This Fiscal Year, Reedie Volunteers Came Through

From the celebratory inauguration of Reed’s 16th president, Audrey Bilger, to a pandemic that changed life as we knew it to the sweeping anti-racist activism that emerged across the country, 2020 has been an unprecedented year. Through it all, volunteers adapted and persevered in service to each other, the alumni community, and the college. This community thrives because of the leadership that these volunteers provide.

To highlight these enormous contributions, this report touches on the collective impact of the work alumni volunteers did during the 2019–20 fiscal year. Thank you, alumni volunteers—we deeply appreciate your commitment to Reed.

ALUMNI FUNDRAISING FOR REED (AFR)

Alumni Fundraising for Reed is a group of alumni volunteers across the globe who are working to promote philanthropy at Reed. Last year, 91 AFR volunteers partnered with Annual Fund staff to craft personal emails to and call their peers to ask them to renew their support of Reed. Even after Reed suspended the March outreach period due to COVID-19, AFR volunteers continued to personally contact more than 1,400 alumni.

A mighty group of AFR social media ambassadors shared messages encouraging Reedies to give online, sparking new engagement and interest.

The AFR Steering Committee partnered with Reed to adapt spring fundraising priorities to address the college’s changing needs. AFR is happy to welcome 34 first-time fundraisers this year.

FISCAL YEAR 2020

91 | 1,483 | 3,470

Alumni fundraisers | Alumni contacted | Alumni donors

To learn more about volunteering for AFR, contact Rachel Gowland at gowlandr@reed.edu.
ALUMNI CHAPTERS

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In its first year as an organizational group, the Alumni Chapter Leadership Council (CLC) supported chapter connections to local alumni communities, developed long-term engagement among alumni, and fostered deeper connections between alumni and the college. In September 2019, the CLC voted to add two new chapters—Austin and Denver!

104

In-person events last year

16

Virtual events

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Alumni Chapter volunteers across the country organized more than 120 events last year, including 16 virtual events. Here are some highlights:

- All chapters hosted fall welcome parties for new graduates and alumni.
- Austin, the Bay Area, Portland, New York, and Washington, DC, chapters continued the tradition of hosting Thirsty Third Thursdays (TTTs) and other monthly gatherings at local bars and restaurants—TTTs even happened virtually!
- Austin visited the Blanton Museum of Art and hosted Dungeons & Dragons and trivia nights.
- The Bay Area took a guided tour of the Anderson Collection at Stanford University and the Fraenkel Gallery.
- Boston walked through the Arnold Arboretum, hosted a party with a musical performance by Davis Rogan ’90, and got together for game nights, in addition to its annual events: picking apples in the fall, celebrating Chinese New Year with dim sum, and attending a summer production of Shakespeare in the Park.
- Chicago took a tour of green architecture in Oak Park, enjoyed dim sum brunch at their annual Chinese New Year party, and gathered for trivia nights.
- Denver attended Oktoberfest and hosted a Festivus holiday potluck and gift exchange.
- Europe toured the Van Gogh and Japanese art exhibits at Paris’ Atelier Des Lumières, toured the Tate Modern in London, and had a dinner party in Paris.
- New York attended several Brennan Center lectures at NYU, enjoyed a picnic in Central Park, and explored amazing local food with its restaurant club.
- Portland gathered for a summer picnic in the Quad, toured the Metro recycling and waste facilities led by Jim Quinn ’83, watched the Vaux’s Swifts at Chapman School, enjoyed the holiday lights on Peacock Lane, celebrated at the annual Alumni Holiday Party, and launched a new book group exploring the Humanities 110 curriculum.
- Rainier/Seattle enjoyed a summer picnic at Madrona Park, held a screening of The Draft and the Vietnam Generation, a documentary by Beth Sanders ’78, and gathered every month for their decades-old reading group.
- Southern California toured and tasted at The Spirit Guild, a distillery run by Miller DuVall ’82, laughed at the Stand Up! for Main Street comedy benefit, and hosted their popular monthly book club.
- Washington, DC, had a Battle of the Reedie bands at Adams Morgan Porchfest (Bite Marks featuring Stephanie Baste ’13, DC Envoys featuring Craig Karp ’72, and Near Northeast featuring Avy Mallik ’07), went on a farewell tour of the Newseum, hosted regular restaurant club and book club gatherings, and held their popular annual summer picnic and holiday party.
ALUMNI BOARD

To learn more about the Alumni Board, contact Carrie Samuels at samuelsc@reed.edu.

