Teaching to Our Strengths: Yale’s Schools of Art, Architecture, Drama and Music
Welcome

Welcome back to campus! We’re delighted you’re here.

Among the top research universities in the United States today, Yale is the only one to have as many as four professional schools of the fine arts. And all four of them rank at or very near the top of their peer groups. Why are these schools so special to Yale?

That’s the question we hope to answer in this year’s Assembly. Our first day will offer delegates and guests a behind-the-scenes look at a part of the university that many alumni know only by reputation.

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With appreciation

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Thursday

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Registration Check-in
Rose Alumni House, 232 York Street

Assembly participants will check in and receive their packet of materials for the Assembly program. The packet will include the final program for the weekend, as well as name badges, meal tickets and other materials.

Your registration packet will also include a card you can use to submit a question to President Salovey for his Q&A session with us at 10:45 on Friday morning (see p. 20). If you’d like to ask a question, please fill this out and pass it to any AYA staff member at any time today, or by 9 a.m. tomorrow.

9:15–9:25 a.m.

Assembly Welcome
Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall
470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)

Weili Cheng ’77 (bio, p. 34), Executive Director of the Association of Yale Alumni, will welcome delegates and guests; and Rahul Prasad ’84 MS, ’87 PHD (bio, p. 36), Chair of the AYA Board of Governors, will offer opening remarks.

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9:25–9:40 a.m.

Yale and the Arts
Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall
470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)

President Peter Salovey ’86 PHD will introduce the theme of this year’s Assembly by examining why Yale’s schools of the fine arts are so important to the university and its place in the world.

9:40–10:50 a.m.

Yale’s Schools of the Arts: A Beginner’s Guide
Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall
470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)

The leaders of Yale’s schools of the arts will offer brief overviews of what they do and how they teach.

Marta Kuzma (bio, p. 35)
Dean, Yale School of Art

James Bundy ’95 MFA (bio, p. 33)
Dean, Yale School of Drama

Deborah Berke (bio, p. 32)
Dean, Yale School of Architecture

Robert Blocker (bio, p. 32)
Henry and Lucy Moses Dean, Yale School of Music
Thursday

11 a.m.–12 noon

Voices from the Classroom: Future Leaders in the Fine Arts
Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall
470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)

Current students and faculty members at the Schools of Art, Architecture, Drama and Music share their ideas and experiences through brief illustrated presentations on the current projects and courses they’re passionate about.

- **Art I: Senior Thesis Work and Current Paintings**
  Téa Chai Beer ’17
  Yale College Art Major

- **Architecture I: The Jim Vlock First-Year Building Project**
  Jonathan Molloy ’18 MArch
  Graduate Student in Architecture

- **Drama I: The Dramaturgical Toolkit**
  Catherine Sheehy ’92 MFA, ’99 DFA
  Professor Adjunct and Chair of Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism

- **Music I: Textures of the Anthropocene, and a New Opera**
  Krists Auznieks ’16 MM, ’22 DMA
  Irving S. Gilmore Fellow

- **Art II: Abstracting Figure and Place in Photography**
  Farah Al-Qasimi ’12, ’17 MFA
  Photography Student

- **Architecture II: Continuity and Change: The Robert A.M. Stern Rome Seminar**
  Tess McNamara ’17 MArch, ’18 MEM
  Graduate Student in Architecture

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12:15–1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Various locations as assigned

First-time delegates — whether appointed, ex-officio, or at-large — will attend a working-lunch orientation in the Presidents’ Room on the 2nd floor of Memorial Hall at the Schwarzman Center (above the rotunda between Woolsey Hall and Commons), and they will find a ticket for this in their registration packets. Other Assembly participants will have lunch in designated dining halls; they will find an envelope in their registration packet containing a magnetic swipe card valid for lunch at the specific dining hall indicated on the envelope.
1:45–2:45 p.m.

**BREAKOUTS: FIRESIDE CHATS**

Faculty from the Schools of Art, Architecture, Drama and Music facilitate conversations with their colleagues and the audience during these eight simultaneous “fireside chats.” Assembly participants should choose the session that interests them most.

- **Art I: The Enduring Legacy of the Bauhaus in Teaching Art Today**
  *Room Bo3, Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall, 1156 Chapel St.*
  Facilitator: Julian Bittiner ’08 MFA
  Senior Critic in Art and Acting Director in Graphic Design
  Anna Betbeze ’06 MFA
  Senior Faculty Critic and Acting Director in Painting
  Brenda Danilowitz
  Chief Curator, The Josef and Anni Albers Foundation
  Robert Wiesenberger
  Art Historian and Critic in Graphic Design

- **Art II: Photographs and Publishing in a Post-Photography, Post-Publishing World**
  *Room G10, Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall, 1156 Chapel St.*
  Facilitator: John Pilson ’93 MFA
  Critic in Art
  Matt Leifheit MFA ’17
  Photography Student

- **Architecture I: Form and Content in Contemporary Architecture**
  *Hastings Hall, Basement Level, Rudolph Hall 180 York Street (corner of York and Chapel)*
  Facilitator: Alan Plattus ’76
  Professor of Architecture and Urbanism
  Anna Bokov ’17 PHD
  Doctoral Candidate

- **Architecture II: Studio Classes Demystified: How Yale Teaches Architectural Design**
  *Nalle Drawing Studio, Basement Level, Rudolph Hall 180 York Street (corner of York and Chapel)*
  Facilitator: Peggy Deamer
  Professor of Architecture
  Kyle Dugdale ’15 PHD
  Critic in Architecture

- **Drama I: The Actor’s Accent as a Vehicle for Empathy**
  *Underbrook, Saybrook College, 242 Elm Street*
  Facilitator: Beth McGuire
  Director of Speech and Dialects
  Associate Professor Adjunct of Acting
  Lauren E. Banks MFA ’17
  Acting Student

- **Drama II: The Art and Technology of Projection Design**
  *Davenport Auditorium, Davenport College, 248 York St.*
  Facilitator: Wendall K. Harrington
  Head of Projection Design
  Assistant Professor Adjunct of Design
  Wladimiro Woyno Rodriguez MFA ’18
  Design Student

- **Music I: In Search of Authentic Performance**
  *Parker Recital Hall, 4th Floor, Leigh Hall, 435 College St.*
  Facilitator: Paul Berry ’99, ’07 PHD
  Assistant Professor Adjunct of Music History
  Danielle Wiebe ’21 DMA
  Viola Student

- **Music II: Why Opera Matters**
  *Nick Chapel, Trumbull College, 241 Elm Street*
  Facilitator: Janna Baty ’93 MUSM
  Assistant Professor Adjunct of Music
  Douglas Dickson ’88 MM, ’89 MMA
  Lecturer in Music
3–4 p.m.

BEHIND THE SCENES: INTERACTIVE SESSIONS (I)

Yale faculty members and students conduct participatory sessions, backstage visits, walking tours and other hands-on sessions for small groups on various topics in the fine arts. Assembly participants should choose the session that interests them most; except as noted, all activities are being offered twice, with a repeat at 4:15 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, you must have an admission ticket for the session you wish to attend. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis when you check in at the registration desk in Rose Alumni House.

• **Art 101: Calligraphy Workshop**  
  *Room 210, Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall*  
  1156 Chapel Street  
  A demonstration and hands-on workshop in contemporary calligraphy led by Henk Van Assen ’93 MFA, Senior Critic in Art, and graphic design student Jacob Hoving ’17 MFA. *Limited to 12 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

• **Art 102: School of Art Tour**  
  *Meet inside the front entrance to Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall, 1156 Chapel Street*  
  A guided tour of the Yale School of Art’s facilities at Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall and the Yale Sculpture Building, led by Associate Dean Samuel Messer ’82 MFA. *Limited to 20 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

• **Art 103: Woodworking and Metalworking**  
  *Room 112, Yale Sculpture Building, 36 Edgewood Avenue*  
  “It Might Get Hot,” a demonstration of how artists use the woodworking and metal shop, led by Brent Howard, Lecturer in Art. *Limited to 20 participants.* Not repeated at 4:15 p.m.

