

Erin Fielding Baffuto '05

Current Job: Counselor at Quaboag Regional School District

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I graduated from MCLA in 2005 with a degree in Sociology and I am incredibly thankful for the amazing opportunities I have been afforded as a result of my time at the college. Following my time at MCLA, I found my passion working as a College and Career Counselor and in 2010, earned my Master's Degree in School Counseling from Assumption College. Currently I work as a High School Counselor and work with students supporting their social, emotional and academic needs. In my spare time I work as a College Admissions Consultant for the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority and travel around the state hosting community seminars on the college admissions process. Working with high school students and their families gives me a unique perspective on relevant factors and needs of prospective students as well as a platform to recommend our alma mater.

Not only am I appreciative of my educational experiences but am eternally grateful for the people that I've met in connection with the college, many who have enriched my personal life beyond measure. For almost a decade I volunteered for the Alumni Office as a Class Agent and then decided to take on more responsibility by joining the Alumni Board of Directors in 2016. In my spare time I also serve as the President of the Pi Upsilon Omega Alumni Board and coordinate several social and charitable events with the Greek alumni community. Helping MCLA stay connected with alumni is important to me and I strive to help make the alumni experience a more positive one for all.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and work with Alumni Board over the past three years and would love the opportunity to continue making connections and building them into working relationships. Hopefully my efforts thus far have shown my passion and dedication to help support the Alumni as well as the institution. Please consider voting for me for a second term on the MCLA Alumni Board of Directors.

Lisa Hall Blackmer '99, MBA '18

Current Job: Town of Buckland, Treasurer and Collector

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I currently work as a Treasurer and Collector with the Town of Buckland., where I am the chief financial officer of the town. My time is spent working on investing our assets, borrowing, capital planning and budgeting. As a former North Adams City Councilor, I spent two years as President of the Council and currently I chaired the Finance committee. As a Councilor, I represented the cities of Western Massachusetts on the Board of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and served as its President. The first time anyone from North Adams had held that post and the first time in over 2 decades that someone from Berkshire county has served.

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Jacob Boillat '18

Current Job: Program Coordinator & Residence Director at Anna Maria College

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I am interested in contributing my time, knowledge and experience with the Alumni Association Board of Directors to help support and improve a college that I have a strong connection to and an appreciation for, for many years to come. MCLA changed my life for the better and I want to continue to support and grow MCLA in any way that I can. I feel that being a recent graduate now working in Higher Education, brings a new perspective to the board and can help support the school with a new generational outlook; being aware of student interests and passions changing.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: During my time at MCLA, I was involved with various departments across campus. My largest involvement was with Residential Programs & Services. I was a Resident Advisor for two years and a Senior Resident Advisor for my senior year. My additional involvements included: Class of 2018 Treasurer, Chair of the Student Affairs Governance Committee, student employee within the Registrar's Office, general member with the Student Government Association, student representative for the most recent strategic planning committee and volunteered as a tour guide with admissions during the summers; while working on campus as a summer RA.

Current Biography: Jacob Boillat is a recent MCLA graduate and North Adams native. Jacob's family has lived in North Adams their entire life. Jacob was a Class of 2014 graduate of Drury High School and grew up working at Greylock Bowl & Golf. Through these experiences he has stayed connected to the North Adams Community. Since high school he knew that he wanted to pursue a career in education. He entered MCLA as an Elementary Education student. Soon after getting involved on campus and seeing how important and impactful student support and involvement is, he found a passion for pursuing a career in Higher Education. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in Higher Education. While attending MCLA, he was involved in numerous departments, such as: Residential Programs & Services, Registrar's Office, Student Activities and multiple planning committees on campus. Through these involvements, he gained a plethora of knowledge that gave him a great understanding of the MCLA campus as a student. Since graduation he has continued to stay in touch and up to date with the campus and campus professionals. Shortly after graduation, he started his career in Higher Education/Student Affairs. He currently works as a Program Coordinator & Residence Director within the Student Life Office at Anna Maria College.

In accordance with his recent experiences, he has continued to expand his knowledge and network within the Higher Education field.

