stephen Usher & volunteer worker, IWU "Tu Universidad" alumni representative, IWU Alumni Admissions Counsel Member, Board Contact for IWU "Network" and Admissions Dept., IWU Regional Board Member, Former High School District 230 Student Services Board Member for 6 years



Michele Darnell '88, mdarnell@iwu.edu IWU, Bloomington, IL

AABD committee: Admissions



Wes Dyke '02, dykejw@gmail.com Garner, NC

AABD committee: VP Engagement, **Why I serve on the AABD:** I believe we are here to serve, rather than be served. And I believe we have each been given unique

talents and abilities that are to be used in our vocation and in service to others. When asked to serve with this great group of fellow alums, I saw an opportunity to use my skills to help Illinois Wesleyan and have some fun, too. I'm proud to be a Titan, and proud to serve alongside 30 other committed Titan alumni volunteers, strengthening the relationship of alumni with the University and with one another, Major/Activities at IWU: Public Accounting/ Collegiate Choir, The Argus, Accounting Society, Economics Society, Park Place Economist, Hometown High School: East Peoria Community High School, East Peoria, IL, Profession/Current Work: Accountant, Current Employer: Caterpillar Inc., AABDHobbies/Interests: Theater, music, Other Volunteer Activities: Clayton Youth Theater (founded in 2007 with wife, Nikki); Hope Community Church

Meg Howe '05, howe.meg@gmail.com Carmel, IN

AABD Comittee: Young

AABD committee: ADM, **Why I serve on the AABD:** My time at IWU is a critical

piece of my "story"; it provided me with a base infrastructure on how to succeed in a personal and professional sphere. I believe that to whom much is given, much is asked and because of that It is important for me to give back to the institution that was my support system at such a critical time in life and help other alums reconnect to their IWU experiences, **Major/Activities at IWU:** Business Administration / Volleyball, sigma kappa, economic society, college republicans, **Hometown High School:** Chicago, Dallas, **Profession/Current Work:** Regional Director - Sales & Operations, **Current Employer:** Paycom Software Inc



Scott Huch '86, scotthuch@me.com Falls Church, VA

AABD committee: President Elect, **Why I serve on the AABD:** Illinois Wesleyan University is the most significant institution that I have ever been — or ever will be —

part of. IWU changed my life. I see an IWU education as a force for good in this world. I want to do all I can to help others like me get access to it, in order to help make the world a better place. I want to help IWU be strong and attract the best students and professors. In my view, the involvement of engaged alumni is absolutely critical to making IWU the best it can be. I see my role on the Alumni Association Board of Directors as a "servant-leader" — our purpose is to show our fellow alumni how they can be engaged in a wide variety of ways to help IWU accomplish its mission. Long after I'm gone, whatever I've helped Illinois Wesleyan accomplish will remain. And that feels great! Major/Activities at IWU: Political Science (Minor: French)/ Phi Gamma Delta, Collegiate Choir, Student Senate, Phi Eta Sigma, Green Medallion, Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Phi Omega, Washington Semester in Foreign Policy, Wesleyana, Hometown High School: Chester High School, Chester, Illinois, Profession/Current Work: Political advertising & fundraising, Current Employer: The Delta Group, Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy current affairs, reading, music, fine art, live theater, train travel, cooking, gardening (tomatoes!), and languages.

Other Volunteer Activities: Republican Precinct Committeeman and Captain, Fairfax County (Virginia) Republican Committee, 1990-2004, 2012-present. Secretary, DMAW Educational Foundation Board of Directors, 2009-present. Vice-Chairman, Alzheimer's Association—National Capital Area Chapter Board of Directors, 2009-12. Chairman, Fairfax County (Virginia) Tenant-Landlord Commission, 1994-98. Alternate Delegate from Virginia to the Republican National Convention, Houston, Texas, 1992.