• **Architecture 101: Rudolph Hall Tour**  
  *Rudolph Hall, 180 York Street; follow directions on your admission ticket*  
  A guided tour of Rudolph Hall (formerly known as the “A+A Building”), the School of Architecture’s flagship facility, with visits to its student workshops and studios. *Limited to 20 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

• **Architecture 102: Prototyping Technology Demo**  
  *Meet in the lobby of Loria Center, 190 York Street*  
  A demonstration of the Yale School of Architecture’s cutting-edge prototyping technology, including its 5-axis robots and 3D printers, with a discussion of how these developing technologies are changing architectural education. *Limited to 20 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

• **Drama 101: Costume Shop Tour**  
  *University Theater, 222 York Street; follow directions on your admission ticket*  
  A guided tour of the Yale School of Drama and Yale Repertory Theater Costume Shop, with a talk on how a designer’s renderings are crafted into clothing worn by actors onstage. *Limited to 20 participants.* Not handicapped-accessible. Repeated at 4:15 p.m.
Thursday

- **Drama 102: Student Play Rehearsal**
  149 York Street; follow directions on your admission ticket
  Sit in on a rehearsal in progress for the Yale School of Drama’s production of a new student-written and student-directed play, *Bulgaria! Revolt!* by Miranda Rose Hall ’17 MFA, directed by Elizabeth Dinkova ’17 MFA. *Limited to 20 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

- **Drama 103: Yale Rep Rehearsal**
  149 York Street; follow directions on your admission ticket
  Sit in on a rehearsal in progress of the Yale Repertory Theater’s professional production of August Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning 1995 drama *Seven Guitars*, directed by Timothy Douglas ’86 MFA. *Limited to 15 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

- **Music 101: Musical Instruments Tour**
  Yale Collection of Musical Instruments
  15 Hillhouse Avenue
  This is a 3-minute walk from Woolsey Hall, or an 11-minute walk from Rose Alumni House. Transportation will also be available at 2:45 p.m. across the street from Rose Alumni House, 232 York Street. A bus or van will stand by at the end of the tour for those who prefer not to walk back to the central campus area.
  A guided tour of the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments, one of the most extensive such teaching museums of rare and historic items in the United States. *Limited to 15 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

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- **Music 102: Adams Center Tour**
  Meet in the lobby of Sprague Hall, 470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)
  A guided hard-hat tour of the still-under-construction Adams Center for Musical Arts on Elm Street, which includes both renovations and a major addition to Hendrie Hall. *Limited to 10 participants.* Repeated at 4:15 p.m.

- **Music 103: “Up Close with the King of Instruments”**
  Dwight Chapel, Old Campus
  An informal, interactive recital on the superb Bozyan Memorial Organ with commentary by Bradley Burgess ’17 MM, who won the Yale School of Music’s Julie B. Sherman Prize for excellence in organ playing last year. Repeated at 4:15 p.m.
4:15–5:15 p.m.

BEHIND THE SCENES: INTERACTIVE SESSIONS (II)

A repeat of the 3–4 p.m. sessions (except as noted there) to give everyone a chance to choose a second topic of interest. Again, because of limited space, admission to each session is by specific ticket only, and tickets will be available at Assembly registration on a first-come, first-served basis. For sessions repeated from 3–4 p.m., see descriptions starting on p. 8.

- **Art 201: Calligraphy Workshop**
  Room 210, Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall
  1156 Chapel Street

- **Art 202: School of Art Tour**
  Meet inside the entrance to Holcombe T. Green Jr. Hall
  1156 Chapel Street

- **Art 203: “Drawing for Dummies”**
  Room 204, Yale Sculpture Building, 36 Edgewood Avenue
  In this hands-on workshop, Yale School of Art Associate Dean Samuel Messer ’82 MFA will teach the fundamentals of drawing. No prior experience required. Limited to 18 participants.

- **Architecture 201: Rudolph Hall Tour**
  Rudolph Hall, 180 York Street;
  follow directions on your admission ticket

- **Architecture 202: Prototyping Technology Demo**
  Meet in the lobby of Loria Center, 190 York Street

- **Drama 201: Costume Shop Tour**
  University Theater, 222 York Street;
  follow directions on your admission ticket

- **Music 201: Musical Instruments Tour**
  Yale Collection of Musical Instruments
  15 Hillhouse Avenue

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- **Music 202: Adams Center Tour**
  Meet in the lobby of Sprague Hall, 470 College Street
  (corner of College and Wall)

- **Music 203: “Up Close with the King of Instruments”**
  Dwight Chapel, Old Campus

- **Drama 202: Student Play Rehearsal**
  149 York Street; follow directions on your admission ticket

- **Drama 203: Yale Rep Rehearsal**
  149 York Street; follow directions on your admission ticket
5:30–7 p.m.

Volunteer Leadership Awards Reception
Presidents’ Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial Hall at the Schwarzman Center (between Woolsey Hall and Commons)

Join us for a wine and beer reception with hors d’oeuvres to celebrate the presentation of this year’s AYA Leadership Awards for Volunteer Innovation and Service (see p. 38), the Alumni Schools Committee Service Awards (p. 42), and the AYA Board of Governors Excellence Awards for alumni groups and programs (p. 44). Together we will congratulate these outstanding volunteers and groups for their efforts on behalf of Yale and their communities.

Evening

Dinner on Your Own

Many Classes, Clubs, Shared-Interest/Identity Groups (SIGs) and other constituencies are planning their own by-invitation dinners, cocktail receptions and other events this evening. If you’re free, this will be your opportunity to try one of the many fantastic restaurants downtown that have given New Haven its reputation as a destination for “foodies.”

Visit www.infonewhaven.com/dining-listing for more.

The Yale Alumni Association of Cleveland won this year’s AYA Board of Governors “Outstanding Small Yale Club” Award for its extensive programming across a broad spectrum of interests including the arts, community service and athletics (see p. 48). Many of its members pitched in to help out at the Greater Cleveland Foodbank as one of its three Yale Day of Service projects this year.

Feb Club Emeritus, a uniquely Yale institution, won this year’s AYA Board of Governors “Outstanding Innovation” Award for providing a pioneering way of easily connecting alumni of all ages and backgrounds (see p. 55). Here, Yalies enjoy Feb Club in Los Angeles.
On Your Own

Other activities you might enjoy on Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

YaleGALE@Yale
Afro-American Cultural Center, 211 Park Street
The fifth annual on-campus workshop of the Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange for alumni leaders and professionals from around the world. Guests are welcome to drop in and listen.

4 p.m.

Music Talks at the Whitney: Shostakovich
Auditorium, Whitney Humanities Center, 53 Wall Street
A performance of Shostakovich’s Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67 by Yale School of Music students, with an introduction by Professor Patrick McCreless.

5–7 p.m.

Film Screening: The Freedom to Marry
Room 250, Loria Center, 190 York Street
A special screening of The Freedom to Marry, a new documentary about the final months of the civil rights campaign for same-sex marriage. Followed by a discussion with Evan Wolfson ’78, founder and president of the Freedom to Marry campaign organization, and a 2016 Yale-Jefferson Public Service Award recipient (see p. 64); and George Chauncey ’77, ’89 PHD, Samuel Knight Professor of History and American Studies. Sponsored by Yale GALA, the Yale Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Yale LGBTQ Staff Affinity Group.

7:30 p.m.

YaleGALE Reunion Dinner
Zaroka Bar & Restaurant, 148 York Street
If you’ve ever been on a YaleGALE trip, you’re invited to join participants from today’s YaleGALE@Yale workshop. No reservations necessary; pay as you go.

7:30 p.m.

Vocal Recital: John Taylor Ward
Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall
470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)
A degree recital by this Yale School of Music DMA baritone in early music voice, featuring works by Monteverdi, Ives and Schumann. Free admission.

7:30 p.m.

Bassoon Recital: Dillon Meacham
Sudler Recital Hall, William L. Harkness Hall
100 Wall Street
A degree recital by this Yale School of Music DMA instrumentalist. Free admission.

8 p.m.

Yale Dramatic Association: The Wild Party
University Theater, 222 York Street
A student-produced musical with lyrics and music by Andrew Lippa about a love triangle at a Roaring ’20s party that goes wrong. Tickets ($17) are available at the door; the box office opens at 7 p.m. and accepts cash or credit cards (except American Express).
Friday

The registration desk at Rose Alumni House, 232 York Street, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

8:30–10:30 a.m.

WORKSHOPS & BOARD MEETINGS

Attendees will engage with fellow alumni leaders for their constituency and/or activity to discuss topics of mutual interest. In addition, some groups will hold board meetings, as listed below.

