





Not Every Town Has A Miranda Lambert

K-12 Alumni-How they Can Boost Your Education Foundation



Benefits of Having An Alumni Network

- Retain Connection and Involvement With School District

 -Volunteers for Campuses
 -Potential Directors for Foundation

 Financial Support for Annual Campaign, Special Events

 -Alumni=Local Business Owners, Corporate Connections
 -Database of Alumni to support Fundraising Efforts
- Vested Stakeholders-Champions for Past, Current and Future Success of Your District

-Public Relations



Alumni Association vs. Alumni Network

- Established Association Probably Already Exists in Your Community
 -Obtain List of Alumni
 - -Conflicting Programs, i.e. Scholarships -Representation from Association on Education Foundation Board
- Memberships

-Certificate of Formation (Articles of Incorporation) -Subscription Fees NOT Membership Dues



Getting Started

Identify Strong Alumnus in the Community



- Longtime Educator, Administrator, Active in Community Organizations
- Supporter of Current Student Activities
- Visibility
- Provides Scholarships to Graduates
- Positive Connections with Other Alumni

Network Support





Diversity in Representation: Young Alumni Want to Help! Grab them BEFORE Graduation

Importance of Class Agents

- Class Agent-Representative from Each Graduating Class
- Often the Class Reunion Coordinator
- Class Agent or Decade Agent for Smaller Districts
- Contact Numbers, Mailing Address for Alumni
- Means to promote Foundation through current contact with classmates (Social Media, Reunion Newsletters)
- List of Names for Fundraising Efforts



Programs: Distinguished Alumni & Distinguished Service Awards



Not Every Town Has a Miranda Lambert...But they Probably Have a Kelli Finglass and a Dr. Kinzie

Goals of the Distinguished Awards Program

- Recognize Outstanding Achievement by District Graduates
- Promote Success of District-Earned Diploma
- Link Alumni with Education Foundation Information
- Potential Donations from Prominent Honorees

Lindale ISD	Alumni	Service
2011	Elton Caldwell	Bob Ashcraft
2012	Kelli Finglass	Dr. E.C. Kinzie
2013	Dr. Ray Perryman	Zonell Rice
2013	Charles Arnold	E.W. Tindel



Distinguished Award Program Needs

- Nomination Form-Considerations is it Secret?
- Market Nominations
- Selection Committee-Include Foundation Directors and Non-Foundation Directors
- Presentation Date-Homecoming?
- Presentation Manner





Real Talk: Cons & Pros of Honoring Alumni

- Small Town Bureaucracy-Promote the Involvement of a Selection Committee
- Nomination Process-Promote, Promote, Promote
- Who?
- Annual Awards or Bi-Annual
- Presentation Manner-Not All Alumni Are Equal



Real Talk: Cons & Pros of Honoring Alumni

- Education Foundation Event-Promotion
 For a Large Audience
- Marketing Tool For Your Foundation
- Major Contribution or Pledge from Honoree(s)
- Future Opportunities With Honoree(s) (i.e. Special Event Appearance, Concert, Kickoff Luncheon)
- And...



Press, Press and More Press...





Alumni Program Subscriptions

Website Access

- Contact Lists
- Class Forums

Social Media

- "Memories of..."
- FREE

Newsletter

• Mail Newsletter to Subscribers

- Generate Funds for Education Foundation
- Support for Class Reunions
- Engage Alumni
- Promotion of Foundation & District Achievements
- Include ALL former Campuses

Challenges

Prompt Action by Class Agents
 Identifying Strong Leadership
 District Support (Recent Graduates)
 Maintaining Relationship with Alumni
 Incorporating Diversity



Questions?



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