

President's Message

Alumni Association's Work with Colleges and Universities



Last fall, we began an effort to determine how we could assist EPA in finding good candidates for the hundreds of jobs they need to fill to address new priorities, including managing the new Bipartisan Infrastructure funding and backing retiring staff. We truly appreciate the support that we received from all of you, and we have partnered with the Environmental Protection Network (EPN) to broaden our reach.

Now that we have spoken with EPA and several schools, we are excited to share a few specific initiatives that are ready to launch but we need YOU! Your participation will make the difference in how effective we will be in increasing awareness of environmental careers at EPA and serving as a resource for environmental education.

Below we describe the four initiatives for your consideration. Please let us know your interest and ideas as we work to expand our impact in this important area!



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An Update on the Alumni Association's Work with Colleges and Universities

Roundtable Discussions with Students

primarily at Minority Serving Institutions – **In partnership with EPA**, we are conducting Roundtable discussions with students about environmental public service, the wide range of jobs potentially available at EPA, skill sets needed and how they can prepare themselves educationally. Alumni share their experiences working at EPA, and EPA discusses the types of jobs currently available, and tips for applying for jobs. Our first Roundtable took place when an Association Member reached out to his alma mater, an HBCU. We want to replicate this approach with other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) across the country.

- Did you attend an MSI? Could you help us reach out to your alma mater and find out whether they are interested in a Roundtable?
- No matter where you went to school, would you volunteer to be a panelist or help with the outreach?

If yes, to any or all of these questions, please reach out to epaalumni@aol.com or stevefantes@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org

One-on-One Informational Interviews with Current Students

– The Association wants to offer virtual one-on-one informational interviews with alumni to students who are interested in environmental careers. Conversations with Alumni are expected to be about career paths in general, not individual jobs. We had a very successful set of interviews at one University and want to reach out to more schools with your help.

- Would you like to volunteer to talk to students about careers in environmental protection?
- Could you make introductions to a university career center or faculty? And do you know other EPA alumni who attended that particular school?

If yes to any of these questions, please reach out to epaalumni@aol.com.

Alumni Educators in the Classroom - EPA

Alumni continue to consult with classroom educators about how Alumni can provide one-time talks to supplement classroom

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discussion on particular environmental subjects, including issues our country faced in the past, how they were addressed, and current and emerging environmental challenges.

- Are you interested in volunteering to support classroom educators?
- Do you have environmental classroom materials which could augment the Half Century of Progress materials that the Alumni Association has previously developed for this purpose?

If yes to either of these questions, please reach out to epaalumni@aol.com

Discussions with College and University

Faculty - We also want to be available to sit down with University faculty to talk about jobs at EPA and why it is a good place to work. As advisors to students, their knowledge of different employers, such as EPA, can help direct students to careers they may not have known about.

- Would you be interested in participating in a panel discussion with faculty regarding the breadth of opportunities at EPA and in the environmental field?

If you are interested in learning more about any of these, please contact epaalumni@aol.com.

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Upcoming Academy Events:

We have Academy Events coming up. This is your opportunity to put them on your calendar and/or register for them!



Conversation with



We have invited three



The invited Regional

Three Regional Administrators

on Thursday, September 22nd at 4:00 PM Eastern

[Register Now](#)

Regional Administrators to join us in a conversation.

We are asking them to tell us about themselves, their priorities and where Alumni can assist their Regions. We are looking forward to an engaging discussion!

Administrators are (from left to right):
Martha Guzman, Reg 9
Dr. Earthea Nance, Reg 6
and
Adam Ortiz, Region 3.

Has the Supreme Court Derailed EPA's Climate Programs? (A Discussion NOT Just for Lawyers)

Thursday, October 13, 2022
4:00 pm Eastern

A panel of distinguished EPA and DOJ Alumni discuss the practical effects of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, *West Virginia v. EPA*, on EPA's efforts to combat climate change as well as its possible impacts on other environmental programs.

The panel will be moderated by Jon Cannon, the Blaine T. Phillips Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law Emeritus at the University of Virginia School of Law. Panelists include:

John C. Cruden, Principal at the law firm of Beveridge and Diamond and an adjunct professor at George Washington University.

Gwen Keyes Fleming, Partner and Co-Chair, Environmental Practice Group, DLA Piper and former Regional Administrator, Region 4

Bob Perciasepe, former Deputy Administrator of EPA and most recently the President of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES).

Mike Vandenberg, David Daniels Allen Distinguished Chair of Law at Vanderbilt University Law School, Director of the Climate Change Research Network, and Co-Director of the Energy, Environment and Land Use Program.

Please Mark Your Calendar!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

The invitation to Members will be emailed on September 9, 2022.

In Memoriam

Since our Earth Day Newsletter in April, the Association has been informed that the following former EPA employees having passed away. If you learn that a former colleague has died, you may share that information on our Facebook Page or let us know at newsletter@epaalumni.org.

We invite you to reflect on your memories of the colleagues listed below by commenting on their obituaries found on our website. Click [Here](#).

David L. Arnold
Patricia Bonner
Earl Devaney
Thomas Dunne
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