1. Keeping the Bulldog Alive

There are dozens, if not hundreds, of ways you can stay involved with Yale as an alum: volunteering, networking with other alumni, traveling the world, or developing your personal or professional interests. All over the United States and abroad, Yale, regional alumni associations (often called “clubs”), and Yale alums host social events to connect you with other alums — younger and older alike. Your alumni experience is what you make it — and there are plenty of opportunities to make it meaningful.

AYA: Your Alumni Home Base

Be sure to bookmark the Association of Yale Alumni (“AYA”) homepage, www.aya.yale.edu. The AYA will alert you to alumni news, regional Yale clubs, your class officers, Shared Interest Groups, Students and Alumni of Yale (“STAY”), online services, and major alumni initiatives. In addition to this virtual hub, visit the Rose Alumni House at 232 York Street—right in the center of campus—when you return to New Haven. The AYA’s doors are always open to alumni visitors.

Staying Connected with the Class of 2015

The strong bond you established with your classmates doesn’t have to end with graduation. Volunteering to help your class officers plan events ensures that the Class of 2015 will stay close for years to come.

• Regional Events. Younger classes often organize multi-class events in major metro areas so people have the chance to see friends who attended Yale at the same time.

• Last Home Football Game. The AYA sponsors Alumni Village outside the Yale Bowl during the final home football game of the season. Many classes hold their own tailgates.
• Class Notes. It’s the first part of the Yale Alumni Magazine you’ll flip to. Find out what your classmates are up to and report your own news by emailing your Class Secretary.

• Reunions. Every five years, spend a weekend at Yale reconnecting with your classmates.

If you are interested in organizing a class event or getting involved in class leadership, contact one of your class officers: Joshua Barrett (joshua.barrett@yale.edu) and Rachel Tobin (rachel.tobin@yale.edu), co-secretaries, and Sandra Medrano (sandra.medrano@yale.edu), treasurer.

Connect

Regional Yale Clubs

No matter where you choose to live after graduation, there is likely to be a Yale Club or Association in the area. From Seattle to Miami and Hong Kong to Berlin, Yale Clubs and Associations provide the foundation for alumni activity around the world.

Getting involved with a club is a key way to make contact with other Yalies in your career field. It’s also a great way to make new friends in a new town. There are a wide variety of events sponsored by the clubs. Some promote networking, others offer service opportunities, and still others encourage continued scholarship. Happy hours, dinners, and other social events are popular ways to meet and network with other Yalies. Educational programs, seminars, and visits from Yale faculty and administrators keep alumni abreast of goings-on at the Yale campus and around the world.

Several Shared Interest Groups (see below) have active regional chapters, particularly in larger cities. You can find out more either through a SIG’s national chairs or through the local Yale Club.

To find the contact information for the Yale Club closest to you, go to www.aya.yale.edu/content/clubs. This will link you to regional club pages where you can find the events calendars and officers’ contact information.

Shared Interest/Identity Groups

In addition to the traditional building blocks of clubs and classes, Yale alumni can connect through affiliations created through shared interests. Such interests may stem from student activities or associations while at Yale,
or through a common vocation or avocation. These alumni connections complement the work of clubs, classes, and graduate and professional alumni associations. Some of the largest SIGs are listed below. You can find a complete list at www.aya.yale.edu. Also follow us on Twitter for information on the latest SIG events @YaleSIGs.

Yale Black Alumni Association (YBAA)
www.ybaaonline.org
The Yale Black Alumni Association is a national organization whose mission is to serve, involve, and inform the Yale community of Black alumni to build powerful networks, promote mentoring, create initiatives, and execute programs that connect members to one another, their communities, current Black students and faculty, and Yale.

Asian and Asian-American Yale Alumni (AAAYA)
www.aaaya.org
AAAYA provides a vehicle for Yale University alumni to promote the civic participation, leadership, and service of Asian Americans and Asians at Yale and in the broader society.

Yale Latino Alumni Association (YLAA)
www.yalelatinos.org
YLAA serves as an umbrella organization supporting the diverse communities of Latinos joined by their connections to Yale.

Yale Latino Alumni of the Tri-State Area (TSA)
www.facebook.com/groups/74153164552
TSA supports the diverse communities of Latinos joined by their connections to Yale who are residing in or otherwise affiliated with the New York tri-state area.

Native American Yale Alumni Association (NAYA)
www.yale.edu/nacc
NAYA is a national organization dedicated to fostering relationships among Yale’s Native alumni and supporting the success of future Native leaders through recruitment, encouragement, mentoring, and service.

