



2017–2018 Lawrence Academy Parents' Association

Purpose

The function and purpose of the Parents' Association is threefold: to promote a sense of community among the various constituencies of Lawrence Academy — parents, students, faculty, and administration; to fundraise; and to serve as an educational conduit.

Membership

The Lawrence Academy Parents' Association is composed of all parents of students who attend Lawrence Academy.

Activities

In an effort to promote the Lawrence Academy philosophy, the Parents' Association hosts a variety of events throughout the year. Social interaction is enhanced by monthly meetings, class dinners, and receptions, and the Parents' Association also sponsors a fundraising event in the spring. Full and active participation is encouraged. The Parents' Association may periodically provide opportunities for educational workshops on topics determined by the needs of or concerns expressed by parents.

Executive Board

The Parents' Association Executive Board is made up of a recruited team of parents from approximately 20 families, representing both day and boarding families. The chair of the board will communicate directly with the Development Office and the administration. The Executive Board serves as a liaison between the parent population and the faculty and administration of Lawrence Academy; serves as a conduit for information and a support system to the parents of all Lawrence Academy students; and orchestrates the Parents' Association's various activities and encourages the participation of all members in the Lawrence Academy parent community.

Parents' Association Volunteer Opportunities

Parents' Association Spring Social

Each spring, the Parents' Association organizes an event that welcomes all parents in the Lawrence Academy community to enjoy a social evening. It's a great way to have fun getting to know other LA families, but we need lots of help with planning. This year's event will be on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Admissions Ambassadors

Admissions Ambassador volunteers assist the LA admissions staff by greeting potential new families in the Admissions Lounge, attending Open Houses and receptions, and making phone calls to welcome new parents. There is no set schedule for Admissions Ambassadors; simply choose which opportunities fit your schedule when requests are sent out. Come and join this vibrant group!

Opportunities include:

- **ADMISSIONS LOUNGE:** Spend time with prospective families in our Admissions Lounge as they wait for their interviews. You can sign up for 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 hour weekday time slots. (Weekdays in October through January)
- **CAMPUS EVENTS:** Assist on campus with Admissions' Open Houses, Meet & Greets, and Athletic Receptions as greeters for visiting families. (Saturdays in September, November, and December)
- **RECEPTIONS:** Assist by greeting families at local evening receptions held at locations such as Wellesley, Andover, Concord, and Groton. (Evenings in January and February)
- **PHONE CALLS:** Offer welcome, support, and general information over the phone, and make follow-up phone calls to accepted, undecided, and enrolled families, all from the comfort of your own home. This is a great volunteer opportunity for boarding and day parents who can't get to campus often but would like to stay involved. (March and August)
- **REVISIT DAYS:** Greet families during our two on-campus Revisit Days, during which accepted students and their families are invited to visit the school "one last time" before they make their final enrollment decision. (First Thursday and Friday in April)

LA Fund

The LA Fund, Lawrence Academy's annual fund, is a vital source of support. The LA Fund helps to strengthen experiences that are uniquely LA and impact every student's education. Parent volunteers, in conjunction with the Development Office, solicit fellow parents each fall to meet the Parents' LA Fund goal.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation

A gourmet luncheon is served in February, as a way of saying thank you to the devoted faculty and staff at LA. Parents volunteer to call other parents to either bring or serve food. Hosted by the Parents' Association, this event draws a large number of volunteers who wish to show their appreciation for the faculty and staff.

Winterim Night

Enthusiasm abounds as all parents and students gather to discover what exciting adventures await the students during Winterim. The Parents' Association provides a tempting array of desserts and finger foods for all to enjoy as attendees move about the exhibit area to view the exciting Winterim displays. Parents may be asked to bring or serve refreshments.

Arts Receptions

Following the Saturday night performance of some of the school's music, art, and theatre productions, the Parents' Association may host a reception. The desserts, which are provided by parents, add to the festivities. Parents help by bringing or serving the special treats on the night of a reception.

Holiday Party

Every December, the Parents' Association hosts a holiday party for the entire parent community. If you would like to help with party planning, decorating, or donating food, we would welcome your participation. This year, the party will be on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017.

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2017–2018 Parents' Association Meetings

Please join the Parents' Association Executive Board and Head of School Dan Scheibe to learn more about Lawrence Academy at our Parents' Association meetings. Parents who come to these meetings will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain deeper insight into their students' LA experiences. Please join us and get better acquainted with other LA parents and our school community.

Our first evening meeting is Tuesday, September 19.

We will be joined by Head of School Dan Scheibe. The Parents' Association is a great way to learn more about Lawrence Academy, and we hope as many of you as possible will attend.

Meeting Dates

September 19: PA meeting and light supper, 5:30-7:00 PM.
Presentation – 7:00 PM, Media Conference Center (MCC)

October 13: PA coffee in MacNeil Lounge, 8:30 AM

November 7: PA meeting and light supper, 5:30-7:00 PM.
Presentation – 7:00 PM, Media Conference Center (MCC)

December 7: Holiday party in MacNeil Lounge, 6:30 PM

January 9: PA drugs and alcohol education speaker, 7:00 PM

February 13: Off-campus PA meeting, location and time TBA

April 10: PA meeting and light supper, 5:30-7:00 PM.
Presentation – 7:00 PM, Media Conference Center (MCC)

May 1: Book group in MacNeil lounge, 8:30 AM

May 22: PA meeting and light supper, 5:30-7:00 PM.
Presentation – 7:00 PM, Media Conference Center (MCC)

To get involved, log on to the Parent Portal and click on "Volunteer at LA". Fill out the online form, and a parent representative will contact you. It is very important to sign up online so that we can be sure to keep our records accurate. Thank you!

Be sure to check your weekly Push Page or contact Hellie Swartwood, director of parent engagement and support, at 978-448-1577 or hswartwood@lacademy.edu for questions.

Parents' Association Executive Board Positions

Parents' Association

Chair: Melissa Usen
Vice Chair: Lori Healy

PA Social

Co-chairs: Noreen Britt and Robin Loporchio

Class Representatives

Freshmen: Maria Beck
Sophomore: Lori Healy and Jaleen Siekman
Junior: Tina Duggan and Sheri Beran
Senior: Kathleen Barron and Liz Harvey

Parent Fund

Chair: Alex Sugar

Senior Parent Gift Committee

Co-chairs: Peg & Ted Bernhardt and Doug & Eileen Long

Admissions Open House,
Special Events, and Re-Visit Days
Betty Ann Killian and Anne Davis

Admissions Lounge

Sarah Murphy Travis, Kathleen Barron, and Lyn Goldman

Admissions Phone Calls

Jaleen Siekman

Arts Admissions Open House
& Reception
Rosa Hallowell

Registration/Orientation

Melissa Usen and Lori Healy

Faculty/Staff Appreciation

Eileen Long, Sheri Beran, and Holly Bernene

Winter Theatre Reception

Rosa Hallowell

Holiday Party

Kathleen Barron, Beth Hodgkinson, and Wendy Brown

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Melissa Usen

Athletic Parent Representative

Sheri Beran

Winterim Night

Christine Lorden

Save the Date! Parents' Association Spring Social – Saturday, May 5, 2018