Alumni Chapter and Club Programming

Butler University’s chapter and club program is designed to strengthen the relationship of alumni with the life of the University. The chapter and club network provides opportunities for alumni to engage in social, service, and educational programs that encourage professional and social networking in areas across the country.

Butler University chapter and club goals are established to instill enthusiasm and provide practical, attainable goals to benefit our overall mission of engagement.

• To provide opportunities for alumni, parents, students, and friends to become involved and to stay engaged with the University.
• To be educated on the current state of Butler University in order to share pride and the accomplishments and service of its graduates, students, and faculty/staff.
• To facilitate networking among alumni, parents, friends, and students.
• To enhance career opportunities for students and alumni through internships, references, and job placement.
• To allow alumni an introduction to volunteer leadership to the University.

Alumni Chapters: Geographically based groups of alumni formed in metropolitan areas that have an alumni population of at least 300.

Alumni Clubs: Groups of alumni linked by a common experience such as colleges, departments, student organizations, or special interests.

How to Start an Alumni Chapter or Club

Involvement with the organization of a new chapter or club is personally gratifying to alumni who assume the task of spearheading its formation. The Office of Alumni and Parent Programs will assist with the creation of a chapter or club; however, the successful formation is dependent largely upon the enthusiasm and dedication of the alumni who assume responsibility for their role. Here are some suggestions/guidelines geared to aid in success:

• Identify a nucleus of interested alumni who are willing to serve as an organizational committee. The committee must consist of a minimum of 12 alumni members for chapters and six alumni members for clubs, all willing to serve a two-year term.
• Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs. The staff will compile a list of alumni pertinent to the formation of the chapter or club. With assistance from the organizing committee, we will send an email or letter to gather interest from other alumni.
• Submit to the Alumni Association Board of Directors a petition that:
  – states the proposed name of the chapter or club.
  – states the proposed geographic area (for chapters); or the special interest group (for clubs) to be served and the purposes for which the group is to be formed.
  – states the names of at least 12 initial organizers (for chapters); six initial organizers (for clubs) who have committed to a two-year term.
  – provides that the members of the proposed chapter or club agree to abide by the Bylaws of the Association and the policies of the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs.
• Once the Board of Directors has approved the chapter or club, the committee and alumni staff member should discuss and select an appropriate date for an organizational meeting or conference call of all alumni eligible for membership. Your first meeting should address the goals of the group, explain who will hold leadership positions and their duties, and set a potential date for the first event.

For specific chapter information, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs at (800) 368-6852, ext. 9946, visit www.butler.edu/alumni, or email alumni@butler.edu.