Campaign Statement: As a recent, proud MCLA Graduate and young working professional, I have a strong interest in serving on the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors. I am eager to draw knowledge from my student and professional experiences to help the Alumni Association continue to support and expand the college. I can promise that I have the time and dedication needed to fulfill the responsibilities of this position. I plan to create stronger connections with current students and alumni that will provide them with life skills and opportunities. I would be honored to receive your vote and serve MCLA and the surrounding communities.

Rick Czarnecki '97

Current Job: Operations Manager, Flynns Pharmacy and Home Medical

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: Would like to actively search for ways to integrate MCLA with the Berkshire County community. Would like to encourage MCLA Alumni to remain in the Berkshires, raise their families and enter the local business community.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved:

Current Biography: Rick resides in Adams, MA and has resided in North Berkshire His entire life. He has two children that were raised in North Adams, one of which is a current MCLA student. He believes Berkshire County is rich in resources and opportunities for new alumni.

He has worked as a manager in pharmacy and home health agencies for 30 years, and is currently Operations Manager at Flynns Home Medical Equipment in Pittsfield, MA. He has previously served as a board member and past president of the North Berkshire Community Development Corporation and on the boards of directors of numerous local youth sports organizations.

Rick is interested in locating new and interesting ways to develop continuing relationships between MCLA local community leaders.

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Todd Foy '12

Current Job: Manager of Government Affairs & Public Policy, MLCHC

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I've often screamed from the sidelines since graduating and only when upset about something. As I've matured and taken on new experiences, I've realized that yelling into the void is pointless. I would like to become part of the solutions.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: SGA

Current Biography: Since graduation, my trajectory in life has been diverse and, at times, unexpected. From political to nonprofit, I've seen a lot. Most recently, I spent 3 years as a Community Health Worker at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), with a goal of providing targeted outreach and health education for some of our most vulnerable neighbors. This inspired me to get more involved in my community and I have since run two Boston Marathons for charity, become a weekly volunteer at a local center for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and joined the Emerging Leaders Board at BHCHP. Currently, I am working as the Manager of Government & Public Policy at the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, helping to promote increased funding and awareness for community health centers across the state. In my personal time, I'm an avid reader of anything, an aspiring dog owner, and a part-time employee at the Gap—because who doesn't love a discount.

Campaign Statement: MCLA undoubtedly shaped my life in ways that no other institution could. It afforded me scholarships so I could stay, internships and jobs so I could put learning to practice, and friends that have been by my side as if we'd known each other a lifetime. I want to be a part of a group that ensures this continues for all students, from all backgrounds, and from all means. I hope to have your vote!

David Flint '78

Current Job: Vice president - Operations Manager

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I've served on the Board for several years, including as President, and I'm up for re-election

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: Alumni Association Board of Directors, started the first regional chapter in Plymouth, MA area, worked on reunion committee.

Current Biography: I graduated from North Adams State College in 1978 as an Elementary Education major. I was unable to find a teaching position after graduation and entered the banking industry, where I have had a successful career working in compliance and bank operations. I'm married with two daughters, one of whom is a MCLA graduate Class of 2007. I'm looking forward to retiring in the near future and spending time with my grandchildren.

Campaign Statement: For all but one of the last 14 years, I've served on the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors, 3 years as the Alumni Association President. My passion for MCLA and the community of North Adams has never diminished over the years since his graduation. In addition, I have planned and organized several successful alumni gatherings in the South Shore/Cape Cod area.

I look forward to representing my fellow Alumni for the next three years.

Heath Haas '12 MBA '15

Current Job: Central Office Technician Verizon Communications

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: As a member of the Board of Directors I will continue to promote and share my amazing experience at MCLA. Also I feel this position will give me the opportunity to work with others in spreading the collages vision and mission.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: worked with admissions on promoting MBA program

Current Biography: I have lived in Northern Berkshire all of my life and have enjoyed all the amazing opportunity that are offered here. I enjoy hiking, canoeing, biking and pretty much anything you can do outside. The summers in the Berkshires are quite amazing.

I am a Central Office Technician at Verizon for 19 years, where I maintain emergency generators and power distribution for telecommunication services. I also coordinate supply ordering and service for 14 offices throughout Berkshire County.

