What course inspired you to decide "this is what I want to do for a living"? What professor instilled in you that you have certain unique talents? What experiences with roommates, classmates, teammates, bandmates—SHIPmates—contributed to you becoming who you are today?

Now think about how all of that could influence the decision of a high school or transfer student who is considering Shippensburg as their university of choice.

That's exactly what the Alumni Association Board of Directors did this past year, as it expanded an initiative to support the University Admissions Office through a student outreach campaign.

In 2015, more than seventy alumni, including SUAA Board members and recruited alumni volunteers, helped reach more than 4,000 prospective students via personal letters, note cards, and phone calls.

Of course, this wasn't the only consequential effort the board engaged in this past year.

We participated as a constituent group in the university's presidential search, providing input into the criteria used by the search committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to again extend warm and sincere congratulations to Dr. Jody Harpster '74 on being named the university's sixteenth president.

Your Alumni Association Board also streamlined several board committees into a concentrated set of focused task groups. Specifically:

- **Ambassadors for Admissions**—Led by Lori Pizzarro '95, this group directed the initiative to increase alumni participation in outreach to prospective students.
- **Young Alumni Programs**—Led by Kate Hoffman '07, this group focused on engaging young alumni in SUAA activities including events and career mentoring.
- **Communication**—Led by Doug Harbach '82 and Scott Hershberger '07, this group supported alumni communications distributed by University Relations and an alumni column published in The Slate, Shippensburg University's campus newspaper.
- **Board Development**—Led by Brenda Gabler '77 and Bucky Ward '77, this group pursued efforts to re-engage past board members in SUAA activities.

The Board and other alumni volunteers also supported many successful special events, on campus, including Homecoming and Alumni Weekend, regionally in Pennsylvania and throughout the Mid-Atlantic, and in other states across the country.

Just as life is moving fast, my time as SUAA president sure did. My thanks to the entire board for your time, dedication, and contributions. And thanks to University Relations for all you do to support the board and the Alumni Association.

I encourage you to continue to stop once and a while to reflect on what your time at Shippensburg has helped you **ACHIEVE**.

For so many people, life is busier and moving faster than ever. But if you haven’t done so in while, stop—even if just for a moment—to reflect on what your time at Shippensburg has helped you achieve. Even better, as a lifetime member of our special Ship family, I encourage you to stop and consider: What can you help Shippensburg achieve?
A Glance at the Past, an Eye on the Future was the theme for the 2015 Alumni Weekend. The weekend started off on May 28 with the twenty-seventh annual Alumni Golf Tournament held for the first time at the Chambersburg Country Club. Participants enjoyed sunshine and warm weather during a day of golf, food, and fellowship. Approximately $7,000 was raised for the SUAA Legacy Scholarship award, which is given by the SU Foundation.

Alumni Weekend activities included:

- Classes taught by Chartwells Food service staff that included Café Flambé (right) and Wine Tasting
- A Trip Down Memory Lane: SU artifacts exhibit (lower right)
- The annual Pubs and Grubs bus tour at establishments in downtown Shippensburg
- The annual President’s SU Night Diner
- Reunion and awards dinner, and recognition of the Class of 1965 as they celebrate their fiftieth reunion with their medallion presentation
- Luncheon for the Golden Raiders

Dr. Jody Harpster, president, honors members of the Class of 1965 with their Golden Raider medallions.

Annually, the SUAA presents alumni awards during Alumni Weekend. This year, we awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Jeffrey Lee ‘79, Patrick O’Donnell ’81, and Allan Calarco ’80 for their achievements in their careers and their contributions to the community. Additional awards included: Exceptional Service Award to Charles Diller Jr. and Grace Barnhart Luhrs ’70; Lifetime Achievement Award to Nathan Douty ’78-’13 and Graig Shaak ’68; and the Humanitarian Award to Jerome Dean ’82. Congratulations to all of our award recipients.

HOMECOMING

Ship: We Love the 90s was the theme for the October 2014 homecoming celebration. The weather was perfect—we celebrated with the ROTC run, home football game, and tailgating, which featured the Fan Zone with three inflatables and a DJ. Many alumni returned to tailgate with their past organizations at the alumni tent.

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2015 on October 16 and 17.

SUAA LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Alumni continued to contribute to the Legacy Scholarship, which gives two students who have a legacy connection to a graduate of Shippensburg University the opportunity for a scholarship. During the 2015 Alumni Weekend, participants of the twenty-seventh annual Alumni Golf Tournament raised approximately $7,000 toward the scholarship.

