

Dear friends and allies,

Eight months into the pandemic — and a few weeks away from Election Day — it feels like so much is at stake. It is hard to find the right words for this moment except to say I hope you and your family and friends are finding moments and days of joy and brightness this fall.

In the world of Swarthmore, we are excited to bring to you new volunteer opportunities, updates from campus partners, our Alumni Spotlight, and more.

Make plans to vote early and encourage your loved ones to do the same.

In solidarity,

Angela Meng '12

International Students and Alumni Roundtable



Did you identify as an international student while at Swarthmore? We are looking for international alumni volunteers to participate in an upcoming virtual event, "[A Roundtable: Navigating U.S. College Culture as an International Student.](#)" We're especially interested in international alumni from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

Sunday, Dec. 6

11 a.m. ET

[Register now](#)

Please contact Kira Alvarez '05 (kalvarez@zedat.fu-berlin.de) of Freie Universität Berlin if you have questions.

Share Your Thoughts About Alumni Mentoring



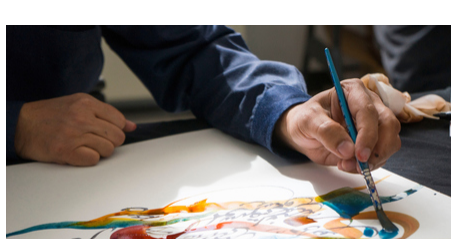
We will host two roundtables to hear what alums are willing and able to contribute as mentors. A work in progress, the Alumni of Color Mentorship Program will be designed to help current students engage with alumni who are in their intended career fields, to facilitate connections between alumni and current students, and to assist students in growing professionally and offering resources for development. Please note: this is in an informational workshop. Attending a roundtable does not automatically make you a mentor!

Monday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. Eastern

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. Eastern

[Register now for either session](#) — *there's no need to attend both.*

Host a Virtual Event



Now that we are more than eight (aka infinity) months into a global pandemic, we are excited about exploring virtual event opportunities for the Alumni of Color network. We are looking for volunteers to help host virtual Alumni of Color gatherings. Volunteers pick the date, time, and topic. We'll put it on our website, send out registration information, and set up the Zoom. Once the date rolls around, you'll help greet folks and keep the conversation flowing. Ideas for events include a virtual Happy Hour or coffee break, one-book book club, or small group discussion around alumni research, hobbies, etc. [Check out our event page for more information.](#)

Contact Angela Meng '12 at angelaqmeng@gmail.com if you'd like to plan an event.

Join Our Team!

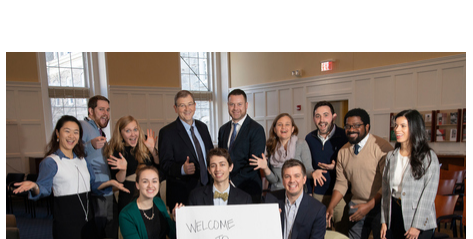


We're looking for more folks to help get involved both on the Steering Committee and more generally through the network. Volunteers spend 1–2 hours a month providing leadership by creating and shaping the direction of the network. Recent examples include creating the Alumni of Color mentorship program, hosting and organizing career panels with Career Services, liaising with the Admissions Office, and defining Alumni of Color's role in [supporting our commitment to ending racial injustice in our communities.](#)

Contact Angela Meng '12 at angelaqmeng@gmail.com if you'd like to learn more.

[You can view all the ways to get involved on the AOC volunteer webpage.](#)

Help Recruit the Class of 2025!



Interested in interviewing prospective Swarthmore students, congratulating recent admits, and helping to shape future classes of Swatties? If so, you may enjoy volunteering with Admissions! You can sign up using the personalized link in the Sept. 21st email from Admissions titled "Help Recruit the Class of 2025!" If you can't find the email, you can contact admissionsvolunteers@swarthmore.edu.

Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Ruth Perry '78



Dr. Ruth Perry '78 is currently a practicing physician with CityMD in New York City. Prior to joining CityMD, she served in various executive leadership roles at Big Heart Technologies, the Trenton Health Team (THT), and the Rohm & Haas Company. Dr. Perry is board certified in Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine and holds degrees from Swarthmore College and Temple University School of Medicine. She is a classical music pianist and an avid supporter of the cultural arts, loves to travel and photograph her experiences. She is mother of two adult daughters, Kendall and Courtney Walton. [Read more from Dr. Ruth Perry '78.](#)

We want to celebrate alumni from all walks of life who have interesting experiences to share with the community in their personal, political, and/or professional lives. This Q&A format feature will include both standard questions and questions specific to each featured alum. Want to recommend yourself or a friend for this spotlight? [Submit your nomination here.](#)

Have you met the Center for Innovation and Leadership?

The [Center for Innovation and Leadership](#) (CIL) strives to give all

Swarthmore students the individualized support they need to become strong

imaginative leaders of tomorrow.



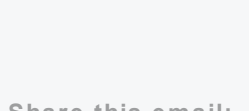
The CIL promotes ethical leadership and creativity invested in the public good by supporting students and creating opportunities to hone students' leadership skills in capacities like team-based collaboration, the development of social and cultural capital, and inventive thinking processes.

One especially cool resource is the Center for Innovation and Leadership's [Resource Cart](#), listing thoughtfully curated and interesting resources in design and leadership

[Want to learn more? Subscribe for their \(GIPHY-filled\) newsletter.](#)

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