



## Alumni & Friends: Program Overview

Boys & Girls Clubs' Alumni & Friends represents a global community of former Club members and passionate supporters who serve as advocates, donors and volunteers committed to advancing the development of Club alumni and Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) mission.

The goal of Alumni & Friends is to provide a community of support for our estimated 16 million Club alumni and millions more supporters (ie parents, staff or youth served). We aim to help Club alumni re-connect and get involved with local Clubs, gain access to networking and college or career resources, and give back to the next generation of Club kids.

Alumni & Friends was launched in 2015 and has already gained tens of thousands of members. The program stands on three pillars that are the reasons to register and to get involved with Alumni & Friends:

CONNECT	DEVELOP	GIVE BACK
<p><b>Reconnect with your hometown Club or get connected with a Club near you to get involved. Network with fellow alumni from around the world.</b></p> <p>Meet new friends for personal and professional networking via online social platforms (<a href="#">currently Facebook</a>), local meetups, and learn about alumni events across the country.</p>	<p><b>Access exclusive career experiences, mentorship opportunities and scholarships specially designed for Club alumni.</b></p> <p>Participating corporate partners, university partners and professional organizations offer college and career development opportunities such as scholarships, career experiences and job opportunities dedicated to Club alumni.</p> <p><i>(Some of these benefits are still in development, such as online mentoring.)</i></p>	<p><b>Share your voice as an advocate. Donate to the Alumni &amp; Friends Fund. Serve as a mentor and/or volunteer.</b></p> <p>Who better to help than one who has walked in their shoes and found a great future at a Boys &amp; Girls Club?</p> <p>Give your time and/or financial gifts to support the next generation of Club kids and initiatives important to our youth.</p>

Join Us! Visit [BGCA.org/Alumni](http://BGCA.org/Alumni) to register and/or connect to us through Facebook at [Facebook.com/BGCalumni](https://Facebook.com/BGCalumni)

**Whitney Stewart**  
2015-2016 National Youth of the Year

"As alumni, we need to show the world all the success stories we have to share. The Boys & Girls Club helped me to find the right path to success. For me, a kid who believed her life was worth less than dirt, the Club was invaluable. My vision for America's youth is to expose them to Boys & Girls Clubs, and the support systems they provide, so they can see themselves rising from the squalor of their individual situations and shine."