Elly Jones '91, elly.jones.c46g@statefarm.com Maiden Name: Shreffler

Murfreesboro, TN

AABD Comittee: President, Why I serve on the AABD: Wesleyan provided a great educational experience. Alumni generously shared their treasure enabling me to attend IWU. Serving on the AABD, gives me an opportunity to give back to students like me and to my alma mater. Major/Activities at IWU: Psychology/ Kappa Delta, Homecoming Committee, Hometown High School: Bourbonnais, IL, Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, Profession/Current Work: Division Manager, Current Employer: State Farm Insurance, Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with family, reading, running and volunteering.

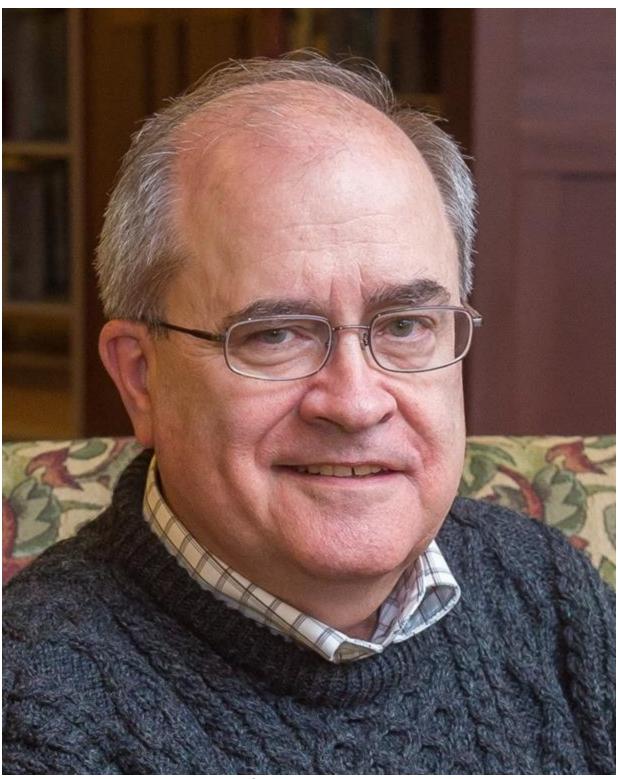


Jennifer Jones '94, Jenniferleejones@gmail.com Maiden Name: Jennifer Frahm

Boca Raton, FL

AABD committee: Council for IWU President, Why I serve on the AABD: My

experience at Illinois Wesleyan was a gift. I want to be able to give back with my time, talent and resources. **Major/Activities at IWU:** Business Administration/ Alpha Gamma Delta, American Marketing Association, Admissions Office, **Hometown High School:** Yorkville High School, **Profession/Current Work:** Director of Sales, **Current Employer:** 3D Cruise Partners, **Hobbies/Interests:** Spending time with friends and family, volunteering within my community and professional industry, running and reading, **Other Volunteer Activities:** Saint Andrews School (various capacities as needed), MPI (Meeting Planners International), IRF (Incentive Research Foundation)



Alan Leahigh '67, AlanKLeahigh@comcast.net Geneva, IL

AABD Comittee: Greek, **Why I serve on the AABD:** Pride in the University. Desire to keep its reputation and its economic health strong, **Major/Activities at IWU:** Political Science,

Journalism / Acacia Fraternity, **Hometown:** Plainfield, IL, 50 years since IWU, **Profession/Current Work:** (1) Health care association management, (2) public relations firm management, (3) newspaper reporter and editor, **Current Employer:** Self-employed consultant, **Current Hometown:** Geneva, IL, **Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, non-competitive bicycling, travel (especially road trips) and model railroads, **Volunteer Activities:** Church activities, Feed My Starving Children, Local history museum, IWU Alumni Board