A heartfelt thank you to our Alumni Board members who have concluded their terms this year. Your service and dedication to Reed is invaluable, and we look forward to staying connected with you in new ways!

Thank you!

The committees of the Alumni Board worked hard this year to serve the greater alumni community in a variety of ways:

- **Committee for Young Alumni**
The Committee for Young Alumni (CYA) is here to help recent graduates stay connected to Reed, continue their intellectual journeys, and collaborate throughout their post-Reed lives in the ways that are most meaningful to them. Over the past year, 13 committee members have used the Center for Life Beyond Reed's communities of purpose model to connect young alumni with each other. We look forward to debuting our Community of Purpose Czars to the Reed community!

  Reed Alumni Connect volunteers welcomed new graduates to the alumni community through friendly emails and phone calls. This year, 15 recent graduates shared messages of congratulations, as well as helpful information and resources, with alumni from the Class of '19. Thank you for building positive alumni connections!

- **Diversity & Inclusion Committee**
The Diversity & Inclusion Committee (DIC) engages and supports Reed community members from historically underrepresented groups. The DIC spent the past year planning a variety of new projects, including several identity-based alumni affinity networks. Working groups have been established for the new year, and the DIC’s 22 members are hitting the ground running. Watch for exciting news in the coming months!

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- **Reed Career Alliance**
The Reed Career Alliance (RCA) supports alumni of all ages in the development of meaningful careers after Reed. Among the many RCA initiatives are the expansion of professional affinity networks and a series of podcast interviews with Reed alumni describing their career trajectories. In June 2020, an entrepreneurship affinity group launched with a virtual kickoff event: Reedpreneurs in the Pandemic Era. We expect to launch other professional and academic affinity groups in the next year.

  Alumni Career Coaches are alumni volunteers who field inquiries from alumni in all stages of their professional careers. The career coaching program has grown significantly in the last year, with 41 coaches connecting one-on-one with more than 30 alumni seeking mentoring and professional advice.

RCA's Reedpreneurs in the Pandemic Era, June 2020
Clockwise from top:
Brian Martin ’81, Emily Corso ’10, Sofia Deva ’16, Penny Hummel ’83, Govind Nair ’83

Austin Campbell ’11
Eira May ’08
Michael McGreevey ’85
Ben Rankin ’87
Dylan Rivera ’95
Nick Silverman ’09
Andrei Stephens ’08

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During the 2019-20 academic year, more than 55 Reed alumni volunteers partnered with the Center for Life Beyond Reed (CLBR) to offer current students industry-specific advice on resumes, interviews, and graduate school applications. Volunteers shared information about the value of a Reed education and helped students identify their communities of purpose—including healthcare & the cure of illness; research, technology & innovation; sustainable life on earth; citizenship & community living; and more.

Additionally, 30 alumni posted to Handshake during the past year, providing current students and alumni access to job and internship opportunities.

CLBR staff routinely encourage students to utilize the alumni directory to develop new connections and explore career possibilities, and countless alumni have answered the call. If you’re interested in helping current students, update your directory profile with information about how you’d like to help or send an email to CLBR at beyondreed@reed.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOSTS

International student hosts offer support and hospitality for students from around the world. Their assistance helped 22 students succeed and thrive at Reed this past year. Hosts are the first Reed community members an international student encounters when they arrive, and these welcoming alumni provide support throughout the student’s first year. Twenty-two Portland-area alumni served as international student hosts during the 2019–20 academic year. Thank you for your hospitality!

55 Alumni volunteers

ENDLESS ADVICE

Sixty-two alumni volunteered to organize their class celebrations, connecting with classmates and planning events at Reunions 2020. Though in-person Reunions was canceled due to COVID-19, more than 380 Reedies joined together online for Reed’s first ever Virtual Reunions. Online gatherings included class celebrations (cheers to you, ’85 and ’15!) as well as a talent show full of fun!