- **Yale College Class Leadership**  
  *Room 317, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street*  
  We will begin with an annual review of what Yale College classes are doing, followed by a panel of class volunteers who will share their successes and helpful how-to information. Many wonderful events and ideas have been conceived at this annual session!

- **Yale Clubs**  
  *Room 351, Loria Center, 190 York Street*  
  Please join other volunteers for a plenary session in which you can benchmark your activities against those of other Clubs and learn about new initiatives in regional events. Club volunteers will talk about signature events launched in the past year, methods for engaging a regional Yale community, innovative ways to work with “rotating leadership,” and strategies for finding the next generation of Club leaders. We will also learn about the launch of the iModules on-line platform for Yale Club websites, events and newsletters, and how your Club can go about signing up.

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- **Shared Identity/Interest Groups (SIGs) and Yale Clubs in Major Cities**  
  *Afro-American Cultural Center, E Room, 211 Park Street*  
  This joint meeting will highlight opportunities to collaborate and grow alumni engagement through emerging regional chapters. Learn about the newly formed “1stGenYale” SIG, designed both to connect alumni who were the first in their family to attend college and to support our current first-generation students in Yale College and the graduate and professional schools. And experience a presentation on the new visual identities of the Yale Alumni Association of New York (yale.nyc), the Yale Alumni Art League, and Yale Chicago.

- **Graduate School Alumni Association: Annual Fall Meeting (Part I)**  
  *Room 211, Hall of Graduate Studies, 320 York Street*  
  AYA delegates who are members of the GSAA Board will meet to conduct their annual fall meeting. AYA delegates who are not GSAA board members are welcome to attend. The GSAA will continue its meeting on Saturday morning from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the AYA, 1201 Chapel Street (between Park and Howe Streets).

- **Professional Schools**  
  *Rose Alumni House, Dining Room (lower level) 232 York Street*  
  Professional School volunteers — delegates, members of each school’s board, and other leaders — are invited to a discussion about the challenges and opportunities faced by professional school alumni leaders. You will hear the results of a recent survey of these leaders and engage in interactive small-
group discussions that will guide the planning for the Graduate and Professional Schools Leadership Summit in New Haven on April 29, 2017. This session will be facilitated by Jerry W. Henry ’80 MDIV, AYA Board of Governors member and chair of the G&P Schools Committee, along with several members of that committee.

- **Yale Alumni Service Corps Board Meeting**  
  *AYA, 1201 Chapel Street, Conference Room (first floor)*  
  This meeting is for YASC board members only.

10:45–11:45 a.m.

- **University Priorities and Academic Investments with President Salovey**  
  *Morse Recital Hall, Sprague Hall*  
  *470 College Street (corner of College and Wall)*  
  Yale President Peter Salovey ’86 PHD will share campus highlights and provide a forecast of university priorities and academic investments for the future. The session will include time for questions; please submit your question to any AYA staff member via the card in your registration packet by 9 a.m. this morning.

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12 noon–1:15 p.m.

**Assembly LXXVI Lunch**  
*Commons at the Schwarzman Center, corner of Grove and College (enter from Memorial Hall rotunda)*  

At lunch, Joan O’Neill, Vice President for Alumni Affairs & Development, we will present the fifth annual Yale-Jefferson Public Service Awards, an honor sponsored by Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY), given annually to recognize Yalies — typically at least one member of the alumni community, one graduate/professional student, and one undergraduate — who inspire others through continuing service to the greater good. See p. 62 for bios of this year’s awardees.

1:30–2:45 p.m.

**Assembly LXXVI Plenary:**  
**Yale Alumni Update**  
*Levinson Auditorium, Yale Law School, 127 Wall Street*  

The AYA’s new executive director, Weili Cheng ’77 (bio, p. 34), will introduce herself and present an overview of alumni programs and plans. After this, Ken Inadomi ’76 (bio, p. 34) and Sheryl Carter Negash ’82 (bio, p. 36), co-chairs of the Alumni Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, will share a status report on this alumni-led effort to increase diversity and inclusion across the full breadth of Yale alumni communities, organizations and programs.
3–4:15 p.m.

INFO SESSIONS ON ALUMNI PROGRAMS

These concurrent breakout sessions will provide an opportunity for Assembly attendees to learn more about current AYA programs and to provide input on new initiatives. Session presenters will offer an overview and/or annual report and include time for Q&A, as well as information on how to get involved.

• **Alumni Leadership/Board of Governors Interest**
  *Room 112, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

What kinds of volunteer leadership opportunities are available to Yale alumni through the AYA? This session will help current volunteer leaders learn about service on the AYA Board of Governors and how a Yale volunteer can become a Board member. The session is open to all Assembly attendees who would like to know more about opportunities at the AYA. Delegates in the second or third year of their terms who think they might be interested in Board service are especially encouraged to attend.

• **Alumni Diversity & Inclusion Task Force**
  *Afro-American Cultural Center, Founders Room 211 Park Street*

Join a brainstorming session with members of the new Alumni Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, appointed by the AYA Board of Governors last spring to consider ways to incorporate Yale’s diversity and inclusion goals into alumni programming, leadership and other initiatives.

• **Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE)**
  *Room 207, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

Learn about YaleGALE, a strategic initiative of the AYA that seeks the advancement of higher education through alumni engagement and volunteer leadership. Join us as a volunteer to share best practices in alumni relations and foster rich cultural understanding with alumni from universities around the world. Hear about YaleGALE in Mexico, scheduled for March 2017, and the campus-based program “YaleGALE@Yale.”

• **The New iModules Platform of Online Tools for Volunteers**
  *Rose Alumni House, Dining Room (lower level) 232 York Street*

Partnering with iModules, the AYA is excited to offer Yale Clubs, Classes and SIGs a free platform to design and maintain their own websites, create secure on-line event registration, manage memberships, and communicate with constituents via broadcast e-mail. The robust iModules package can help strengthen your relationship with your alumni audience online. AYA staff will give an overview of the platform’s features, answer questions, and tell you how you can get started using this exciting new tool.

• **Mentoring: Connecting Alumni with Students One to One**
  *Room 351, Loria Center, 190 York Street*

As part of the AYA’s Careers, Life and Yale initiative, a recent six-month pilot mentoring program gave alumni and students an opportunity to interact in a meaningful way. Now a scaled-up second pilot is being planned through which alumni share
advice on life and careers and students learn how to set goals and develop skills in leadership and communication. Join us to learn how you can participate and make a positive difference in the life of a current Yale student.

- **Logos and Design Tools for Alumni Groups**
  
  *Room 116, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street*

  In an effort to better support the visual identity needs of alumni organizations, the AYA Board of Governors’ marketing committee has developed a set of logo and design guidelines in partnership with Pentagram, a leading design firm with longstanding ties to Yale. Come hear from Linda Schupack ’83, ’92 MBA and Miko McGinty ’93, ’98 MFA about this summer’s pilot test of the toolkit and how your group can put it to work in print, e-mail, web and social-media applications.

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**Friday November 11, 2016**

**6 p.m.**

**Yale Medal Dinner Reception**

*Yale Law School Dining Hall, 127 Wall Street*

**7:15 p.m.**

**Yale Medal Dinner**

*Commons at the Schwarzman Center, corner of Grove and College (enter from Memorial Hall rotunda)*

Transportation to hotels (Courtyard Marriott, New Haven, Omni, The Study) will be provided at the conclusion of the Yale Medal Dinner.

Every year since 1952, the Yale Medal has been conferred to honor outstanding individual service to the University. This year’s recipients reflect the range of service and leadership the AYA strives to recognize with this award. We honor the remarkable contributions of the Medalists and the ways they have chosen to give back to our community of scholars and friends. See p. 65 for bios of this year’s Medalists.
On Your Own

Other activities you might enjoy on Friday

12:30–1:30 p.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony
Hewitt Quadrangle (Beinecke Plaza), 121 Wall Street
The Yale Veterans Association, the Yale Veterans Network, and student and faculty members of Yale’s ROTC units come together for the university’s annual ceremony honoring those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. With remarks by President Peter Salovey ’83 MS, ’86 PHD, and Secretary Kim Goff-Crews ’83, ’86 JD. Open to the public.

2:30–4 p.m.

