

#Altraining

STEWARDING YOUR PLANNED GIVING DONORS

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LEARNING OUTCOME

After participating...

...you will be able to more intentionally steward different planned giving donors.





AGENDA

- Strategic stewardship events and communication
- · Impact reporting/communications



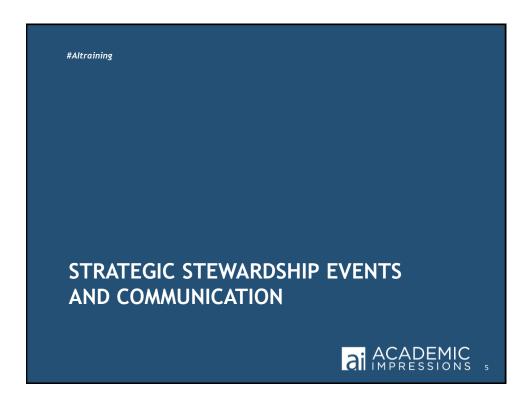


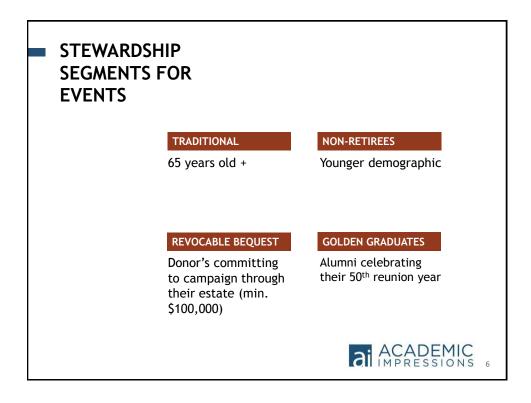
CHAT

What is the most challenging thing for you when it comes to stewarding planned giving donors?











ANNUAL LUNCHEON: LOGISTICS



- Held each fall on a weekday
- Convenient location
- Social hour, plated lunch, speaking program, dessert/coffee



ANNUAL LUNCHEON: PROGRAM AND MESSAGING



- Programmatic theme topic and speaker selection is key
- Connects donors to faculty, leadership, and students involved in projects
- Highlight institutional activity
- Include trustee emeriti to show commitment from higher level





ANNUAL LUNCHEON: PROGRAM TOPICS



- Student ventures
- Healthy aging
- Evolution of the library



ANNUAL LUNCHEON: GOALS



- Thank donors
- Bring donors "inside"
- Celebrate annual successes
- Connect with fellow legacy society members







CHAT

What other stewardship touches could you incorporate into your luncheons?



SUMMER OUTING



- Held each summer on a weekday
- Luncheon boat cruise
- Different location each year
- Transportation offered
- Casual affair





POST EVENT

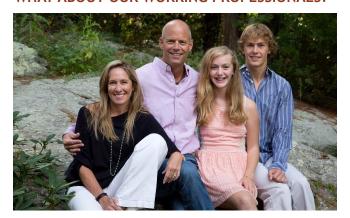


- Guest feedback
- Guest photo with enclosed thank you note



NON-RETIREES

WHAT ABOUT OUR WORKING PROFESSIONALS?







NON-RETIREES



- Evening/weekend event
- Sophisticated, convenient location
- Provide meaningful event stewardship
- Connect donors with leadership, faculty, and students
- Collaborate with existing campus event



NON-RETIREES



- Individual meetings
- Committee development
- Identify viable options and programming







What else could you do for non-retirees?



REVOCABLE BEQUEST DONORS

- Donors who commit to campaign
- \$100,000 minimum
- Smaller cohort, but growing

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REVOCABLE BEQUEST DONORS

- Provide an inside look so donors feel a deeper connection with the university
- "Behind the scenes" access is important
- Looking at hosting a lunch or dinner where guests hear from senior leadership
- · Deeper program content



GOLDENGRADUATES



- 50th reunion alumni
- Top prospects for gift planning
- Events held during commencement weekend





GOLDENGRADUATES

- · Celebrate anniversary year
- · Promote legacy society
- Gift planning appeal letter from legacy society member to classmates
- Office of Gift Planning will sponsor various events throughout the weekend
 - Breakfast before commencement
 - Dessert at luncheon following commencement



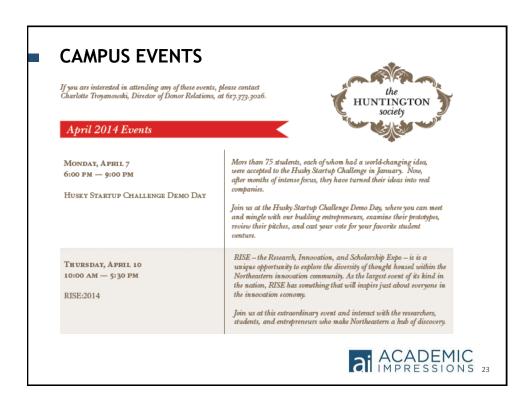
CAMPUS EVENTS



- Compile campus activities
- Lectures, seminars, sporting events, musical performances, research presentations, etc.
- Mail to legacy society members twice per year (fall and spring)
- Offer RSVP service
- Identify legacy society members at campus events with signature ribbons
- Staff person present at certain events









CHAT

What other specific segments are you stewarding?