While working full time I have accomplished returning to school (MCLA) to complete my Bachelor's degree and also received an MBA from MCLA. I also served on the board of directors for my local union IBEW2324 as the North Adams unit represented for a three year term. We oversaw the operation of the Union budget from member dues and made decisions on union matters like contract Negotiation and member disputes.

Campaign Statement: I look forward to working with and lending my expertise with the rest of the Board to help come up with ways to reach other potential donors.

Colby Harvish '16

Current Job: Residence Director at Worcester State University

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: MCLA holds a very close place in my heart. I became intertwined with the community during my undergraduate career and I have continuously sought out opportunities to pay it forward to the next students of MCLA and give back to those who gave so much to me.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: Since graduating, I have stayed involved in the MCLA community through annual donations, informal visits to campus, bringing a Worcester State delegation of students to the MCLA Leadership Conference each year I've been at WSU, attending alumni socials in my area, and attending events such as Commencement on campus. I have also volunteered with Helping Hands for move-in at the start of the year.

Current Biography: A native of NY and an alumnus of MCLA's class of 2016, I now live in Worcester and I am a true Massachusetts resident. I graduated from MCLA with all-college honors, magna cum laude. I work full-time as a professional student affairs administrator at Worcester State University while also studying for my Master's in Education in Higher Education: Student Affairs at Salem State University. I have been a professional in higher education since I graduated from MCLA. I am an active member of my WSU community, serving on several committees and taking on projects and leadership roles in my department and union. I am also a frequent volunteer at Camp Sunshine, a camp for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. I am a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Chi, American College Personnel Association, and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. I remain active in the MCLA community through annual giving, alumni networking, alumni socials, informal visits to campus, attending events such as Commencement, and volunteering with Helping Hands for move-in at the start of the year.

Campaign Statement: It would be an absolute honour to serve on MCLA's Alumni Association Board of Directors and share my expertise and resources. As a higher education professional and higher education Master's student, I have developed a repertoire of alumni association experiences across a variety of institutions. During my time at MCLA, I was deeply engaged in the community and committed to our alma mater. My love of MCLA has not ceased; I have remained engaged through alumni networking, events, volunteering, and donating. But, I would like to take my commitment further and provide more for my fellow alumni and the institution.

Carla J Holness '95

Current Job: College Access Manager, Your College Concierge

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: As an alum of MCLA and a former employee, I feel called to give back to my institution by investing time (and hopefully) expertise to the MCLA Alumni Board. MCLA is doing some great things and I continue to be proud of the College.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: I have attended some events over the years but not on a consistent basis. Have been to some local alumni events (in North Adams), recently attended an Alumni event in Naples, FL and continue to try to give annually when called.

Current Biography:

I am a native of North Adams and live in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. I have been involved in higher education for many years. Currently I assist families with the college application process as well as non-profit work with two organizations. I have a daughter, Marissa Parker and my husband, Dennis Holness.

Campaign Statement: If elected I will serve with pride and integrity. I look forward to assisting with growth of alumni relations.

Frederick Karl '09

Current Job: Tax Information Aide

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: During my time at MCLA, I truly enjoyed the experience, where attending a small, close knit college allowed me to truly thrive and discover who I am. I would love the opportunity to help MCLA continue to grow as an alumni, helping to continue create an environment for everyone to thrive in.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: While attending MCLA, I was deeply involved with the residence life aspect. I served as a resident advisor for a year and a half. I also spent two summers as a resident advisor, where I not only oversaw traditional college students but a variety of non traditional students and conference attendees. My senior year, I interned with the office of resident life and was instrumental in reigniting the connection between our campus and NEACURH. Throughout my four years, I also served on the advisory board for residence halls, where I served as a resident and as the resident advisor representative for the building. I was also involved with SAC, the student activities council, where I served as a general member and was the chair of the destinations committee for one year.

Current Biography: Upon graduation from MCLA, I took a series of career moves into the world of customer service. With my experience at MCLA, it helped shape my path to finding new ways to reach out to the public and prepared me for the world ahead. Currently I am working for New York State in the tax department, where the skills I learned at MCLA are put to the test every day.