Fireside Chat: Yale-Jefferson 2016 Honorees
Nick Chapel, Trumbull College, 241 Elm Street
An informal conversation with the four winners of this year’s Yale-Jefferson Awards for Public Service (see p. 62). Come learn what motivates these volunteers and how they got involved in their various causes. Facilitated by Steve Blum ’74, AYA Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives.

4–7 p.m.

First Yale Unit Centennial Celebration
McNeil Lecture Hall, Yale University Art Gallery; enter via York Street, to the left of the loading dock
To mark Veterans Day and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the First Yale Unit, come to a special film screening (4–6 p.m.) of The Millionaires’ Unit, an award-winning documentary about a group of privileged and idealistic Yale students who formed a privately funded air militia in 1916 that became the founding squadron of the U.S. Naval Air Reserve, and in which they became among the first to fight and die for their country in World War I. Followed by a Q&A panel session (6–7 p.m.) with the filmmakers, including two descendants of First Yale Unit members; Marc Wortman, the author of the book that inspired the film; and the renowned Yale historian Paul Kennedy. Note: Food, water and other beverages are not permitted inside the McNeil Lecture Hall.

7 p.m.

Men’s Ice Hockey: Yale vs. Colgate
Ingalls Rink, 73 Sachem Street
Tickets for this ECAC game begin at $12.

7:30 p.m.

Yale-Princeton Glee Clubs
Woolsey Hall, 500 College Street

8 p.m.

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Saturday

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

AYA Alumni Village
Near Portal 17 on the west side of the Yale Bowl
Join your Yale friends at the AYA's popular hospitality tent outside the Yale Bowl. This free event for all alumni and their guests provides hot dogs, chowder, cookies, warm beverages and other free refreshments.

12:30 p.m.

Football: Yale vs. Princeton
Yale Bowl, 76 Yale Avenue
The 138th meeting of the Yale Bulldogs and the Princeton Tigers. You can buy tickets directly from http://tinyurl.com/2016assembly, a special Yale Athletics webpage that offers discounts for Assembly attendees. You can also buy your tickets at the box office outside the Yale Bowl (at regular, non-discounted prices).

November 12, 2016

GETTING TO THE YALE BOWL

By Bus | The Athletics Department provides free transportation between campus and the Yale Bowl on Saturday. There are two routes: the White Line runs to/from Payne Whitney Gymnasium, 70 Tower Parkway, starting at 8 a.m.; the Blue Line runs to/from the corner of Chapel and College Streets adjacent to Old Campus and the New Haven Green, starting at 9 a.m. Both lines do passenger drop-off and pick-up on Yale Avenue on the east (visitors’) side of the Bowl. Bus service ends at approximately 5 p.m.

On Foot | If the weather is good, the Yale Bowl is a pleasant 35-minute hike from the main campus. Walk along Chapel Street heading west (away from downtown); when the road forks two blocks after you pass the St. Raphael campus of Yale-New Haven Hospital, bear left on Derby Avenue, and in 15 minutes walk through the Walter Camp Gate on your right.

By Car | There is no free parking at the Yale Bowl. Game-day parking (cash only) is available in Lot A ($10), Lot D ($10) or Lot B ($20); handicapped parking is available in Lot B ($10 with handicap permit), and golf-cart shuttles are provided for transport. Parking lots open at 9:30 a.m.
On Your Own

Other activities you might enjoy on **Saturday**

**10 a.m.–4:45 p.m.**

**Sterling Memorial Library**
120 High Street

Current special exhibits include *An American Orientalist: the Life and Legacy of Edward E. Salisbury* (1814-1901) in the Memorabilia Room, and *Student Research at the Yale University Library* in the Exhibition Corridor. Free admission.

**10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Yale Center for British Art**
1080 Chapel Street

Docent-led tour at 11 a.m.; student-led tour at 2 p.m. Current special exhibitions include *Spreading Canvas: Eighteenth-Century British Marine Painting* and works by the contemporary British-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare MBE (RA). Free admission.

**10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History**
170 Whitney Avenue (corner of Whitney and Sachem)

Docent-led 45-minute highlight tours are offered at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Current special exhibits include *Treasures of the Peabody: 150 Years of Exploration and Discovery* and the recently opened David Friend Gallery of Minerals and Gems. Admission $13 for adults, $9 for seniors (65+), $6 for college students and children 3–18; free admission for children under 3, Peabody Museum members, and Yale ID holders.

**10 a.m.–9 p.m.**

**Peabody 2**
1 Broadway (corner of Broadway and York)

This satellite gallery of the Yale Peabody Museum, launched this year for the museum’s 150th anniversary, features *Identity, Difference and Understanding: Lessons from Oceania and Southeast Asia*, a special exhibition designed to suggest new ways of thinking about what ethnographic art can tell us about distant people, times and places. Free admission.

**11 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Yale University Art Gallery**
1111 Chapel Street

Docent-led tours of the permanent collection’s highlights at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Current special exhibitions include *Yosemite: Exploring the Incomparable Valley*; and *Exhibition, Art and Industry in Early America: Rhode Island Furniture, 1650–1830*. Free admission.

**2 p.m.**

**Yale Dramatic Association: The Wild Party**
University Theater, 222 York Street

See description on p. 17. Tickets ($17) at the door; the box office opens at 1 p.m.
During Blocker’s tenure, the Yale School of Music has become one of the few American music conservatories to go tuition-free, thanks to a $100 million gift from Stephen Adams ’59 and his wife Denise in 2005. Its facilities have undergone significant improvements, too: Sprague Hall reopened in 2003 after two years of extensive renovations; the school’s flagship building at 435 College Street was renovated and reopened as Leigh Hall in 2005; Stoeckel Hall was renovated and enlarged in 2009; and the spectacular new Adams Center for Musical Arts, which greatly expands a completely renovated Hendrie Hall, will open its doors next month.

James Bundy ’95 MFA (p. 3)
James Bundy has been dean of the Yale School of Drama and director of the Yale Repertory Theatre since 2002. His reappointment was recently announced to a fourth 5-year term as dean, which will begin in July of next year. Under his leadership, the Rep has produced more than 30 world, American and regional premieres, and Yale has strengthened its reputation as the top drama school in the country – what a reviewer once called “the most complete creative community in American theater.”

During Bundy’s tenure, the School of Drama launched the Binger Center for New Theater, commissioning more than 50 artists to write new works. The school has also provided low-cost theater tickets to thousands of middle and high school students through Will Power!, an annual educational initiative begun in 2004 that features special matinees coupled with teacher workshops, classroom visits, study guides, and post-performance discussions with the artists.
J. Weili Cheng ’77  (pp. 2, 21)
Weili Cheng became executive director of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) in July. She returned to Yale from the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, where she was most recently senior vice president and deputy general counsel responsible for oversight of all corporate legal matters in more than 30 countries. She also played an active role in shaping the company’s global business strategies and policies.

Cheng has a long history of service to her alma mater. She served on the AYA Board of Governors from 1986 to 1996 and as chair from 1992 to 1994 — the youngest person to hold that position. She has been president of the Yale Club of Washington, DC, chair of the Class of 1977’s Class Council, an interviewer for the Alumni Schools Committee, and a trustee of the Yale Library Associates. Since 1994 she has served on the board of directors for the Yale Alumni Magazine. For her service to Yale, she was awarded the Yale Medal in 1997.

Kenneth Inadomi ’76 (p. 21)
Ken Inadomi is the founding chair of the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance. He entered the nonprofit world in 2008 after three decades working in the private sector, and recently stepped down after serving for seven years as executive director of the New York Mortgage Coalition, a nonprofit housing intermediary that provides over $100 million in affordable mortgages each year towards first-time homeownership opportunities for working-class families.

Inadomi’s volunteer service for Yale has included being his Class Agent, an AYA Delegate, an organizer of the Yale Asian American Alumni Reunion in 2014, the head of the project team that developed the Yale Alumni College, and a member of the AYA Board of Governors. YANA, which he created in 2011 to unify and leverage Yale’s nonprofit community for greater social impact, is a three-time winner of the AYA Board of Governors Excellence Award. He personally received the AYA’s Leadership Award for Volunteer Innovation & Service in 2013.

