



University of South Dakota Alumni Association Board of Directors

Overview

Members of the USD Alumni Association Board of Directors serve as ambassadors, advisors and champions of the University of South Dakota and the USD Foundation & Alumni Association.

Board Member Responsibilities Overview

Members are expected to:

- Attend in-person and virtual Alumni Association meetings held in the spring, summer and during Dakota Days.
- Engage in subcommittee work or other Alumni Association initiatives when requested by the Chair.
- Provide strategic counsel regarding alumni engagement, programming, communications and initiatives intended to strengthen lifelong connections among alumni, former students and friends of USD.
- Assist in identifying and cultivating alumni leaders and volunteers who may contribute to the future strength and vitality of the USD alumni network.
- Actively support and attend, as practicable, USD signature annual events, particularly Unleash Your Legacy and Unite for USD and participate in alumni engagement activities within their respective geographic regions when opportunities arise.
- Conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the mission, values and reputation of the University of South Dakota and the USD Foundation & Alumni Association.

Terms of Service

- Alumni Association voting members will normally serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. Six years maximum.

Time Commitment

- Attend Alumni Association meetings held in the spring, summer and during Dakota Days.
 - **Friday, October 2:** half day in Vermillion
 - **March/April:** half day in Sioux Falls
 - **June:** 2 – 3 hours, Zoom meeting
- Participate in subcommittees as designated by the chair.
- Remain an active volunteer at university and alumni events and meetings.

Alumni Board Member Attributes

The ideal Alumni Board member demonstrates the following qualities:

- **Integrity and Leadership:** Exhibits a high level of integrity, earns the trust of others and effectively contributes as both a leader and collaborative team member.
- **Relationship Building:** Demonstrates the ability to cultivate meaningful relationships with peers and values fostering strong connections between alumni and the University community.
- **Strategic and Solutions-Oriented Thinking:** Approaches challenges with a positive, solutions-focused mindset and actively contributes ideas, perspectives and problem-solving strategies while remaining open to diverse viewpoints.
- **Commitment and Engagement:** Understands the importance of board service and prioritizes active participation through regular meeting attendance, timely communication and responsive engagement with fellow board members and University partners.
- **Passion for the Mission:** Believes in and advocates for the mission of the University, with a genuine desire to serve and strengthen the alumni community through meaningful involvement.