Campaign Statement: My goal, if elected to the alumni board, is to continue the great tradition of MCLA being an open and welcoming environment for everyone. Maintaining open lines of communication between students, staff, and alumni is crucial to allow the institution to thrive and continue growing.

Dawn Klein '00

Current Job: English teacher

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: The college is a vital asset to the greater community.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved:

Current Biography: Not only did I graduate in 2000 from MCLA with a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary studies, I also went on to earn my Masters in education at this institution.

Campaign Statement: In an impoverished area like northern Berkshire county, a thriving state school is of utmost importance as it ensures we lift people and families out of poverty.

Elizabeth (Frederick) LaMonica '02

Current Job: Project Marketing Specialist Advertising

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: MCLA gave me so much in my career and in life, I would love to give back

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: STARS, SAC, founding of the Volunteer Club, Student Trustee, SGA, Outdoors Club, WJJW, RA, BACCHUS (MA representative to National Board)

Current Biography: During my time at MCLA, I was involved in many aspects of MCLA such as; Resident Advisor, SGA Senator, Student Trustee, Presidential Search Committee, Admissions Ambassador, STARS, Founding Member of the Volunteer Club, WJJW, TV Station, President of the Outdoors Club and a TA for the Radio Practicum Class. After graduating from MCLA in 2002, I have had a variety of careers in fields from Finance to Non-Profits. In those diverse careers, my Liberal Arts Education and experiences has prepared me for each one of them.

Currently I work for Candela Medical in Wayland in the Creative Services Department in a Trafficking role. I live in Framingham with my husband, two sons and Boston Terrier names Seamus. In addition to my career I am on the Board of Directors for Framingham Youth Lacrosse, PTO and Volunteer for several local organizations. In my spare time I enjoy yoga and attending my sons sporting events.

I am a proud MCLA Alumni and have carried my experiences and friendships with me all these years to help me become the wife, mother, friend and career woman I am today.

Campaign Statement: My Mission is to help alumni see the benefits of their Liberal Arts Education and help them use the tools they gained to achieve a career they can be proud of. Once they achieve that goal, they can give back to MCLA in the same capacity.

Becky (Lindley) McGann '99

Current Job: Associate Director, Center of Student Involvement at Northeastern University

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I am passionate about higher education, both personally and as a career. MCLA/NASC is the reason for that passion due to the experiences inside and outside of the classroom to develop into a confident individual wishing to develop others. I want to pay it forward and be actively involved with my alma mater so that I can provide my knowledge and resources and a higher educator.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: I have attended the Boston area reunion and I maintain a professional/mentor relationship with Dianne Manning.

Current Biography: Becky currently serves as an Associate Director of Student Engagement in the Center of Student Involvement at Northeastern University. Prior to this position, she served at several other higher education institutions including Fitchburg State University, University of Maine at Farmington, and Husson University. Her positions have included specializing in areas such as student leadership development offerings, residential life, and commuter affairs. Becky now focuses on the strategic vision of her current department, the supervision of a 6-person team, facilitation of leadership series, and support of student activist organizations. Her first position after MCLA/NASC was with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and she continues to have a heart for non-profit and volunteer work. Becky served on the board of directors of her local YMCA in Fitchburg for two years before relocating to the Boston area. Beyond her present position, Becky is currently pursuing her Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration at Northeastern University, volunteering at Rosie's Place in Roxbury, MA, and enjoying newlywed life having eloped in July 2018.

Campaign Statement: My experience at MCLA/NASC is the reason for who I am today - including my career, my confidence, and my voice. I actually found my voice thanks to the supportive staff who encouraged me to develop myself into a leader through opportunities such as being an RA, participation in leadership development trainings, campus activities and more. Additionally, thanks to the faculty I was comfortable to learn and to challenge myself in the academic process. I have chosen my career to give back for that experience, as I now develop future student leaders at Northeastern University. Now I want to give back directly to my alma mater by serving on the board. I believe that my knowledge within the higher education field combined with my passion for this institution will be instrumental in bringing MCLA to even greater levels of service

for its students and alumni. It would be an honor to represent you all and I thank you for your consideration.