Yale GALA: LGBT Alumni Association
www.yalegala.org
Yale GALA is an educational and cultural organization that promotes the well-being and betterment of the Yale University LGBT community, including alumni, faculty, students, and the public at large.
Yale Alumni Chorus Foundation (YAC)
www.yalealumnichorus.org
The Yale Alumni Chorus began in 1998 with a tour to China, where its mission of promoting international harmony through the universal language of music began. It has since traveled as ambassadors of song to England, Wales, Russia, the Netherlands, South America, and South Africa, building relationships through music and cultural outreach. It also supports the creation of new choral music by commissioning new choral works for its tours.

Yale Political Union Alumni Association (YPUAA)
www.yale.edu/ypu/alumni
The YPUAA is developing its board and membership network. Since its founding in 1934, the Yale Political Union has been a fixture on Yale’s campus. Through war, recession, protest, and controversy, the Union has survived as an enduring intellectual force on campus and in America.

Yale Life Sciences Alumni Association (YLSAA)
email: JHuang@IIRUSA.com
YLSAA is a volunteer-based organization that seeks to foster a strong global network of Yale alumni in the life science community.

Yale Science and Engineering Association (YSEA)
www.ysea.org
YSEA is a group for alumni interested in science and engineering.

Yale Alumni Real Estate Association (YaleAREA)
www.yalearea.org
YaleAREA is a group of alumni from Yale College and various professional and graduate schools at Yale who share an interest — professional or personal — in real estate.

Yale Athletics Sport Associations
www.yalebulldogs.cstv.com/boosters/yale-boosters.html
The mission of the Sport Associations is to provide all alumni and friends of Yale with information about athletic programs, to support Yale’s current student-athletes, and to sustain the proud and storied history of Yale athletics. Through career networking and job placement, special events, and fundraising to support Yale’s teams, the Associations enhance the student-athlete experience and establish a strong connection between Yale Athletics and the greater Yale community. The Sport Associations invite all alumni,
parents, and friends to join as many individual sport associations as they wish.

YaleWomen
www.yalewomen.org
The mission of YaleWomen is to create a vibrant, engaged community of alums, drawn together by the common thread of our Yale experiences, who are committed to advancing women’s voices and perspectives and to enriching and inspiring one another, Yale, and the world.

Yale Blue Green
www.facebook.com/YaleBlueGreen
The mission of Yale Blue Green is to connect and inspire Yalies and non-Yalies interested in the environment, clean energy and sustainability by leveraging Yale’s world-class resources, faculty, and alumni.

Yale in Hollywood
www.yaleinhollywood.com
With chapters in Los Angeles, New York, Toronto and Hong Kong, Yale in Hollywood is your alumni source for all things entertainment. The mission of Yale in Hollywood is to help alumni get their foot in the door and connect alumni within the industry. Vibrant programs and conferences are a hallmark of the organization. Get involved!

Yale Veterans Association (YVA)
www.yaleveterans.org
The Yale Veterans Association is comprised of Yale alumni, students, faculty and staff who have served in uniform. Its mission is to leverage the strengths, talents and dedication of its members and friends to uplift and support fellow veterans, and to cultivate leaders for military and public service.

Yale Alumni Journalism Association (YAJA)
www.linkedin.com/groups/Yale-Alumni-Journalism-Association-4447694/about
The Yale Alumni Journalism Association provides a forum for Yale men and women to participate in the national conversation on the role of a free press.

STAY (Students and Alumni of Yale)
yale.edu/stay; or email stay@yale.edu
You may already have heard of STAY—Yale’s exciting student-alumni organization founded by Yale alums, the AYA, professional schools, graduate
schools, and Yale College student leaders. Whether or not you served as a
STAY committee member while you were at Yale, STAY welcomes all alums
to take part in STAY-sponsored initiatives such as student-alumni leadership
forums, sessions on financial literacy, career panels, service initiatives, and
networking/social events. Unique in the Ivy League, STAY offers many ways
to collaborate with Yale students long after you’ve graduated. Questions?
Reach out to the best email address in Yale history: stay@yale.edu!

Social Media and Email Subscriptions

Sign up to receive e-newsletters produced by Yale departments with
information on campus news and events, and stay connected with Yale people
and activities around the world through social media — and use the hashtag
#YaleAlumni on your own posts about alumni events.