Evan Lowery '08, elowery@gmail.com Appleton, WI

AABD Comittee: Reg, Why I serve on the AABD: IWU is a place of opportunity and "yes-" you can do and try anything you want, before the need for a reality check. Instead of

just listening to a podcast or reading a book, you take a class, do a May Term, or work with a professor. I want to do anything I can to ensure others have the opportunity to study at IWU and that the University is constantly improving and serving its students and alumni. There are many choices for anyone going into college, and we are far enough out to see the benefits for those who study at IWU - with a great education comes great responsibilities, and being a Titan is something that doesn't just end after commencement. Major/Activities at IWU: Cello Performance & Business / Phi Mu Alpha, AMA, Chapel, Italian Club, Student Fitness, Profession/Current Work: Management, Sales, Current Employer: StringWorks Violin Shop, Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, gardening, Italy, cello/string quartet, biking/running, technology, EDM, Volunteer Activities: Scouting, DuPage Symphony, Feed My Starving Children, Geneva Chamber of Commerce



Cecilia Mendoza '13

AABD Comittee: MAN,Why I serve on the AABD: I want to bring more alumni, specifically Latino alumni, to campus because the alumni I met while a student were inspirations for me, Major/Activities at IWU: Sociology (Minors: Political Science, Hispanic Studies)/ Kappa Delta, Spanish & Latino Student Association, Titan Band, Office of Multicultural Affairs, #HereAtIWU, Summer Enrichment Program 2011, MALANA Orientation Leader, Hometown: Cicero, IL, Profession/Current Work: Paralegal/Case Manager at Immigration Law Firm, Current Employer: Tapia-Ruano & Gunn P.C. (Owned by IWU Alum) Hobbies/Interests: Dancing, social justice: women's rights, immigrant rights, right to education, policy research and advocacy, Mother to adorable & mischievous Jack Russell Terrier Mix (Just turned 1 in 2016) Volunteer Activities: Plan to volunteer at organizations that provide immigration legal services to communities and people who struggle financially.



Casey, IL

AABD committee: Parent Board, **Why I serve on the AABD:** Help reconnect alumni to IWU, improve legacy student recruitment, and develop a legacy student board to involve these current students with alumni and recruitment of high school legacy students, **Major/Activities at IWU:** Business Administration/ Football, Track, Ambassador's Club, **Profession/Current Work:** Insurance, **Current Employer:** Staley Insurance Agency, **Hobbies/Interests:** Head Football Coach at Casey-Westfield High School, coach other youth sports, running, cross-training, spending time with my family, active in my church



Adebola (Ade) Olayinka '11, theadebolayinka@gmail.com Woodbury, MN

AABD committee: ADM, **Why I serve on the AABD:** My time at IWU was a dream come true, and I want to make sure every former, current, and prospective student

finds their dream too, **Major / Activities at IWU**: Economics & International Studies / Alpha Phi Omega, Ambassador's Club, Economics Society, IWU London Program, **Hometown High School:** Woodbury High School, Woodbury, MN, **Profession/Current Work:** PhD Student

Current Employer: Duke University, **Hobbies/Interests:** Traveling, baking, cooking, eating out, films, reading, and sleeping, **Other Volunteer Activities:** Council for IWU Women and Mercy International Mission Nigeria



Ed Pacchetti '91, epacchetti@yahoo.com
Washington, DC
AABD committee: Pride, Major/Activities at IWU: Psychology; minor- Political
Science/ Vice-President and President of Student Senate and a charter member of the

Acacia Fraternity, **Profession/Current Work:** Director of Customer Analytics for the Customer Experience Office of Federal Student Aid, **Current Employer:** U.S. Department of Education, **Hobbies/Interests:** has annual New Year's Eve party, hanging out with friends, reading, spending time with his Boston Terrier named Rocky, visits his nieces and nephew in Illinois and Texas often, **Other Volunteer Activities:** member of the Pride Alumni Community (PAC) and is Co-Chairing his class's 25th reunion



Rachel Paturi '13, rachelpaturi@gmail.com Irvine, CA

AABD committee: Pride, Why I serve on the AABD: My time at Wesleyan was truly life changing and I have continuously benefited from my Wesleyan education even years after graduation. I want to make sure that our current and future Titans have the same and more opportunities that I did, and a fantastic four years on campus, Major/Activities at IWU: Business Administration - Finance Concentration/ Student Senate, South Asian Student Association, Titan TV, Hometown High School: Bloomington, IL, Profession/Current Work: iOS Developer, Current Employer: Freelance, Hobbies/Interests: Hiking, Other Volunteer Activities: IWU Council for Women