Marta Kuzma (p. 3)
Marta Kuzma was named dean of the Yale School of Art earlier this year after an extensive international search. At the time of her appointment she was vice chancellor of the Royal Institute of Art, Sweden’s leading school of undergraduate and post-graduate study in visual art and architecture. She is credited with strengthening the institute’s international ties, engaging it more vigorously in research and education, and opening it to a more diverse public participation.

Kuzma has deep experience curating high-level, international exhibitions. She served for eight years as director of the Office for Contemporary Art Norway, where she established an internationally recognized research-based program of exhibitions, lectures, seminars and projects. She was founding director of the Soros Center for Contemporary Art in Kiev, Ukraine; was artistic director of the Washington Project for the Arts, in Washington, DC; and served as head of the exhibitions program at the International Center of Photography in New York.
Sheryl Carter Negash ’82 (p. 21)
Sheryl Carter Negash runs a management consulting firm based in Los Angeles. She has over 30 years of experience in project management and executive training. She is currently a member of the AYA Board of Governors, co-chair of the Yale Day of Service, secretary of the Yale Club of Los Angeles, and an interviewer for the Alumni Schools Committee.

Negash’s volunteer service for Yale has included being a founding board member and president of the Yale Black Alumni Association, a founding member of the YBAA’s Los Angeles chapter, a founding council member of YaleWomen, a regional director and site coordinator for the Yale Day of Service, an AYA At-Large Delegate, and an organizer of her class’s 30th reunion. Under her leadership the YBAA won the AYA’s Outstanding SIG Award. She has personally received the AYA’s Leadership Award for Volunteer Innovation and Service, and has been recognized for her work with the Class of 1982.

Rahul R. Prasad ’84 MS, ’87 PhD (p. 2)
Rahul Prasad is a senior physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, where he leads a research group at the National Ignition Facility. In the years after he received his PhD in Engineering and Applied Science at Yale, he served on the research faculty here, worked in the private sector as a research scientist at the journal Physics International and at Science Research Lab, and was the cofounder of a small business, the Alameda Applied Sciences Corporation.

Prasad currently serves both as chair of the AYA Board of Governors — the first alum of the Yale Graduate School to hold this post — and president of the Yale Club of San Francisco. His volunteer service for Yale has included being a member, secretary, treasurer, vice chair and chair of the Graduate School Alumni Association, where he helped create the annual “Where Do I Go from Yale?” career event for graduate students. During his time as member and then executive officer of the AYA Board of Governors he created two career workshops, “Green Careers for Yale Blues” and “Healthy Career Choices,” both of which were designed to bring alumni back to campus in order to provide students with career and life skills advice. He was one of the cofounders of the AYA’s Careers, Life and Yale (CLY) program.
Leadership Awards

The annual AYA Leadership Awards for Volunteer Innovation and Service honor outstanding individual service. These awards are made to volunteers nominated and then voted on by the AYA staff, providing the AYA’s front-line workers with a way of recognizing each year the extraordinary accomplishments of at least a few of the many “Ambassadors for Yale.”

The following individuals are being presented with these awards for the 2015–2016 year (see p. 14).

John Caserta ’01

A certified financial planner by profession, John Caserta has presented more than 50 “Financial Life After Yale” sessions attended by over 1,000 Yale students and alumni, both on campus and in cities across the United States, on a volunteer basis — sometimes even paying his own transportation costs. In this effort he has helped Yale serve previously untapped alumni groups, and raised the profile of the AYA on campus through a program immediately useful to students.

Caserta’s work with FLAY is merely the latest in a long career of alumni volunteer activities. Having served on the board of the Yale Club of New Haven since 2007 and as its secretary for three years, he organized several sell-out spirit-tasting events, attracting younger alumni. He has also used his skill as a trumpet player in the all-alumni orchestra supporting Yale Musical Theater of the Air productions.

LTC Charles D. Faint ’13 MA

With over 20 years of distinguished military service, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Faint currently serves as a U.S. Army officer and an instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He has been actively engaged with the Yale Veterans Association since its early days, working with other alumni veterans to shape its direction as an organization dedicated to supporting veterans, fostering a welcoming environment on campus for ROTC and the Yale veteran community, and reaffirming Yale’s strong traditions of service, sacrifice and leadership to the nation.

Faint was the inspiration behind the Yale Veterans Summit (2015) — the first national veterans conference to be organized and hosted by an Ivy League school. Building on that event’s momentum, Faint became the primary organizer of the West Point Veterans Invitational (2016), through which Yale and the U.S. Military Academy collaborated to further the national discourse concerning veterans and national security issues, while strengthening the bonds between the two schools.

Amy Liebeskind ’98 MD

Amy Liebeskind first joined the Association of Yale Alumni in Medicine in 2014, when AYAM created working committees to better support student and alumni programming, and was elected to the executive committee in 2015. That year, in consultation with the Office for Women in Medicine, she developed the idea for the Yale School of Medicine’s Alumni-Student Mentorship Program,
an opportunity for alumnae of the school to share their knowledge and experience with current female students, both in person and on-line.

Two rounds of invitations later, Liebeskind has brought together 109 mentors and 92 mentees, personally matching the respondents and taking into account their geographic location, medical specialties, healthcare setting, and interest in research. This fall she timed the invitations to go out just as the entering class of students arrived on campus, in order to provide them with an alumna match from the earliest possible moment. As the driving force behind this program, she has collaborated with departments all across the medical campus. Her leadership has been recognized by her peers at AYAM, where she now co-chairs the Student Engagement Committee.

**Miko McGinty ’93, ’98 MFA**

Miko McGinty has contributed her design expertise and thoughtful volunteer insights to advance several AYA projects in the realm of marketing and communications. Most notably, she was integral to the pilot phase of a “toolkit” the AYA has developed in order to provide alumni organizations with a framework for creating and using logos and visual identities. She recruited suitable Yale School of Art graphic design students, supervised their work on her own time, and then helped create a request process to make it easy for alumni leaders to navigate design guidelines.

The results have included custom logos for Careers, Life and Yale (CLY), Yale Chicago and other groups, as well as helpful guidance for groups to use the toolkit effectively. McGinty’s quiet leadership, diligent follow-through and ability to connect people and ideas have made her a valuable contributor to several other recent alumni initiatives, and she’s already working on the campus-wide project to celebrate the 50th anniversary of coeducation at Yale College, and the 150th anniversary of coeducation at Yale, in 2019.

**Matthew H. Meade ’87**

Currently in his third year as a member of the AYA Board of Governors, Matt Meade has long been a strong volunteer for the Yale Swimming and Diving Alumni Association. For the most recent Yale Day of Service, however, he went above and beyond what might be expected of any volunteer: working with current students on the women’s and men’s swimming teams, as well as 11 alumni of those teams, he organized “Swim New Haven,” a day of water-safety instruction at the Payne Whitney Gymnasium practice pool for disadvantaged children from local schools.

While the project’s implementation was fraught with barriers from the start — from date conflicts and transportation challenges to the discovery that a background check would be required for every volunteer — Meade responded to each roadblock with creativity and persistence, and the day proved to be both tremendously successful and fun. His commitment was a model for both the students and other alumni, and now several of the organizations involved are asking if this can become an annual event.
ASC Service Awards

In each city or region around the world, the Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) is the team of alumni volunteers who interview high school students applying to Yale College, and who act as the university’s liaison with local high schools.

In recent years, the number of applicants to Yale has grown tremendously. Nearly 31,500 students applied for admission to the Class of 2020, more than double the number who were applying 15 years ago, making the work of these volunteers more important than ever. The ASC program is overseen by Yale Undergraduate Admissions, whose officers increasingly rely on front-line alumni interviewers to help them understand and place applicants in their local context.

The Alumni Schools Committee Service Awards for the 2015–2016 year, presented at the AYA Volunteer Leadership Awards Reception (see p. 14), recognize those who have provided exemplary support of Undergraduate Admissions’ goal to engage the best and brightest students of the next generation.