Kevin J McGrath '93

Current Job: Enterprise Sales Director, US

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I am running for the MCLA Alumni Board of Directors to give a little back to a college that helped me prepare for the real world. I enjoyed my experience at NASC and the great communities of the amazing Berkshires.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: 92-93 InterGreek Council President; 92-93 Founding member & President of SAA - Student Alumni Association; 90-93 - Several Executive board positions - Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity; 89-93 - Worked Intermural sports; 92-93 - Ad Manager Beacon

Current Biography: I am the Enterprise Sales Manager at BridgeHead Software covering 25 states. My wife and I live in our hometown of Reading, MA. We have Addie 4 and Maeve 2 and enjoy spending time with family and friends the majority are NASC graduates. Mary is a 1st grade teacher and we try to spend as much time as we can at the beach during the Summer. We are a big Irish Catholic family and enjoying raising our daughters in the city of Champions.

Campaign Statement: My main objective will be to try to reconnect the Alumni to MCLA and show them all the amazing changes at their college. If I am fortunate enough to be elected I will work hard with the board to help MCLA to continue to blaze forward.

Anne B. (Jzyk) Meczywor '83 MA '85

Current Job: Real Estate Broker/Associate; 2019 President of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: Giving back is important, and my time to do so to MCLA is overdue. As a REALTOR®, I experience the impact education has on the quality of life of individuals and well-being of entire communities. "Rising tides lift all boats", and nothing raises that level more effectively than excellent public education. I want to contribute to that effort.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: Many years have passed, so the names of activities no doubt have changed. As a working commuter student, I was inducted into the Honor Society, participated in the Small Business Institute, provided campus tours, and organized and oversaw the first student art show in 25 years.

Current Biography: After teaching in local public schools for six years and carrying out human resources responsibilities for Fillene's for eight years, I have been an independent contractor and businesswoman, a real estate salesperson/broker, since 2001. I have been involved with a local library board and several charity boards, and have extensive involvement at the local, state, and national levels of my trade association. I volunteered in my children's schools and was active in the PTO, eventually serving as president. I helped organize and execute horse shows, golf outings, chili cook-offs, and gala fundraisers for many causes. I participated in several strategic plans both for the Lenox Public Schools and the REALTOR® organization. I currently am President of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®, and completed both the state and national leadership academies. As a volunteer leader, I work for a membership of 25,000 members across the state, and with over 300 volunteers at the state level and a professional paid staff of nineteen. Regularly, I travel throughout the Commonwealth to visit members and local boards to attend their governance, social, networking, and fundraising events, appreciating the kaleidoscope of cultures, business practices, points of view, and remarkable venues and sights we have here. I serve on the Lenox Cultural Council, and I am a member of Zonta International, a service organization devoted to improving the quality of life and status of women locally and world wide through projects and fundraising. My favorite Zonta activity was organizing clothing drives for Suit Yourself. A life-long Berkshire resident, I raised three children who are all onto careers of their own. I love to hike our hills, read, write, and ride horses. I do a lot of photography and some painting, and just take in all the Berkshires and the Bay State have to offer.

Campaign Statement: "We know what we are but not what we may be." Isn't that the goal of good education: to create a situation where results are better than one could have imagined? After MCLA, we took a variety of paths. We have good understanding of what graduates will need to succeed. We use our experience, resources, and shared knowledge to open the way for others, and to prepare them for what lies ahead. Contributing back to what gave us that start allows us to (selfishly) play a very satisfying role in setting the stage for a success-filled future for MCLA graduates.

Devan Monroe '13

Current Job: Staff Associate for Professional Development Programs, MIT Office of Minority Education

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: MCLA was a formative experience for me and set me on the career path I'm on. Serving on the Board of Directors would allow me to use my knowledge and experience of life "on the other side" to help improve the College for future generations.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: Peer Advisor, Accepted Students Days, Write Stuff Mentor, Academic Tutor Counselor for IESS, Psi Chi, Lambda Iota Tau, Alpha Chi, BGLAD Treasurer (now Queer Student Union)