Desiree Quizon-Colquitt '89, adaquiz1@gmail.com Normal, IL

AABD Committee: MAN, **Why I serve on the AABD:** I serve on the AABD to give back to IWU. I did not realize or appreciate the benefits of a liberal arts education until

I entered the workforce. I serve on the AABD to promote IWU to perspective students and their parents and encourage alumni to donate their time, treasure or talent. I would like to see IWU have a more diverse and global student population. Major/Activities at IWU: Biology/ Circle K, Student Senate, Pep Band, Concert Band, Beta Beta Beta, Alpha Mu Gamma, Pfeiffer Hall President, Resident Hall Association, Hometown High School: Pana Senior High School Profession/Current Work: Director, Strategic Alliances, Current Employer: BioVectra Inc. Hobbies/Interests: Travel, art and history museums, reading, aerobics, fitness, dogs, Other Volunteer Activities: Cures Within Reach; Vladimir/Canterbury Sister City Association of Bloomington/Normal; Drug, Chemical and Associated Technologies Association, Healthcare Businesswomen Association



Jim Richter '93, richter316@aol.com Minneapolis, MN

AABD committee: Pride, **Major/Activities at IWU:** Natural Science/ Catholic Newman Organization, Chapel Choir, Habitat for Humanity, and GLOW (Gays and

Lesbians of Wesleyan) as well as the Career Center, member of Theta Chi fraternity, served as a houseboy for the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, **Profession/Current Work:** Fellow in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, **Current Employer:** the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, **Hobbies/Interests:** spending time with his three schnauzers (Archie, Buddy, and Charlie), enjoys yoga, gardening, dog-walking, chocolate chip cookie baking, word games, and whistling, he travels regularly to spend time with his family on Chicago's south side, **Other Volunteer Activities:** member of the Hope and Healing Committee of the Archdiocese of Chicago, founding member of Healing Voices, member of the College of American Pathologists, Gay & Lesbian Medical Association, and United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology



Molly Rollings '99, mmrollings@yahoo.com Champaign, IL

AABD committee: Secretary, Why I serve on the AABD: I want to help students achieve their goals, Major / Activities at IWU: Risk Management/ Basketball, Track,

RIMS Society

Hometown High School: Arcola High School, Profession/Current Work: Sales

Executive, Insurance, **Current Employer:** Diamond Bros Insurance, LLC, **Hobbies/Interests:** Cooking, Gardening, Reading, **Other Volunteer**

Activities: Home builders Association of East Central IL, ABC of Illinois, Habitat for humanity, Feeding America and Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research



Will Teichman '19, wteichma@iwu.edu ™∪

Student Senate President **AABD Committee:** SAC



Amy Tenhouse '97, atenhouse@hotmail.com Arlington, VA

AABD Committee: ADM, **Why I serve on the AABD:** I wanted to stay connected to IWU and help strengthen the university so current students can have an amazing

experience just like I did, Major/Activities at IWU: Political Science & History/Volleyball, Student Senate, Senior Class President, Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Sigma Alpha, Ambassadors Club, Hometown /High School: Camp Point, Illinois, Profession/Current Work: Government Affairs, Current Employer: Molina Healthcare, Hobbies/Interests: Volunteering, Playing with my 4 year old son, Traveling, Other Volunteer Activities: Jaycees, IWU Washington DC Regional President, Matt 25 Thrift Store, DC Diaper Bank



John Thiel, 66 john@thiel.pro Sun City, AZ

AABD committee: Greek, Why I serve on the AABD: Several of my family members and friends attended IWU before me and they always spoke highly of the University. At

