



# School of Communication Sciences and Disorders Alumni Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Chapter Member Attendees: Sami Richards '09, MS '14, Sara Kolbet MS '15, Cassie Lutz MS '17 and Kacia Hart MS '14

University Staff Attendees: Rachel Cadd '12

## Welcome & Introductions

### Alumni Board Meeting Recap

Our president Sami Richards officially became a member of the Alumni Association Board of Representatives at the August meeting.

Relevant highlights from the board meeting:

- Chapter members are invited to volunteer or register for events at Homecoming 2017.
  - Schedule of events: [www.pacificu.edu/HomecomingSchedule](http://www.pacificu.edu/HomecomingSchedule)
  - Volunteer sign up: <https://form.jotform.us/71865346462160>
  - Event registration: <https://community.pacificu.edu/Homecoming>
- Chapter members are encouraged to nominate peers for the Emerging Leader Award
  - Award details: [www.pacificu.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-awards/emerging-leader-award](http://www.pacificu.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-awards/emerging-leader-award)
  - Nominate online: [www.pacificu.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-awards/nominate-alumnus](http://www.pacificu.edu/alumni-friends/alumni-awards/nominate-alumnus)

### Picnic in the Park Event Evaluation

The event was a success with 22 attendees including 10 alumni, 3 employees and 9 guests.

The chapter discussed that the venue was a great location with lots of options for families, many things to do and a great view. The chapter considered making this an annual event.

Consider inviting faculty ahead of time and promoting the faculty who have registered to increase alumni event attendance. Unofficial goal: Get Dr. Flipsen to come to an event.

### Ideas & Suggestions

Consider asking alumni to provide items for a Pacific University basket at Strikes for Sites in April

- Send a message to alumni in early spring to solicit donations for the basket. Perhaps ask alumni to donate items that have been useful in their work?
- Cassie suggested contacting Mallory Wardel to coordinate the donation of the basket.

Look into sending notes of encouragement to students who are taking their comps (aka womp womps).

When alumni directory goes live in 2018, promote to students and alumni as a resource.

- The directory will allow alumni and students to view contact information and employment information for alumni (if they allow that information to be visible). This would allow people to reach out to alumni based on their employment or location.
- Promote to alumni to ask them to update their employment and contact details.
- Promote to alumni and students to use the directory to contact their peers for advice, information and more.

Look into a way for the chapter to help with the buddy program for students. Talk to faculty to see if this could be helpful and possible.

### **Winter Event Proposal**

Rogue Distillery & Public House is a great no host location for a winter event. Alumni will have the ability to pay for their drinks and meals at the venue. This is not offered at most locations in and around Portland. We will still take advance registration, but there will be no charge to register for the event.

Preferred date options from the chapter members were December 16 in the evening or December 17 in the afternoon. The Alumni Office will contact Rogue to see which of the dates are available.

### **Spring Continuing Education Opportunity**

This CE will happen in April with a discount for alumni. More details coming soon.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- January or February, exact date TBD. Plan to meet at Journeys Wine Bar in Portland at 7 p.m.