While we all look forward to coming together again on campus, we extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who made Virtual Reunions such an unexpected success.

Peter Langston ’68 sings “The Girlfriend of the Whirling Dervish” during the Virtual Reunions talent show.

REUNIONS VOLUNTEERS

To learn more about volunteering for Reunions, contact Rachel Gowland at gowlandr@reed.edu.

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To learn more about volunteering for the Center for Life Beyond Reed, contact beyondreed@reed.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOSTS

To learn more about hosting an international student, contact Gwen Sandford at sandfordg@reed.edu.
Reed's Foster-Scholz Club creates opportunities for alumni who are in their 40th reunion year and older to nurture and renew their ties with the college. The Foster-Scholz Steering Committee plans special events in Portland for their cohort each year.

This year, the club enjoyed four dynamic events:

- A welcome for Reed President Audrey Bilger with a Gilbert and Sullivan-inspired performance and luncheon.

- A dinner and talk with student actors and Jaclyn Pryor, assistant professor of theatre, followed by a viewing of Reed's production of Euripides’s *Medea*.

- A luncheon at Trillium Hall with a talk featuring Mike Brody, former vice president of student life, Steve Yeadon, assistant director of facilities operations, and Amy Shuckman, associate dean for student and campus life.

- A club dinner prior to attending the Portland Reed on the Road event, featuring a welcome by President Audrey Bilger and a condensed lecture on the Harlem Renaissance from the Humanities 110 curriculum by Professor Pancho Savery.

We are grateful to the 35 alumni who shared their expertise at Paideia 2020. Paideia classes brought the entire Reed community together for courses like How to Change the World and Get Paid for It, which featured passionate Reedies sharing their own trajectories; Herbalism 101: Tea and Cookies Lab, which was taught by herbalists from the National University of Natural Medicine; and Queer and Snappy Writing Workshop with Claire Rudy Foster ’06.

Gay Walker ’69 practices her letters.
**REED LEGAL NETWORK**

The Reed Legal Network is a growing alumni initiative to build and foster a network among alumni and students that offers mutual support in developing new or already established legal careers. Over the last year, the Legal Network organized many exciting initiatives and events, created the Legal Education Access Fund (LEAF) to support students interested in pursuing careers in law, and arranged to hear Bear Wilner Nugent ’05 argue on behalf of his client in *State of Oregon v. Micus Ward*.

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**REED REMOTE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION LEADERS**

To learn more about the Virtual Book Club and other ways to connect with Reed from afar, visit alumni.reed.edu/reed-remote.

This spring, more than 140 participants gathered virtually to participate in Reed’s first Virtual Book Club. We are grateful to our 10 alumni volunteer discussion leaders for helping to guide and moderate conversations on books from the Senior Symposium syllabus.

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**REEDIES DRINK REEDIE WINE FOR REED**

To learn more about Reedies Drink Reedie Wine for Reed, contact Rachel Gowland at gowlandr@reed.edu.

Due to COVID-19, the fifth annual Reedies Drink Reedie Wine for Reed fundraiser was postponed. While there were no libations enjoyed in person this year, thanks are due to our planning committee and the ten Reedies from Oregon and California who volunteered to pour delicious wine. We look forward to raising a glass with you soon!

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Left to right: Darlene Pasieczny ’01, Hayden Todd, Bear Wilner Nugent ’95, Mia Boyer-Edwards ’23, Amy Hesse ’03, Thomas Barr ’20
Alumni Awards

FOSTER-SCHOLZ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Laura Leviton ’73, winner of the Foster-Scholz Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to alumni who have made major contributions to the community and the college. We’re so grateful for your service, Laura!

BABSON SOCIETY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

High praise to Sandy Boles ’90, winner of this year’s Babson Society Outstanding Volunteer Award. This award was established in honor of Jean McCall Babson ’42 and recognizes outstanding volunteer efforts by Reed alumni. Your dedication is inspiring, Sandy!