Alumni Schools Committee Excellence Award

For the ASC that exhibits overall excellence, including a strong commitment to an ambassadorial mission, superior volunteer participation and reporting to the admissions committee, and creativity in programming

★ Yale Club of Nevada

Led by ASC Director Cynthia Mun ’90

Alumni Schools Committee Ambassador Award

For the ASC leader who exemplifies the ambassadorial mission of the program, inspires superior participation by engaging both new and experienced volunteers, and facilitates creativity in programming and communications

★ Charles J. Ascher ’58

ASC Director for Princeton, New Jersey

★ Dominique Alan Fenton ’10

ASC Director for the Dakotas
Excellence Awards

The annual AYA Board of Governors Excellence Awards recognize the superior accomplishments of Yale’s classes, regional clubs and associations, shared-identity and interest groups, and graduate and professional school alumni associations. These awards honor programs, events and best practices in alumni relations that have achieved excellence in their results and commensurate benefits for, and on behalf of, the university. The successes reflected in these prizes raise standards and contribute to the growing impact of alumni activities throughout the entire Yale family worldwide.

The following groups are being presented with these awards for the 2015–2016 year (see p. 14).

**Outstanding Class Award**

For the class that exhibits overall excellence in programming, including a successful mix of educational, cultural, athletic, social, and community service programming

★ Yale College Class of 1948

Members of the Class of 1948 have demonstrated their commitment, engagement and loyalty to Yale and each other by organizing a series of mini-reunions since their 65th reunion in different locations, such as Boston, New York, Washington, DC, and Vero Beach, Florida. These events set an example for all classes — in particular all senior classes — of what can be done in more targeted geographic areas to continue connections with Yale and among fellow alumni. Classmates in their late 80s and early 90s making an active effort to attend reunion events are an inspiration to all.

**Highest Percentage of Returning Alumni Reunion Award**

For the highest percentage of alumni returning for a reunion, measured against total living alumni of the class and against previous reunions of the same anniversary

★ Yale College Class of 1996 (20th Reunion)
★ Yale College Class of 2011 (5th Reunion)

**Outstanding Class Event in a Non-Reunion Year Award**

For the class event in a non-reunion year, including mini-reunions, that exhibits overall excellence in planning, participation, marketing, educational experience and implementation

★ Yale College Classes of 1971, 1972 and 1973

Mini-reunions and “group birthday bashes” have become increasingly popular types of events for classes to hold in between their regular 5-year
reunions, but last year several rebellious classes from the early ’70s added a creative new model to the mix. Class leaders Andy Kaufman ’71, Rob Bildner ’72 and Andrea DaRiff ’73 joined forces to bring 200 of their classmates back to Yale for an innovative three-day “cluster reunion” in October 2015, allowing alums to renew connections across class years and enjoy being on campus during term time. The programming culminated with a dinner in Commons on Saturday night where attendees and their guests shared memories of May Day, Vietnam War protests, and coeducation struggles. The AYA hopes other groups of classes will want to flatter this event with imitation.

**Outstanding Major Cities Yale Club Award**

For the alumni association among the seven major cities that exhibits overall excellence in programming, including a successful mix of educational, cultural, athletic, social and community-service programming

**Yale Boston**

Planning for Yale Boston’s sesquicentennial year led to a galvanizing of alumni across classes and demographics. Members researched and uncovered forgotten artifacts and anecdotes from the club’s 150 years, leading to a first-ever published history of the club, the creation of an anniversary seal, and commemorative water bottles and jewelry. An anniversary dinner was held at the exact date, time and location of the original alumni meeting in 1866. In addition, the club revamped its infrastructure, revising its bylaws, launching a new website and filing to become a 501(c)(3), thus laying the groundwork for another 150 years.

**Outstanding Midsize Yale Club Award**

For the alumni association among the regions ranking 8 to 20 in population that exhibits overall excellence in programming, including a successful mix of educational, cultural, athletic, social and community-service programming

**Yale Alumni Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington**

Over the past two years, this club has revamped its leadership structure, built stronger ties among its alumni, and better served its community through social, intellectual and volunteer projects. One of these was its first-ever national conference. Co-sponsored by the AYA Redpath Fund and the Portland InterHospital Physicians Association, “Healthcare Beyond Obamacare: Bridging Policy to Practice” brought world-renowned health policy experts to Portland in September 2015, including the dean of the Yale School of Public Health. The event drew over 150 attendees, the largest event in the club’s history, and was certified to offer Continuing Medical Education credits.
**Outstanding Small Yale Club Award**

For the alumni association outside the major and midsized markets that exhibits overall excellence in programming, including a successful mix of educational, cultural, athletic, social and community-service programming

★ **Yale Alumni Association of Cleveland**

Hosting over 30 events during the past year, the club reached across a broad spectrum of interests *(photo, p. 15).* Its 77th annual Yale Ball, a fundraising tradition held in December, drew over 250 alumni and guests. The club succeeded in drawing many first-time attendees while raising over $15,000 to support its scholarship fund and summer internship program. This past spring, a club-organized industry panel tied to the Cleveland International Film Festival expanded YAAC’s partnerships to Yale in Hollywood, strengthened ties between Yale and the community, and engaged the Cleveland alumni base in a creative new way.

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**Outstanding G&P School Volunteer Engagement and Leadership Award (tie)**

For the graduate/professional school alumni association that best demonstrates leadership in strategic planning, volunteer recruitment, financial management and stewardship

★ **Yale School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association**

Yale nurses live and work all over the globe. For the School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association’s first-ever Yale Day of Service project, however, it decided to focus its alums to support a community effort in the place where all Yale nurses trained. Collaborating with the Yale Child Study Center, the “Newborns in Need” project brought 60 alumni, students, faculty and family members together to fill bags of newborn goods for mothers who deliver at the Hospital of St. Raphael’s with Yale nurse-midwives. A personally signed note of congratulations and support to mothers was included with the 125 donation bags delivered to the hospital. Alumni from afar could participate by mailing in donations.

★ **Graduate School Alumni Association**

The GSAA’s strategy to upgrade and streamline its communications and outreach capabilities engaged volunteers via designing a GSAA logo and handbill cards, redesigning a webpage with the use of Yale supplied resources (iModules), establishing a central email address (gsaa@yale.edu), creating “official” social-media groups for alumni to join, and expanding the GSAA ambassador force at on-campus events by formally inviting all past GSAA
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Board members to participate as representatives. The GSAA’s formula for long-term engagement of post-term Board members serves as an excellent model for volunteer engagement.

Outstanding G&P School Event Award

For the graduate/professional school alumni event that exhibits overall excellence in participation, marketing, education experience, and implementation

★ Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

In collaboration with the Yale School of Management (SOM), the Yale Center for Business and the Environment (CBEY) and Yale Blue Green (YBG), the first-ever Yale Environmental Sustainability Summit (YESS) was held last fall with the theme “From Innovation to Practice: Scaling Solutions for the World’s Food, Energy and Water Systems.” Tackling critical questions at the nexus of these sustainability concerns, YESS brought together a multidisciplinary network

Outstanding SIG Award

For the Shared Interest Group (SIG) alumni association that exhibits overall excellence in programming, including a successful mix of educational, cultural, athletic, social and community-service programming

★ Yale Black Alumni Association, Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter of the Yale Black Alumni Association has been around since before YBAA officially launched in 2010. Over the years it has hosted and collaborated with other alumni associations on many events, including a field day and barbecue with its local counterparts from Princeton, Harvard and Stanford, and the annual Black Alumni Holiday gathering with alumni from Yale’s Ivy Plus peers. YBAA Chicago is always looking for opportunities to partner with the university on its larger goals; in the past year, for example, it has co-hosted events in Chicago with the Yale Alumni Art League and the Yale University Art Gallery. YBAA Chicago also continues to serve its community by partnering with such organizations as After School Matters, where its members provide resume and interviewing workshops to local youth.
**Outstanding SIG Volunteer Engagement and Leadership Award (tie)**

For the Shared Interest Group (SIG) that best demonstrates leadership in strategic planning, volunteer recruitment, financial management and stewardship

- **Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance (YANA)**

Since its founding in 2011, YANA has established innovative ways for alumni to develop lifelong engagements with social impact, as well as connecting Yalies at the undergraduate level to pro bono consulting projects through its Fellowship Program. Its active membership now exceeds 1,200, ranging from Class of 1956 to Class of 2020. YANA is gradually establishing more chapters around the United States so that it can tap into the unique energy and interests of a given region; when recruiting chapter chairs, YANA looks for entrepreneurial alums with the ability to develop programs tailored to the needs of alumni in that area. Its Metrics Committee is obsessive in measuring the outcomes and impact of YANA’s activities. YANA works collaboratively to leverage the collective impact of the AYA, sharing toolkits and best practices generously, and it follows a business model that prices events at break-even or better in order to remain financially self-sufficient.