IWU I not only learned, but also established lifelong relationships. I serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors to fulfill that role for current students and alumni, **Major/Activities at IWU:** Business Administration, Men's Glee Club, Acacia Fraternity, Cross Country and Track, **Profession/Current Work:** Retired GE Finance Mgr. and CPA, **Current Employer:** Retired from John Thiel, CPA, PC, **Hobbies/Interests:** Past member of the Barbershop Choruses in Bloomington IL and Tucson, AZ. Attend symphony concerts and theatre productions. Web site design, maintenance, and pro bono work for not-for-profit organizations. Hosting IWU alumni events at our home on Dawn Lake, **Other Volunteer Activities:** Past Treasurer IWU Acacia Corp. Board, Received the Order of Pythagoras for accomplishments on Acacia Board, Social Chairman of the GE Employees' Club, Past President of the Dawn Lake Homeowners' Association, Inc, Board Member of General Electric Retirees' Club of Arizona.



Derrick Tillman-Kelly '09, tillman-kelly.1@osu.edu Columbus OH

AABD Committee: Pride, Major/Activities at IWU: Biology; minor- Cognitive Science/ worked in the financial aid office, member of Student Senate, Black Student Union, the

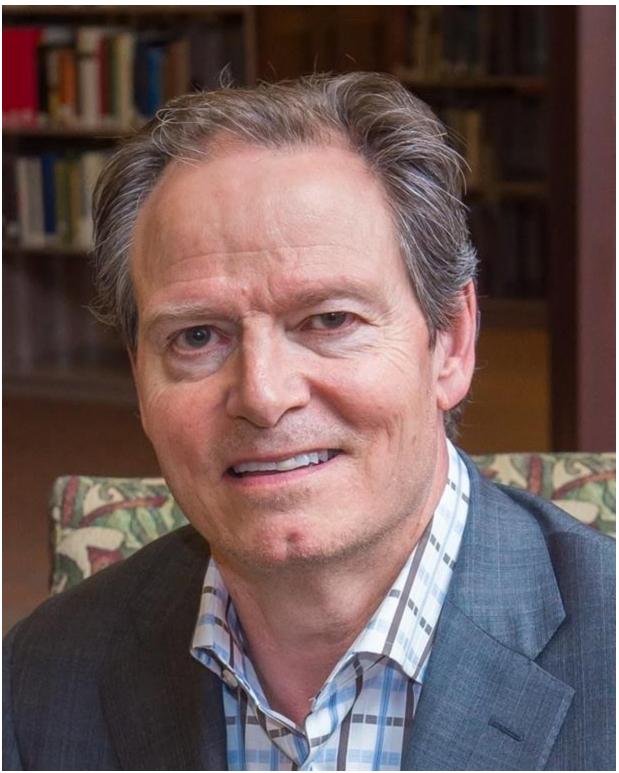
Kappa Alpha chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Orientation leader for Turning Titan new student orientation and the then- ALANA student orientation, and as a member of the All-University Judiciary Committee, **Profession/Current**Work: University Innovation Alliance Fellow, Current Employer: The Ohio State University, Hobbies/Interests: sing, travel, bake- especially cupcakes, member of several choirs and a Sunday School teacher at his church in Columbus, Other Volunteer Activities: co-chair of the Pride Alumni Community, on leadership team of The Network, formerly the Minority Alumni Network (MAN)



Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas '76, mwolfastro@aol.com Chicago, IL

AABD committee: Regions, **Why I serve on the AABD:** I've enjoyed reconnecting with the university, alums, faculty and students, **Major/ Activities at IWU**: Fine Art/

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Hometown High School: Joliet, Illinois, Profession/Current Work: Service Provider at Weight Watchers International, Current Employer: Weight Watchers International, Hobbies/Interests: Writing, History, Genealogy, Other Volunteer Activities: 1st Vice President of the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW.org), Immediate Past-President & Historian of the Illinois Woman's Press Association (IWPA.org)



Ted Zook '85, tzook@kirkland.com Winnetka, IL AABD Committee: GOV and Greek