IMPACT REPORTING

GOALS

- To show legacy society members that we are good stewards of their gifts and intentions.
- Allow donors to see the impact of a similar gift type.
- · Illustrate institutional accountability.



IMPACT REPORTING

- Stewardship letters highlighting scholarship reporting of realized bequest
- Timed to go out after donors receive reports on their already established scholarships





IMPACT REPORTING

May 12, 2014

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith 123 Main Street Boston, MA 02120

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith,

It is a pleasure to thank you for choosing to support Northeastern University through a planned gift. Your foresight and generosity will have a tremendous impact on the lives of future students, and I would like to tell you a little bit about a current student who is benefiting from a gift by donors like you.

Through their estate, John and Beryl Bunker established a scholarship to benefit full-time undergraduate students at Northeastern. The Bunkers had strong ties to the university, having earned a combined total of three degrees here, and they believed strongly in the importance of higher education.

John died in 2006, and Beryl passed away in 2010. Their legacy at Northeastern, however, endures. The John W. and Beryl H. Bunker Scholarship Fund was



IMPACT REPORTING - BEQUEST RECONFIRMATION

- Process of reconfirming bequest gift intention and designation of legacy society members
- Includes a letter, phone call, and personal visit
- 155 letters sent, 57 replies
- Promotes further engagement and conversations







IMPACT REPORTING





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COMMUNICATIONS

B-DAY / HOLIDAY CARDS

Signed by staff
Thanksgiving cards

PRINT NEWSLETTER

Sent annually in spring

HONOR ROLL

Created annually in fall/winter

NEW MEMBER PACKET

Mailed upon membership





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Perspectives



Dorothy Cooley's Bequest Funds Marie's Scholarship

Single Parent Realizing Dream



Single parent Marie Milfleur is realizing her dream of attending Northeastern due to a generous bequest established by the late Dorothy Cooley, a woman Marie never met. Yet they are linked by a love of helping others and the need to work while going to school.

Born in Haiti, Marie moved to Massachusetts with her family when she was a teenager. She worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and dedicated herself to being a successful single parent. Once her children were older, she was finally able to pursue her dream to study

psychology. But she needed financial assistance and the flexibility to attend classes while working and raising a family. The Dorothy G. Cooley Scholarship fund made Marie's dream a reality.



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FRANK PALMER SPEARE SOCIETY



The Frank Palmer Speare Society honors and advances the astounding legacy of one man who guided the development of university from the very beginning and served as Northeastern's president.

The Frank Palmer Speare Society was established to recognize Northeastern alumni and friends who demonstrate their genero and commitment to the university through a planned gift. Such might include a bequest and/or charitable income gifts, such as charitable gift annuties, charitable remainder unitrusts, charitale remainder annuity trusts, or gifts of real estate.

As a member of the Frank Palmer Speare Society, you are invite special gatherings throughout the year and receive a comment gift and membership pin recognizing the lasting bond of your philanthropic support. Above all, you will have the certainty of knowing that your gift will continue to enhance Northeastern's tradition of excellence while providing for future generations of students.

- New member packet mailed upon confirmation of planned gift
- Includes letter, society information and history, pin, and crystal paperweight





COMMUNICATIONS: ANNUITY LETTER

- Gift annuity letter to those receiving payments
- · Sent quarterly to gift annuitants
- Thank-you letter and updates from the university
- Institutional accomplishments and highlights



DIGITAL



Want to read about the King and Queen Huskies of Northeastern history? Check out this great timeline created by Northeastern University Libraries: http://ow.ly/YZ/7N Go Huskies!



- Facebook strategy for stewardship and engagement
- <u>Video featuring legacy</u> society member







TAKEAWAYS

- Identify segments of your legacy society
- Create strategy based on those segments
- Use existing communication avenues and events
- Create event programming that brings donors "behind the scenes" and showcases institutional talent





QUESTIONS







Thank you!

Please remember to complete the event evaluation. Your comments will help us continually improve the quality of our programs.

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