- **YaleWomen**

YaleWomen’s strategic plan promotes the creation of an inclusive and supportive community, strengthening alumni voices in local, regional and national discourse and encouraging a wide range of educational, cultural, social and community-service events. YaleWomen’s 22 chapters around the world engage a growing number of alums across class years, across personal and professional interests, and across all of Yale’s schools. The group has developed a robust infrastructure to support its strategic plan, from bylaws, policies and organizational structure to tools, resources and mechanisms for sharing best practices. Its operating principles include being market-smart and mission-centered; working at the intersection of different industry and functional areas to ensure rich cross-fertilization; and collaborating and partnering with Yale-affiliates and others to build capacity and invest in leadership development.

**Outstanding SIG Reunion or Event Award**

For the Shared Interest Group (SIG) event that exhibits overall excellence in participation, marketing, educational experience and implementation

- **Yale Veterans Association**

The West Point Veterans Invitational (WPVI) is the first veterans/military conference in the country to be jointly organized by an alumni organization (the Yale Veterans Association), an Ivy League university (Yale), and an American military institution (the U.S. Military Academy at West Point). Building on the momentum and success of the Yale Veterans Summit in 2015, the WPVI provided a diverse and inclusive forum at which participants could engage in a discourse on challenges facing veterans today, issues in civilian-
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military relations, and topics of vital importance to national security. In addition to providing a setting where many voices and perspectives could be heard, the WPVI strengthened bonds of friendship between Yale and West Point, and helped to expand a growing coalition of partners dedicated to serving our nation’s veterans.

**Outstanding Collaboration Award**

For the program or event that best exemplifies an integrated effort among two or more alumni association groups, or between an alumni group and an outside organization

★ **Yale Swimming and Diving Association**

On April 23, 2016, some 40 current and alumni Yale swimmers and divers collaborated in “Swim New Haven,” a day-long community service project to teach basic water safety and swimming techniques to 33 area students from first through eighth grade. The YSDA partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven and St. Martin DePorres, a faith-based middle school that provides tuition-free, extended-day education for underserved girls and boys from low-income families. Many of the children had never learned to swim, and most had never been able to take formal swimming lessons. The Yale students and alumni engaged them in an atmosphere of learning and fun, and the laughter and excitement of the children was memorable. For many of them it was the first time they had ever met or interacted with a Yale student.

**Outstanding Innovation Award**

For a new event or program, preferably one that has completed its second year of implementation

★ **Feb Club Emeritus**

Feb Club began in the ’70s as a Yale student tradition of organizing parties of every size and description somewhere on campus every night of February to relieve the gloom of the New Haven winter. Now celebrating its tenth anniversary as the alumni version of this tradition, Feb Club Emeritus has three rules: no speeches, no fundraising, just party. That simple credo has spawned over 1,000 parties since 2008, welcoming more than 40,000 guests worldwide. From Anchorage to Zanzibar, London to Quito, New York to Los Angeles (photo, p. 15), Yalies have tapped into the energy and fun of Feb Club events on every continent, helping Yale Clubs both large and small promote alumni networking and stay connected to the university. Feb Club Emeritus is uniquely a Yale phenomenon that continues the timeless Yale tradition of having a good time.
Outstanding Student Engagement Award

For the alumni association program or event that best integrates and engages current Yale students

★ Yale Tennis Association

In September 2015, the Yale Tennis Association organized an impressive on-campus mentoring weekend focusing on helping alumni connect with each other and the current team. Some 25 players from the men’s and women’s varsity teams and a similar number of tennis alumni participated in the weekend, along with friends of Yale tennis, coaches, and one parent of a current player. The event began with a dinner panel discussion highlighting four different decades, two representatives from each team and four different industries. The next morning a “boot camp” offered a resume review session followed by two mock interviews, and sessions to assist players looking for jobs or career counseling. Students could also request to be put in touch with a minimum of three tennis alumni in a field that would be helpful to their careers. By the end of the year all current players had jobs lined up, most of them achieved through the help of alumni and friends of Yale tennis.

Best Marketing, Branding and Communications Effort Award

For the effort that best exemplifies a successful communications effort based on design, creativity, implementation and response

★ Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE)

This past year, YaleGALE published The YaleGALE Guide to Alumni Relations and Volunteer Engagement, a print-on-demand book available through Amazon.com. As the first volunteer-created full-length book produced for the general public by an AYA initiative or Yale alumni organization, the guide continues YaleGALE’s mission to bring Yale’s leadership in alumni engagement to universities across the world, setting a standard for communicating the alumni story at Yale. As Ravi Sinha, Dean of the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay, wrote, “The YaleGALE Guide is a must-have for universities serious in fostering alumni relations. Yale is widely considered as the gold standard for development and engaging with alumni.”
Emerging Leaders Award

For the alumni association that best identifies, recruits, engages and sustains new volunteer leaders

★ Yale Club of St. Louis

For some years, the Yale Club of St. Louis struggled with a reputation of being insular and unwelcoming for a diverse alumni base. Recognizing the need to change the perception of the club and its engagement with its members, the board began to actively reach out to achieve broader and more diverse leadership. Over the past year this diversity focus has included age, gender and sexual orientation, with the goal of addressing the needs of all alumni within the St. Louis community. By seeking leaders from graduate schools as well as younger classes, the club has been successful in invigorating its membership, and has been able to move forward with engaging its alumni and their community in a more lively fashion.

Outstanding Large Day of Service Award (tie)

For the alumni association that demonstrates the most successful Day of Service engagement with 25 or more people in attendance

★ Yale Club of Dallas

For the 2016 Yale Day of Service, the Yale Club of Dallas created a “whole-family” opportunity for children and their parents to serve. Partnering with Vogel Alcove, a community organization that provides free, quality child-development services for Dallas’s youngest victims of poverty and homelessness, over 70 volunteers donated food and prepared some 750 “Bye-Bye Bags” for the children. Each bag contains a protein, snack, fruit and water to help ensure that every child leaving Vogel Alcove at the end of the day has something to eat. Preparation of these bags was a collaborative effort: adults organized the food for bag assembly and kids decorated the bags with positive messages for their eventual recipients. By organizing a project that allowed parents to model community service to their kids, the club hopes that this year’s Day of Service built confidence in the next generation of Yale volunteers.

★ Yale Club of Beijing

In collaboration with A Bridge for Children International, this Yale Day of Service project focused on the Xinyuan Elementary School, which serves the children of migrant workers who are often financially unable to provide quality education for their children. Over 50 volunteers joined in to help the students and their families
practice English while refurbishing the school’s run-down classrooms. Volunteers also brought and donated secondhand English and Chinese books to the school. Although philanthropy is a developing field in China, this project let volunteers model how concerned strangers may join together in small acts of service to help overcome challenges facing children in the community.

Outstanding Small Day of Service Award

For the alumni association that demonstrates the most successful Day of Service engagement with fewer than 25 people in attendance

★ Yale Alumni Association of Louisiana

For many years, this club has tried to organize a Yale Day of Service project in New Orleans. With the city still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina, though, things moved slowly. But after years of more and more alumni moving into the area, especially young alumni eager to get involved in their community, the Yale Alumni Association of Louisiana decided that the timing was right for a Day of Service event in 2016.

The group served with Common Ground Relief, which does wetlands restoration in the area. Due to coastal erosion and subsidence, the state loses a piece of land the size of a football field every hour; in the past decade, because of hurricanes and other extreme weather, it has lost millions of hardwood trees that provide canopy and wildlife habitat. Yale alumni pitched in to help CGR in many ways, including tree-planting and marsh grass-seeding. It was the first of what the club hopes will be many such events to come.
Yale-Jeff Awards

In 2012, the AYA, Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY) and the Jefferson Awards for Public Service launched the annual Yale-Jefferson Awards for Public Service — typically at least one to a Yale undergrad, one to a graduate/professional student, one to a member of the alumni community — to recognize those who inspire others through continuing service to the greater good.

The following individuals are being presented with these awards for the 2015–2016 year, to be presented at the Assembly LXXVI lunch on Friday (see p. 21).

