

ALUMNI RELATIONS

An activity instituted in 2006 was the Alumni-Student Careers Forum to expose students to varied and challenging career opportunities beyond the faculty life students see every day at Cal. The hope is that Berkeley graduates will be encouraged to pursue academic excellence and also take on active roles in professional service in the broad spectrum of careers in which scientific knowledge plays an increasingly important role in society. Alumni Mauricio Escobar and Nick Walchuk worked with George Brimhall to design a program of bi-monthly meetings when alumni (BA, MA and PhD) come back to the department, give an informal lecture, and interact with our present undergraduate students sharing their experience regarding careers. The Alumni Student Careers Forum has grown and meetings now routinely have 20 to 30 students in attendance. One major benefit emerging from this endeavor is that interested students become part of a network of alumni employed in many different career paths including earth resource industries, energy, environmental consulting and mitigation, natural risk assessment, geotechnical engineering, K-12 education, recreational management, law, USGS, and the US military. The web page provides a central link where students can easily email past speakers, and also find key links to career-oriented information and professional societies including AGI, GSA, AWG, NAGT, NCGS, AGU, K-12 teacher resources, State of California Teacher Credentialing guidelines, Board on Registration.

The web link is:

http://eps.berkeley.edu/~brimhall/Alumni_Student_Forum/Website_Alumni_Student_Forum.htm

In 2007 a new group was created to organize and encourage alumni activities focused on continuing friendship, campus involvement, lifelong learning, and new developments in geosciences, as well as fund raising for the Department. The Committee includes, besides myself, Paul Renne, Paul Henshaw, BA '69, who is the Class Representative, and Departmental members Doris Sloan, Margie Winn, Micaelle Ellswythe, Catherine Pauling, and Clarissa Pal. In 2008 we held a 40-year alumni event for the graduating classes of 1968 through 1973: "A Cal Weekend With EPS". This day was also Cal Day, when the University is open to the public. Our Department held an Open House for Alumni, consisting of a series of lectures, demonstrations of digital mapping systems, and an alumni dinner in the Faculty Club. A field trip to Point Reyes culminated the event with an alumni gathering at Barnaby's on Tomales Bay.

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