Email subscriptions: yale.edu/subscribe

Facebook: facebook.com/yale

Twitter (@Yale): twitter.com/yale

Instagram (@Yale): instagram.com/yale

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/school?id=18043

YouTube: youtube.com/yale

Tumblr: yaleuniversity.tumblr.com

Flickr: flickr.com/yaleuniversity

Professional Online Identity

Social media is a powerful tool, allowing you to create connections with
employers and professionals, build your personal brand, and maintain social
relationships. But if not managed wisely, your online identity could be harmful.
Employers may conduct online searches to vet potential candidates. Content
and photos found online could impact how potential employers perceive you,
and if they are inappropriate or offensive, may cost you an opportunity. To
avoid this, follow these tips for maintaining a professional online presence:

Search your name through Google and other search engines to see what
information is available; are you comfortable with what is viewable? Take
steps to remove content you would not want an employer to see and adjust your privacy settings as needed.

If there is information online that you would rather employers not see, focus on building your brand on professional networking sites such as LinkedIn so that less flattering information will appear lower on a Google search.

To be safe, assume content and images you post on social and professional networking sites may be seen by potential employers.

Volunteer

Alumni Interviewing for Yale College Admissions (ASC)

Approximately 8500 alumni around the world conduct evaluative interviews of prospective students for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as part of the Alumni Schools Committee. Prospective students enjoy meeting alumni and learning about their experiences at Yale, and alumni find that ASC work keeps them connected to the University. The primary responsibilities of an ASC member are to conduct the interviews assigned by a local ASC Director and to report back to the admissions office. The time commitment varies by local committee. To learn more or become a part of your local ASC email Donna Alchimio at donna.alchimio@yale.edu.

Alumni Leadership — Become an AYA Delegate

Each fall, hundreds of delegates to the AYA Assembly representing diverse alumni constituencies meet on campus for a two-day conference. The Assembly is the preeminent leadership development program for alumni. The Assembly is actually two things. First, it is the body of delegates, as outlined by the AYA Constitution, who serve as representatives of the alumni community. Second, it is the annual gathering of these leaders that is held on campus in New Haven on the weekend of the last home football game in November. Delegates are elected or appointed to attend the Assembly as representatives of a regional Yale Club, Yale College class, graduate or professional school alumni association or shared interest group; in addition, there are other volunteer leaders who serve as ex officio delegates. There are also at-large delegates to the Assembly who represent alumni outside of these constituencies. If you are interested in becoming a delegate for a specific group on campus, contact your regional Yale club, your class officers, or your shared interest group. For more information about how to become an at-large delegate, contact Nicholas Roman Lewis at nicholas.lewis@yale.edu.
Yale Day of Service

A highlight of regional club activity calendars is the Yale Day of Service. The tradition of service rooted in Yale’s past is perhaps more relevant today than ever. The global Day of Service allows alumni and friends to participate in a unique event as the larger Yale community collectively embodies Yale’s commitment to service to others. Last year over 3500 volunteers made a difference in their local communities as part of the Yale Day of Service; we invite you to join us each spring! For more information, visit www.yaledayofservice.org.

Yale Alumni Service Corps (YASC)

YASC provides an opportunity for alumni, family, and friends to join in global service, to immerse themselves in a foreign culture, and to connect with people in the local community. YASC projects vary — from medicine to education, arts, construction, and more — building on the diverse skills of our alumni constituency. For more information or to get on the service tour e-mail list, go to www.yaleservicecorps.org.

Partner with Office of Career Strategy (OCS)

Alumni are invited to partner with OCS in many ways. Consider sharing your expertise by participating in an OCS educational program or hosting a student at your organization through the job shadowing program. For more information, contact OCS at careerstrategy@yale.edu.

Keep Yale Going Strong:

Participate in the Yale Alumni Fund as a member of the Bulldogs of the Last Decade (BOLD)

Congratulations! With leadership by Co-Chairs Denzil Bernard SM, Evi Steyer TD, Jake Dawe TC and Schuyler Arakawa SY and more than 175 volunteers within the colleges, the Class of 2015 achieved 78% participation and raised over $26,000. The final impact of the Senior Class Gift included an additional $74,000 thanks to alumni and parents who helped encourage participation by challenging the class.

By supporting the senior gift, you have already contributed to the Alumni Fund and made an immediate impact on campus. This fall, Timothy Dwight and Trumbull Colleges will each have a Nathan Hale Associates scholarship named for the class and presented to an incoming freshman because they
secured at least 95% participation. Pierson will also receive two scholarships in recognition for raising the most dollars ($3,568) and for having the highest average gift ($46) during the Campaign.