Zlatko Minev ‘15 MPhil

Zlatko Minev, a Yale graduate student in physics and quantum computing, founded the Open Labs organization at Yale in 2012. Open Labs’ mission is to reach out to underserved middle and high school students, and to make both science and science career pathways accessible by showing them what it is like to step into the shoes of young scientists at the cutting edge of knowledge. Open Labs has already reached more than 1,200 public school students and parents in New Haven, and has now expanded to the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Columbia. The Open Labs model is supported by an American Physics Society/NSF grant award and alumni donations. Minev continues to serve the Yale community as a member of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and as a Timothy Dwight fellow, but he says he misses his days rowing with Yale’s graduate crew team.

Daniel I. Rubins ’16

Dan Rubins founded Hear Your Song in 2014 to help Yale students provide life-changing experiences for children in local hospitals. To date, 50 Yale students have worked with 35 young patients. With each child, the Yale students write song lyrics, set them to music, and bring these songs to life in recording sessions, thereby improving the health and motivation of the children. Rubins has supported special-needs children through Advocates for Children of New York, and has been a policy intern with the Center for Arts Education in New York City. In New Haven he has worked as an intern at the Worthington Hooker Middle School, serving as a liaison between the school and the Yale community. He is currently pursuing two master’s degrees, one in Shakespeare Studies at King’s College London and the other in Elementary Inclusive Education at the Teacher’s College at Columbia University.

Sophia Sanchez-Maes ‘19

Hailing from Las Cruces, New Mexico, Sophia Sanchez-Maes is a National Science Foundation Young Scholar known for her contributions to algae fuel research and her work at NASA, where she has contributed research for both the current Curiosity Rover project on Mars and the upcoming Mars 2020 mission. A mathematician and coder at heart, with an eye to the global good, Sanchez-Maes enjoys researching problems from metastatic cancer and planetary orbits to smart lighting and particle physics, and has taken every opportunity to mentor and teach young Latinas,
serving as a powerful role model in fields where they have been traditionally underrepresented. In 2016 she founded Girls Get Tech, a series of summer workshops for young Latina students in Los Angeles. Next summer she will start employment in NASA’s Exoplanet Exploration division.

Evan Wolfson ’78
As founder and president of Freedom to Marry, the campaign for same-sex marriage in the United States, Evan Wolfson is widely considered the architect of the movement that led to nationwide victory in 2015. In 1983, he wrote his Harvard Law School thesis on gay marriage. He went on to participate in numerous legal cases related to gay rights and HIV/AIDS, and during the 1990s he served as co-counsel in the historic Hawaii case that brought the legality of same-sex marriage to international attention. He is the author of Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay People’s Right to Marry (Simon & Schuster, 2004). The National Law Journal has named Wolfson as one of “the 100 most influential lawyers in America,” and Time magazine named him one of “the 100 most influential people in the world.” In 2012, he received the Barnard Medal of Distinction alongside President Barack Obama. Today he devotes his time to advising diverse social movements around the world eager to adapt the model that made the Freedom to Marry campaign so successful.

The Yale Medal
Inaugurated in 1952, the Yale Medal is the highest award presented by the university. It is conferred solely to recognize and honor outstanding individual service to Yale. Since its inception, the Medal has been presented to 306 individuals, all of whom not only showed extraordinary devotion to the ideals of the university but were also conspicuous in demonstrating their support of the institution through extensive, exemplary service.

Five individuals have been selected by the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) and approved by the Yale Corporation to receive the Yale Medal in 2016. These awards will be conferred at dinner in Commons at the Schwarzman Center on Friday night (see p. 25).

Roland W. Betts ’68
Roland Betts has played a lead role in transformational initiatives for his alma mater while inspiring others to give back. He has served in many capacities, most recently as a trustee of the Yale-NUS Governing Board, chair of the Sterling Fellows, and a member of the Yale School of Management Board of Advisors. Over the years he has served as co-chair of the Yale Tomorrow Campaign, as a member of his class’s Reunion Gift Committees, and as a steadfast supporter of Yale Athletics. He was elected to the Yale Corporation as an alumni fellow in 1999 and served as senior fellow from 2004 to 2012, the longest term in Yale’s history. In addition, his long-term vision and generosity have supported several important programs at Yale, including the construction of two new residential colleges, the restoration of Betts House, and the comprehensive renovation of Ingalls Rink.
**Thomas B. Ketchum ’72**

Tom Ketchum has served Yale and its community with exceptional dedication for many years, contributing his energy and expertise to numerous areas of strategic importance to the university on both global and domestic fronts. He is a charter member of the President’s Council on International Activities and of the Jackson Institute Board of Advisors. He was also a member of the executive committee of the successful Yale Tomorrow campaign and the Parents Leadership Council, and now serves on the Yale Development Council. He also serves as one of Yale’s representatives on the boards of trustees of Yale-New Haven Health System and Yale-New Haven Hospital. A tireless supporter of Yale Athletics and the Yale College Class of 1972, he was a member of the reunion gift committees for its 25th, 30th, 35th and 40th reunions. He is a longstanding board member of the Yale Hockey Association, and president of the boards of The Mory’s Association and Mory’s Preservation, Inc.

**Susan E. Lennon ’85 MPPM**

Susan Lennon has demonstrated exceptional commitment to Yale, serving as an ambassador for volunteer service. Her deep appreciation for Yale is exemplified by her many volunteer leadership roles, beginning at Yale School of Management as a member of the SOM Alumni Association Board and Internship Fund Board, and chair of the SOM Alumni Fund. Her service as an AYA Delegate from SOMAA deepened her engagement with the broader Yale community and its mission of service. She is a former member of the AYA Board of Governors and was a long-time regional director for the Yale Day of Service. She served as co-chair of the 2010 conference “Celebrating Yale Women: 40 Years in Yale College, 140 Years at Yale,” which played a critical role in the subsequent launch of YaleWomen, one of the AYA’s most successful Shared Interest Groups to date. In 2011, she served on the committee charged with developing the organization’s strategic plan and formalizing the process to cultivate volunteer leadership at the regional level, which has resulted in over 23 chapters worldwide. She is currently chair of YaleWomen, which celebrates its fifth anniversary this fall. She also serves on the AYA’s Alumni Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, and is vice-president of the Yale Club of Hartford.

**James C. Lu ’77**

Jimmy Lu has shown extraordinary dedication and commitment to Yale. Over the past 14 years, he has served the Association of Yale Alumni as a delegate, board member, officer, chair and ex-officio member of the University Council. His unwavering devotion to the university after graduation was highlighted by his service as Class Secretary for 25 years and then by his active participation with the Alumni Fund, the Alumni Schools Committee, and his Class Council and reunion committees. He has been a Yale Alumni Magazine board member, a leader with the Association of Asian American Yale Alumni, and a supporter of the Yale Baseball Association. He is the consummate global ambassador for Yale when cultivating and strengthening relationships beyond New Haven and
hosting programs in San Francisco, Silicon Valley, China, and other far-away destinations. His passion and infectious enthusiasm for all things Yale have inspired loyal alumni from diverse backgrounds to take on meaningful volunteer leadership roles for their alma mater.

Indra K. Nooyi ’80 MPPM

Indra Nooyi has demonstrated her devotion to Yale through her passion, her steadfast support, and the insights she has given the school in her many leadership roles. Following her graduation from Yale, she served on the President’s Council on International Affairs, as a member of the Yale School of Management Board of Advisors, and on the Yale Tomorrow Campaign. She was a featured speaker at Yale’s Tercentennial and the School of Management’s 25th anniversary, and was the opening keynote speaker at the inaugural Yale Asian Alumni Reunion in 2014. In her former capacity as a member of the Yale Corporation, she offered the university invaluable guidance, drawing upon her experience setting the strategic agenda for major global businesses. Her commitment to the mission of Yale has grown deeper over the years, as demonstrated by her landmark gift to endow the deanship of the School of Management and inaugurate the Fifth Decade Innovation Fund. With this generous gift, she is the first woman to endow a deanship at a top-ranking business school.

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**Alumni Leadership Summit**
Saturday, April 29, 2017

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**Yale Day of Service**
Saturday, May 13, 2017

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**Yale College Reunions (I)**
Thursday-Sunday, May 25–28, 2017


**Yale College Reunions (II)**
Thursday-Sunday, June 1–4, 2017


**Assembly LXXVII**
Thursday-Friday, November 16–17, 2017

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