



Dear APG Board Member:

Congratulations on your election to the board of the HDFS APG. Affiliate Program Groups (APGs) play a vital role in our efforts to connect with alumni of the College of Health and Human Development and the School of Nursing. We rely on our APGs to serve as direct links to alumni of a particular academic department or school. APGs help to reconnect alumni with their academic "home" and with each other. In addition, APGs provide valuable support to current students in the form of career events, networking opportunities, and other programs.

The eleven APGs in the College of Health and Human Development and the School of Nursing are chartered jointly by the Penn State Alumni Association and the College of Health and Human Development Alumni Society. Because of this, we consider the APGs to be part of an interconnected network of alumni relations groups, and a key player in our alumni relations efforts. We hope that you will feel that you are a part of this network and that you have an important role to play in helping to connect alumni with each other and with the university.

The HHD Alumni Society works very closely with the APGs to support their programming and to find ways to collaborate on programs and to share APG "best practices" among the APGs. The Society is considered a leader in alumni relations programming within the university, and has developed innovative programs such as the HHD Mentoring Program, a robust awards program, and several career preparation programs for students.

Enclosed, please find two documents that will help to orient you to the nature of our alumni organization and to how APGs operate. Please review these materials and feel free to contact me at [jdiaz@pga.com](mailto:jdiaz@pga.com) if you have any questions.

Please consider the HHD Alumni Society to be a resource for you during your service to your APG. We are committed to ongoing support of, and collaboration with, our APGs and would welcome your suggestions as to how we can strengthen our connection with you.

Sincerely,

Jason Diaz,  
President, HHD Alumni Society