Current Biography: Devan M. Monroe, M.Ed., currently serves as a Staff Associate in the MIT Office of Minority Education. He works to help students historically underrepresented in STEM discover their passions and achieve their post-MIT goals. Devan oversees a wide range of programs, including The Standard (a cohort-based program focusing on the success of men of color), Laureates & Leaders (supporting and advising students applying to PhD or MD/PhD programs), mentorship programs connecting students with alumni, a design class that tackles real-world problems leveraging industry sponsorship, and several funding opportunities that empower students to pursue innovative pilot projects. Previously, he served in an alumni relations and development role at the MIT School of Architecture + Planning, where he oversaw a portfolio of major gift donors, annual giving, and domestic and international alumni events. Passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion, he co-chairs the MIT Vice Chancellor's Council on Diversity and Inclusion, charged with providing educational opportunities and social immersion experiences for 300+ staff in the division, and was a member of MIT's Bias Response Protocol Committee, which restructured and streamlined the reporting process for bias incidents on campus. He's worked with MIT staff learning English, mentored LGBTQ+ students, and is a member of the Community Giving Campaign Committee, connecting MIT employees with charitable organizations in the greater Boston area. In the Boston community, Devan has worked with AIDS Walk Boston, Freedom Massachusetts, and Black and Pink. He received his bachelors from MCLA in psychology and communications where he wrote a thesis examining the division of household labor between same-sex male couples raising children, and completed his masters in higher education administration from Northeastern University.

Campaign Statement: I am interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors to improve MCLA for generations of students to come. Many of my fondest memories are at MCLA and I would not have the career I have now without my on-

campus experiences. I am excited to dig in and give back, with an eye toward raising visibility of the College across the Commonwealth. My passion for diversity/equity/inclusion, along with professional experience in this area and alumni relations/development have equipped me with a strong skill set that enables positive change. Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel Nesti '13

Current Job: Advanced Mechanical Engineer in Acoustics at Naval Nuclear Laboratory

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: I am interested in improving the visibility and technical background necessary for students pursuing an MCLA STEM degree to be more lucrative to potential employers.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: I was inducted into the Sigma Pi Sigma honors society while at MCLA, a two sport captain at MCLA (tennis and golf), and have participated in several mentoring video-conferences with the MCLA physics students.

Current Biography: I grew up in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and obtained a BS in Physics from MCLA in 2013. I worked as an intern year round at General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems (GD-AIS) in Pittsfield, with three separate rotations, while attending MCLA full time. I was hired in 2013 to work as a Mechanical Engineer in Acoustics at Naval Nuclear Laboratory in Niskayuna, NY where I am still employed. While at MCLA I was a captain on both the golf and tennis teams during my Junior and Senior years. I was inducted into the Sigma Pi Sigma national honors society for Physics students. I am currently pursuing an MS in Engineering Management from Penn State (PSU). More importantly than work and school, I am getting married next year (2020). I am also an avid traveler, enjoy golfing, skiing, hiking, and training my German Shepherd Puppy, Elbe (named after the German river).

Campaign Statement: I graduated with a BS in physics from a small liberal arts school in North Adams, MA. I am currently an engineer, and not one person I've met in five years at Naval Nuclear Laboratory knows what an "MCLA" is. My goal while serving on the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors is to improve the visibility and technical background necessary for students pursuing an MCLA STEM degree to be more lucrative to potential employers. Hopefully by the end of my tenure, when a future STEM grad tells their future employer where they went to school, they'll be met with something more than, "uh...where?"

Brianne O'Rourke '17

Current Job: Staff Accountant- Accountant

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: Attending MCLA was one of the best decisions I could have made. I made lifelong connections there and was able to participate in so much while attending because of the small, family-like vibe. I would love to be on the Alumni board to help shape the MCLA experience for future students and to help MCLA's growth in the future.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: Student Government Association, Women's Volleyball, Admissions Ambassador, Peer Advisor, Tutor, Board of Trustees, Days of Service.

Current Biography: I graduated MCLA in December of 2017. Since that time I have taken a few different paths, leading me to my current position. I began my post-college career interning for a second tax season at Brazee & Huban, CPA's in Pittsfield while still living in North Adams. Once my internship ended, I moved on to another job in public accounting in Saratoga, NY while I resided in Clifton Park, NY. After a brief time in the "real world", I realized public accounting might not be for me. I consulted with a former professor who advised me to find something that made me more excited. I then received an offer for a staff accountant position at Waste Connections. I have been with the company for the past few months and absolutely love it. When I am not working, I spend time volunteering as a "big sister" for the Big Brother, Big Sister program in Albany. I spend a lot of time spoiling my young nieces. I also enjoy snowmobiling, golfing, going to concert with my friends and playing in a recreational volleyball league with a few other MCLA alums.

