



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT**

*Each year, Deerfield benefits from hundreds of volunteers who help engage other alumni, encourage donations, partner with us on events, or serve as guest speakers or participants on and off campus. Here are some ways that you can help the Academy:*

### **GET INVOLVED WITH CLASSMATES OR IN YOUR AREA**

#### *Regional Clubs*

Currently Deerfield Academy has eight domestic and three international [clubs](#) to help engage alumni, parents and friends in their local areas. To get involved, please email Tessa at [tdoubleday@deerfield.edu](mailto:tdoubleday@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1590.

#### *Alumni Network*

Utilize our Alumni Network to stay in touch in with classmates, take part in our mentoring program, share your business endeavors and post jobs. Sign up or log-in [here](#). If you have any questions please email Tessa at [tdoubleday@deerfield.edu](mailto:tdoubleday@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1590.

#### *Diversity and Inclusion Night*

The inaugural Diverse Alumni Reception took place in 2017. This event now occurs annually and generally precedes the Winter Trustee meeting in New York City, providing an opportunity for alumni of all ages, race, faiths, genders and ethnicities to gather and meet with current trustees, parents and friends.

#### *Deerfield Day of Service*

The Day of Service happens annually - please volunteer to be a point person for a community service project near you. Deerfield is also eager to partner with you on service opportunities at any time of the year in your local area. If you are interested in participating, please email Tessa at [tdoubleday@deerfield.edu](mailto:tdoubleday@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1590.

#### *Host/Facilitate a Special Access Event*

If you have unique access to offer the campus community or the alumni community, due to the nature of your career or other connections, please let us know. Some alumni have hosted gatherings in their homes, private businesses, or places of corporate employment. If you have unique access to a notable event or venue, please email [events@deerfield.edu](mailto:events@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1481.

#### *Summer Opportunities*

Can your employer offer summer internships or extended service opportunities for young alumni? Email Tessa at [tdoubleday@deerfield.edu](mailto:tdoubleday@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1590 for help in spreading the word.

#### *Admission Office Support and Athletics Recruitment Initiatives*

Contact the [Office of Admission](#) or [Office of Athletics](#), respectively to get involved in your region.

#### *Annual Fund Class Captains and Agents*

We are grateful to the many volunteers who help Deerfield to reach our ambitious financial goals each year. The funds raised provide essential support to the Academy's students and teachers, ensuring that the Deerfield educational experience continues its tradition of excellence. If you are interested in or have questions about becoming a Class Captain or Agent, please email [annualgiving@deerfield.edu](mailto:annualgiving@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1458.

## GET INVOLVED DURING REUNION YEARS

### *Reunion Chairs and Reunion Committees*

Open to alumni in the year preceding their Reunion, our Reunion Chairs and Reunion Committees rally their classmates to attend Reunions and make gifts to Deerfield in recognition of the milestone year. Reunion Chairs and Committees may provide additional input regarding special events relative to the overall Reunion schedule. If you are interested in or have questions about becoming a Reunion Chair or serving on a Reunion Committee, please email [annualgiving@deerfield.edu](mailto:annualgiving@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1458.

### *Reunions Back to School Sessions*

Open to all milestone reunion alumni, these sessions are generally on Friday of Reunions and allow the alumnus/a to present on an array of experience-driven topics. Look for the Call for Presenters application online in the fall of your reunion cycle or email [jhammond@deerfield.edu](mailto:jhammond@deerfield.edu).

## GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

### *Pathways Program*

This on-campus event provides an opportunity for alumni to return to campus to share about their “paths since Deerfield Days” with the senior class. Deerfield Academy hosts this program annually on the Sunday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend in January. In addition to joining a panel of various alumni, you will also have the opportunity to have one-on-one conversations following the event while enjoying Deerfield’s famous Sunday Brunch! We select alumni based on their profession or “path” and like to have a range of ages and experiences appropriate for senior students preparing to leave Deerfield. Please email [mtemesvari@deerfield.edu](mailto:mtemesvari@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1461 if you are interested in participating in our Pathways program.

### *TEDx: DEERFIELD*

An application is available in the months prior to our school’s hosted TED talks each year, TEDx: DEERFIELD speakers have come from the campus community as well as the alumni community. Please email Ivory at [ihills@deerfield.edu](mailto:ihills@deerfield.edu) or call 413-774-1471 if you are interested in presenting a TED talk at TEDx: Deerfield.

### *Martin Luther King Day Weekend*

Our annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration includes a full day of workshops facilitated by students and employees. We hope to increase alumni participation in this event. In the past we’ve had alumni facilitate workshops, serve as guest speakers, and share their work and art, but we’re always looking for new modes of engagement: if you have an idea please email Jenny at [jhammond@deerfield.edu](mailto:jhammond@deerfield.edu).

### *Von Auersperg Art Gallery*

The gallery calendar extends out for several years. Alumni visual artists could exhibit their works in residency, and we welcome a return to campus for the opening of the exhibit. Visit the [gallery website](#) for more information.

### *Visiting Academia and Visiting Performing Arts (Theater, Music, Dance)*

Generally, opportunities for alumni with expertise in a subject area or in the performing arts are originated by the various faculty members in consultation with the Head of the Department and the Office of the Academic Dean. The Office of Advancement can help with linkages only, and cannot guarantee involvement in the classroom.

### *Work at Deerfield*

Come back to teach or serve in other capacities! Visit <https://deerfield.edu/employment/> for current opportunities.

## GET INVOLVED WITH INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

You can read Deerfield's Action Plan to Strengthen Equity, Inclusion, and Campus Culture [here](#). For any of the following opportunities, please contact the [Office of Inclusion and Community Life](#) unless stated otherwise.

#### *Meetings with Student Alliances*

Interactions with Alliances like DBSA (Deerfield Black Student Alliance), DMOC (Deerfield Men of Color), ASA (Asian Student Alliance), GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance), and their counterpart groups across campus, must be structured through the Alumni Relations office, who will facilitate the arrangements in partnership with the Office of Inclusion and Community Life and the faculty advisor(s) for that particular student group. Please email Jenny at [jhammond@deerfield.edu](mailto:jhammond@deerfield.edu).

#### *Inclusion Programs at Reunions*

We currently offer LGBTQ and alumni of color programs at each reunion weekend. If you are interested in generating ideas that will improve engagement with alumni from historically underrepresented groups, please email Jenny at [jhammond@deerfield.edu](mailto:jhammond@deerfield.edu).

#### *National Association of Independent Schools' People of Color Conference (PoCC)*

The National Association of Independent School (NAIS) sponsors an annual People of Color Conference that draws attendees from independent schools from all over the nation and the world. We attend this conference and host alumni gatherings while in the host city. If you are an educator or school administrator already attending PoCC, please email Jenny at [jhammond@deerfield.edu](mailto:jhammond@deerfield.edu) so that we can connect in a mindful way.

#### *Community Book*

Are you an author of a high school age-appropriate book or would you like to recommend a book and participate in the process of facilitating discussion and debrief? Contact the [Office of Inclusion and Community Life](#) to determine if there is an opportunity to consider your work as our community read.

#### *Special Projects/Initiatives*

The Office of Inclusion and Community Life is looking to build a database of alumni who can contribute to workshops and trainings related to diversity and inclusion. If you have expertise in a specific area or would like to propose a project, please contact the [Office of Inclusion and Community Life](#).