To make your own donation to this scholarship, designate your funds to the Legacy Scholarship through the Shippensburg University Foundation.
**SUAA Recruits Students**

The Alumni Association and the SUAA Board recruited more than seventy additional volunteers to assist the Admissions Office this past year. Volunteers crafted handwritten notes, made personal phone calls, and wrote letters to students who were accepted to Ship but had not yet confirmed their acceptance. This personal touch makes a difference. We are recruiting additional volunteers. To assist, e-mail us at alumni@ship.edu. Given the economy and a drop in high school graduates, Ship needs help recruiting. **You can make a difference!**

**Young Alumni Group**

During 2014-15, the SUAA created a Young Alumni Group to keep young alumni connected, engaged, and involved in the first ten years after graduation. The first event was held in Harrisburg at the Appalachian Brewery Co. and attracted more than fifty young alumni and friends. All those who graduated within the last ten years are encouraged to join this free group. Additional events are scheduled this fall in Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Get involved, and e-mail alumni@ship.edu.

**Get Involved**

Get involved with local alumni events and services. Highlights from this year include:

- We had twenty-four regional events across the United States. We also held Senior Send-off, Alumni Days, and Homecoming at SU. We had 1,019 alumni who participated in twenty-seven events across the country, which included 119 first-time event attendees.

- Events were held in Pittsburgh; Philadelphia; Harrisburg; Lancaster; Chambersburg; Shippensburg; Washington, DC; Raleigh and Charlotte, North Carolina; and Tampa, Orlando, and Jacksonville, Florida.

- Events included wine tasting, ghost tours, food tours, Kennedy Center at Christmas, happy hours and socials, beer tasting, and much more.

- Alumni Career and Employment Services (ACES) continues to help alums advance in their careers. No matter when you graduated from Ship, you can receive assistance. In the past year, SUAA assisted more than 125 alumni with resume critiques, job searches, and related career advice. Subscribe to the ACES monthly e-newsletter, which includes job postings, career advice from employers, and networking opportunities.

**SUAA 2015-16 Board of Directors**

The SUAA Board of Directors elected their new executive board members for July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016:

- **President:** Kristina Jacoby ’99
- **President-elect:** Scott Hershberger ’07
- **Past President:** Jason Kirsch ’95
- **Executive Members at Large:** Jennifer Klinger ’05 and Doug Harbach ’82

Welcome to all newly elected SUAA Board Members: Mark Bodenhorn ’85, Caryn Earl ’98, Katie Hammaker ’93, Holly Lubart ’99, Mike Parker ’00, Robert Sisock ’05-’06M, and Carol Verish ’99.

Thank you to those retiring from the SUAA Board of Directors: Donetta D’Innocenzo ’85, Joe Peltzer ’08, Rob Rutz ’87, Bucky Ward ’77, and John Muscarella ’86.

**Stay Connected with Ship**

GET CONNECTED, AND GET THE LATEST

- Join more than 1,750 alumni who follow us on Twitter at Ship_Alumni.
- “Like” us on Facebook and join more than 2,600 followers at Ship_Alumni, and “like” the Shippensburg University page, joining more than 18,000 alumni and friends.
- Become a member of our official SU Alumni LinkedIn group, which provides excellent networking opportunities, and connect with more than 4,200 alumni.
- Send us your e-mail to receive Ship alumni e-communication, and sign up for our monthly alumni career e-newsletter.
- Read Shippensburg University Magazine, and send in class notes to share your news.
- Check ship.edu/alumni often to learn of upcoming events listed on the calendar.
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Jody Harpster and I continued to advocate for Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education and Shippensburg University. We traveled to Washington, DC, and Harrisburg to promote specific programs and to campaign for additional grants that secure student projects and supplement our annual allotment.

As part of our mission and goals, we strive to continuously build and strengthen our relationships with local municipalities, county commissioners, state agencies, federal transportation groups, and federal legislators. As a result, significant funding has been secured for four recent projects:
- The Traffic Synchronization Project, which coordinates the traffic lights in downtown Shippensburg during special community events; the Regional Signage Directional to Shippensburg University for approximately $900,000; and the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail Council Shippensburg Connector for $1.4 million, which includes a bridge across Fogelsonger Road.
- The fourth project secured $154,374 through a PADOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for SU Campus Surface Transportation Improvements, which will complete the final phase of the Facilities Master Plan in regards to roadway access. The PADOT funding in addition to the DCED Multimodal Funds secured by SU Foundation in the amount of $590,626 will complete the final half-mile segment from the Luhrs Performing Arts Center to the SU Camps and Conference Center onto State Road Route 696. These projects, totaling $3 million, benefit our students, alumni, and community and will continue to do so for many years.

In the future, the University Relations Office intends to accelerate and improve our relationships legislatively and through our Alumni Association by elevating our visibility in the Harrisburg area and throughout the state. By taking advantage of media outlets, websites, literature, and sharing the Shippensburg University story within the State System, we will meet and exceed our mission and goals.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Our Chamber of Commerce partnerships and engagements continued to augment student internships, job opportunities, and sponsorships for university programs and initiatives. The University