Campaign Statement: I believe I would be an asset on the Alumni Board as a recent graduate who lives fairly close to campus. I have always been passionate about my love for MCLA and tried to spread that through my 3.5 years there. I would love to serve and continue to work on making MCLA the best it can be. I am still very close with many of the people I attended college with which could help with exposure and interest in the board from other alums. Thank you!

Anthony Sarkis '93

Current Job: Management Consultant

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: Giving back to a great institution

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: Sam Gomez classic road race director two years, I also was a two term SGA senator while a student and active in leading various town and community events in the capacity. Habitat for humanity and help line volunteer, cycling team vp., Student leadership facilitator.

Current Biography: Owner of visionary solutions consulting,LLC, home heating system product developer, elsevier science reviewer of scientific journals, United Nations partner in one planet network, former chairman of the Salvation Army, former adjunct faculty of mcla & green living presenter. Today my company is also active in business leadership coaching along with commercializing home heating tech.

Campaign Statement: I'm dedicated to the success of each student, staff, and faculty member as both professionals and members of a vibrant academic community.

Daniel Summers II '07

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: As a student at MCLA, Dan was active in many clubs and organizations, including the Student Government Association and serving a term as student trustee. These experiences solidified his passion for supporting higher education.

After graduation, Dan began his work in higher education. It was not long before he found himself back at MCLA working as the coordinator of student activities, helping students to get involved and engaged in their community.

Dan has remained in the North Adams community and has spent the past four years working in admissions at Southern Vermont College. His hope as a member of the Alumni Board is to help engage alumni and students to celebrate the value of their MCLA experience. Dan is currently the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Southern Vermont College.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: As a student at MCLA, I was active in many clubs and organizations, including the Student Government Association and as a Student Trustee. These experiences solidified my passion for supporting higher education and helped shape my career today.

Current Biography: I most recently served as the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Southern Vermont College (SVC), where I worked since 2009. I have also worked in various facets of higher education throughout my career, including as an Interim Residential Life Coordinator at Williams College, Coordinator of Student Activities at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), and as a teacher at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Massachusetts. I graduated from vocational high school and then became the first in my family to go to college when I began classes at MCLA. I graduated from MCLA with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Campaign Statement: I am running for reelection to the Alumni Association Alumni Board of Directors to help engage alumni and students and celebrate the value of their MCLA/ NASC experience. Serving the Alumni Association has been an honor and I look forward to continuing the work of the board to serve alumni and students.

Dennis Zicko '65

Current Job: Retired Physics Teacher and Golf Coach

Why are you interested in contributing your time/expertise to serve as a member of the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors: As a board member seeking re-election I'm committed to engaging as many alums as possible in the life and activities of the college.

Please indicate MCLA/NASC activities with which you have been involved: While at NASC, some of the activities I participated in were the Circle K Club, Stunt Night, Secretary & President of the Debating Society, Student Council, Student Voice, Science Club, Baseball, and Track.

Current Biography: Dennis, a retired physics teacher and golf coach, worked for the Marshfield School System for 34 years. He received his Masters of natural science from the University of South Dakota in 1970. He was an original member of the National Science Foundation's Physics Teacher Resource Agent program. As such, he has conducted workshops around the country for physics teachers, middle school teachers, and elementary teachers. He was awarded "The Science Teacher of the Year for Plymouth County" in 1990.

He has been an MCLA class agent for his class since 2006 and received the "Outstanding Service to the College Award" in 2010 as well as the "Outstanding Educator Emeritus Award" in 2014.

Campaign Statement: I owe a lot to NASC/MCLA for the four years I spent there. Serving on the board affords me the opportunity to 'give back' to the College to which I owe so much. Since I'm retired, I have the time and I still have the energy necessary to fulfill the responsibilities required of a board member