Every gift made by members of the Class of ’15 represents the class’s ongoing commitment to the University. “In donating to the Alumni Fund, one may broadly decide how to allocate a donation from six potential pools; thereby signaling to the administration what its soon-to-be-youngest alumni think is most important. Donating to Yale implies an endorsement of the culture and philosophy Yale represents: lux et veritas. Light and truth.” [as written by previous SCG Co-Chairs in the Yale Daily News 2/17/09.]

Now that you have graduated you are officially a member of the Bulldogs of the Last Decade (BOLD). Even though you may have physically left New Haven, do not underestimate the impact that your continued support can make here on campus. Last year, relatively small gifts (under $100) to the Alumni Fund raised nearly $1 million collectively! Just like the Agents promoting the Senior Class Gift, the Alumni Fund depends on dedicated class volunteers to meet fundraising goals.

Even after graduation, you can stay connected and make a difference by volunteering for the Yale Alumni Fund, which takes only a few hours each year. As a volunteer, you would be involved in shaping class communications and raising money for the areas of most need at the university. If you’re interested in joining the ranks of the 2,000 other Alumni Fund volunteers as a class agent for 2015, please contact youngalumni@yale.edu.

As a new alumni and a member of the Bulldogs of the Last Decade, you will be contacted by the Yale Alumni Fund for an annual gift each year. These gifts differ from class dues in that they provide the university with immediately expendable core support for basic operations and new programs. To receive credit in the Alumni Fund, your gift must be designated to one of six categories. These include unrestricted purposes, facilities, faculty support and curriculum development, financial aid, library resources, and undergraduate life. You can always support Yale College online by visiting www.yale.edu/giveYC. The Alumni Fund’s annual campaign year runs from July 1 to June 30 (along with Yale’s fiscal year).
Learn

Yale Educational Travel

The AYA arranges a wide range of exceptional travel programs for alumni and their friends and families. Our customized, faculty-designed trips provide unforgettable academic journeys. You will experience illuminating discussions led by Yale professors, meaningful engagement with fellow alumni, and captivating travel destinations. Join a Yale Educational Travel program today and see why so many alumni choose to travel with Yale. For more information or to register, visit www.yaleedtravel.org, call 203-432-1952, or e-mail edtravel@yale.edu.

Online Resources

As newly minted alumni, you can take advantage of the Yale University “Online Alumni Community.” The online community is password restricted to registered users only. In the weeks before Commencement, you will receive an e-mail message (most likely to your name@yale.edu account) from the AYA inviting you to register. Registration is free, easy, and allows you to take advantage of the following services:

Online Alumni Directory (OAD)

The online directory contains information for all Yale alumni, including you. Once you register for the online community in spring 2015, you can update your address and contact information online. Doing so ensures that your fellow alums can reach you and that your copy of the Yale Alumni Magazine will be sent to the right address. You’ll also receive important notices, such as new online services under development, and class news and events. You can also tailor how your personal and professional contact information will be available to other alumni. For example, if you want others to reach you by e-mail but do not want to disclose your home phone number, you can suppress that piece of information while still displaying other parts of your record.

Yale Career Network (YaleCN)

The Yale Career Network gives you the opportunity to interact with other alumni and students. The YaleCN is a database containing substantial career profiles for over 14,000 alumni who have volunteered to be available to speak with you about careers, cities, and other topics relevant to networking. After
you have registered for the online community in spring 2015, you can use this tool to search for interesting alumni by a range of criteria, create your own profile in order to make yourself visible and available to other alumni and to current Yale students, and upload a copy of your resume. Visit www.aya.yale.edu/career and start networking!

Virtual Yale Station (VYS)

After receiving your invitation to join the Yale University Online Alumni Community shortly before Commencement, you’ll be able to create a Virtual Yale Station (VYS) permanent e-mail forwarding address free of charge. This means you can maintain a permanent address such as yourname@aya.yale.edu that will forward mail to any e-mail address you choose. Your VYS account does not receive or store any e-mail, it just forwards it to any email address you designate. One advantage is that if you change e-mail addresses, you need to update only your forwarding address; your VYS address stays the same. You should note that this is a completely new e-mail address that is independent of your Yale account and does not forward e-mail that comes to your current Yale email account. You will receive information about your Pantheon account directly from Yale ITS, but it generally remains active until the fall.

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itunes.yale.edu

Open Yale Courses
oyc.yale.edu

JSTOR Access for Alumni
www.aya.yale.edu/content/jstor-access

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