

INTENTIONAL AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

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Learn how to effectively manage volunteers through their full life cycles.

OVERVIEW

Alumni volunteers are immensely valuable to institutions in both their service and their giving power; they tend to give 10 times more than non-volunteers. Their generous contributions of both time and treasure are often indispensable to institutions.

However crucial their efforts are in advancement shops, managing volunteers also poses a number of unique challenges. First of all, it can be incredibly difficult to manage people who are not officially employed by the institution and have their own motivations. Secondly, it's an ambitious undertaking to align volunteer efforts with the mission of the institution while also creating a cohesive experience across different types of volunteers in order to ensure everyone is working towards a shared goal.

Our three-day conference is the first and only training designed specifically for volunteer managers in higher education. Comprehensive and practical, the curriculum's focus will be teaching you how to manage volunteers through their full life cycles. Our expert faculty will:

- Provide the best strategies for recruiting and onboarding volunteer talent
- Prepare you to navigate difficult conversations and manage group dynamics
- Teach you how to leverage technology to make your daily work more efficient

Packed with templates, exercises, and role plays, this hands-on conference will prepare you to return to your campus with a comprehensive toolkit, a strategy, and a new level of intention.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is specifically designed for alumni relations professionals who manage volunteers for alumni boards, regional chapters and clubs, or other volunteer programs. Though our content will be applicable to managers of all types of volunteers, we will not be diving specifically into any one particular volunteer group.

Bring your team to unlock additional discounts. Check the registration row below for details!

AGENDA

Day One

Conference Registration

12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Opening Comments and Introductions

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Intentional Volunteer Management

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

In this foundational session, we will talk about the key ingredients for an intentional volunteer management framework. We'll discuss how to work with stakeholders and partners to develop a vision for volunteer engagement that aligns with both the mission of the institution and the passions of your volunteers.

Afternoon Break

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Strategies for Lifetime Involvement

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Now that we've addressed the key considerations for an intentional volunteer management program, we'll get tactical. Our faculty will introduce a competency-based model for volunteers that encourages lifelong engagement. They will also address how to identify the core competencies your institution can offer volunteers and how to inspire them to acquire each competency over a lifetime of engagement.

Recruiting and Vetting Volunteers

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

How do you take your needs and shape them into a recruitment strategy? We will focus on strategies to recruit and vet alumni volunteers for boards, regional chapters, and one-off volunteer opportunities.

Networking Reception (included in conference registration)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

This informal reception is your chance to decompress, have some refreshments on us, and expand your network of connections. Our programs are intentionally designed for smaller groups, so this is a great time to catch-up with attendees and speakers whom you may not have connected with yet.

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Day Two

Continental Breakfast (included in conference registration)

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Evaluating Risk in Volunteer Management

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Volunteer programs are subject to many risks and sources of potential liability, such as sexual harassment. Planning ahead to mitigate risk ensures protection of people, property, and reputation. We will provide practical tools and resources to recognize and effectively manage risks within your volunteer program.

Morning Break

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Onboarding Volunteers and Setting Expectations

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

We'll demonstrate how to identify the story and impact your institution wants to have and how to communicate expectations for all volunteers to match that impact.

Lunch (included in conference registration)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers as Champions of Change

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Often our volunteers are resistant to change. We'll teach you how to engage your volunteers as partners to guide your alumni through challenging times and share tactics on how to empower volunteers to be champions of change.

Difficult Conversations (includes afternoon break)

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

How do we talk to volunteers who are not following through? How do we communicate changes in policies? How do we let someone go? Join our expert faculty to role play various tough conversations you may need to have with volunteers. You will practice these conversations and prepare yourself to effectively communicate unfortunate news.

Managing Group Dynamics

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

What happens when individual interests and group dynamics get in the way of fulfilling your organization's needs? We'll prepare you with guiding questions to move your group in the right direction.

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Day Two (CONTINUED)

Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

How can we meaningfully recognize the work of our volunteers — even on a tight budget? Join us for a panel discussion on recognition. Peers and faculty will discuss creative ways to show appreciation for the work of your volunteer force.

Day Three

Continental Breakfast (included in conference registration)

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Leveraging Technology for Volunteer Management

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

No matter the scale of your program, you'll learn how to leverage various technologies to efficiently manage volunteers. From a Google Sheet to a robust portal, we'll share what works and help you make the most of digital tools.

Morning Break

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Gathering Data, Establishing Key Metrics, and Demonstrating the Value of Volunteers to Leadership

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

This session covers what data points people should gather and track as well as ways alumni relations can convey the value of volunteering to their leadership.

Final Q & A and Evaluations

11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

INSTRUCTORS

Matt Carcella

Director, Diversity Alumni Programs and U.S. Regional Alumni Engagement, Cornell University

Matt Carcella is the Director of Diversity Alumni Programs (DAP) and United States Regional Alumni Engagement for Cornell University.

Matt has been in higher education administration for the past 15 years. Prior to his current role, he was the Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center at Cornell and previously held positions at Princeton University and St. Francis University Upward Bound. Matt has a BA in political science from Allegheny College and an MA with a concentration in Women and Gender Studies from Rutgers University. He has presented locally and nationally on topics ranging from online dating behavior to LGBT inclusion in human resource policy to diversity practices in engagement and fundraising. Matt is based in Ithaca, NY with his husband Zach and their dog Duncan.

Sarah Indewey, MPA, CVRM, CVA

Director, Resource Development, United Way, KFL&A, Former Associate Director, Alumni & Volunteer Relations, Queen's University

Sarah is an experienced leader in the field of higher education administration, holding a Master in Public Administration with a focus on Government-University relations.

In addition to contributing to overall alumni relations organizational strategy and capacity, Sarah has focused on developing, implementing, evaluating, and overseeing volunteer strategies, policies, and guidelines, including volunteer-led philanthropic initiatives. While at Queen's University, she was committed to excellence and leadership in volunteerism with the goal of developing an informed, involved, and invested stakeholder body. In May 2019, Sarah transitioned to managing a volunteerism and philanthropy portfolio at the United Way.

Sarah's areas of research and education include: project management; risk assessment, and planning for risk in volunteer engagement programming; framework planning, and institutional readiness for volunteer engagement; volunteer professional development and volunteer pipeline progression; working with student volunteers; Board partnership and setting strategic direction; and volunteer stewardship and recognition.

As a Certified Volunteer Resource Manager, and internationally Certified in Volunteer Administration, Sarah has a long history of engaging volunteers to collaboratively work towards contributions to support institutional priorities.

ACADEMIC IMPRESSIONS STAFF

Nick Pettet

Program Manager, Academic Impressions

Nick is a Program Manager in Annual Giving, Alumni Relations, and Advancement Services at Academic Impressions. Prior to joining, Nick served in AmeriCorps as an instructor in adult literacy, worked at the American Council in institutional research, and most recently, he held the position of Assistant Director of Professional Certificate Programs at Georgetown University.

Nick is a first generation college graduate, having first earned his Associate's degree from Rogue Community College, where he began to discover his love for learning. He went on to earn his Bachelor's from University of Oregon, and his Master's from George Washington University. Nick is happily married to his wife Katie and loves to spend time with her and their son Greyson. He enjoys traveling, reading, running, and the occasional round of golf.

LOCATION

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Hotel:

InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile

505 North Michigan Ave.

Chicago, IL 60611

312-944-4100

Room rate:

\$139 + tax

Room block dates:

The nights of February 24, 25, 26, 2020.

Room block cutoff date:

February 3, 2020.

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