

Stripesonline is a bi-monthly, e-newsletter for active, alumni leaders. Copies are e-mailed in November, January, **March**, May, July & September. **Please share this announcement with other Mizzou volunteers who may not have e-mail.**

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PRIDE IN RECOGNITION

The Performance Enhancement Group recently completed a survey of more than 700 advancement professionals around the country. One of the questions they asked was to name alumni associations they feel are strong benchmarks for the industry. The report reflected that the Mizzou Alumni Association was mentioned enough times to rank in the **top tier** (top ten, basically) of associations in the nation.

Other associations in the top tier were Penn State, Ohio State, North Carolina, Michigan, Texas A&M, Texas, and Illinois among a couple of others. That is a great peer assessment of the Mizzou Alumni Association. K-State ranked in tier two; Nebraska and KU ranked in the third tier.

CONGRATULATIONS FOOTBALL TIGERS

The Mizzou Alumni Association congratulates the Missouri **Football Tigers** on their 12-2 season, Cotton Bowl victory, and number 4 national ranking (final rankings).

MAA members may order the free poster to celebrate the season (one poster per member). The high-quality, 4-color poster measures 24 x 36 inches and fits many pre-made poster frames found at local retailers. Members may stop by the Association office at 123 Reynolds Alumni Center (at the corner of Conley & Maryland Ave.) Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and pick up a free poster.

Can't make it to the MAA office? We will be happy to ship a free poster to you (members pay the \$7 shipping/handling fee). To have a poster shipped to you [click here](#). Posters are available while supplies last!

GRIFFITHS LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The society connects collegiate women with alumnae from a broad range of fields and in various stages of their careers, to promote valuable mentoring relationships. Each year, two on-campus conferences provide programs aimed at enhancing the personal and professional development of these members.

Chapters and organizations can enhance this program by:

- *Recognizing local Griffiths' members at your next event.
- *Referring the name of a successful local alumna for membership. Contact [Carin Huffman Grinch](#) with names.

NEW AWARDS

The alumni association has added two new awards to its volunteer of the year awards program. This year, in addition to the Mizzou G.O.L.D. and Tiger Pride awards, the association will accept nominations for two Alumni Legacy Awards.

The Legacy Awards recognize one in-state and one out-of-state volunteer leader for lifetime exemplary service to the Association. Criteria are:

A. Recipients must be members of the Mizzou Alumni Association and not currently serving on the Association's Governing Board at the time of their nomination. Previous Tiger Pride and/or Mizzou G.O.L.D. recipients may be eligible for nomination.

B. Recipients will have demonstrated a minimum of 35 years of continuous and exemplary service, dedication and loyalty to the Association and University through local chapter, affiliated organization and/or national Association involvement. Direct monetary contributions to the University and the nominee's category of membership shall not be criteria for selection.

Nominations are due by May1.

TIGER CHALLENGE

Mizzou is squaring off with two other tiger rivals – Auburn University and Clemson University – in a battle to stop tiger farming and the illegal trade in tiger parts. The three universities have joined with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in a friendly competition to see which school can raise the most funds to help save our magnificent mascot in the wild.

While the Tigers for Tigers Challenge was launched in friendly rivalry, the threats facing the world's tiger population are deadly serious. Students, faculty, alumni, and fans are encouraged to show their true stripes by helping Mizzou win this competition.

For more information on Mizzou's mascot conservation program, visit [Mizzou Tigers for Tigers](#).

We have all gained from our tiger experience, now it's our turn to give something back to tigers.

Sidebar

Bookmark this link to submit your upcoming event: www.mizzoualumni.org

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

At this time of the year, chapters and organizations have the opportunity to affect their funding for next year by encouraging members to renew their Association memberships. For

ideas on membership renewal activities, contact your staff liaison. Chapters who participate in a renewal activity are eligible to earn credit in the Columns and HONORS Programs. Contact your staff liaison for ideas!

STAFF UPDATE

Welcome **Cynthia Holmes** as the new Program Assistant for Student Programs & Athletic Events. Cynthia is a native of Memphis, TN, and a 2007 graduate of Christian Brothers University. Cynthia recently relocated to Columbia and is taking graduate classes at Mizzou in the evening.

Carol Segarini joins the Association as a new administrative assistant for fiscal affairs. Carol has more than 25 years experience with the University, and she currently owns a property management firm.

Tiffany Abbott is the new coordinator of Homecoming, Young Alumni and the Gold Medal Reunion. She comes to the Association with experience working with students, fraternities and sororities at Texas Christian University and Binghamton University in New York.

TRADITIONS

The students at the MU College of Engineering were the first to “discover” that St. Patrick was an engineer. Since 1903, the College has been celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. The patio outside Engineering Building East is home to the stone shamrock symbol of engineering. It is said that you are destined to marry an engineer if you walk across this embedded stone.

Does your organization have a tradition?

DATES AND DEADLINES

March 24 ~ Send your scholarship recipients’ names to the MAA Office.

April 11 ~ MAA Governing Board meeting

April 19 ~ Spring Football Game

May 1 ~ [Nominations](#) - for Mizzou G.O.L.D., Tiger Pride and Mizzou Legacy Awards are due in the Alumni Office [http://www.mizzou.com/pages/REVISED08-LFM-Nomination-VolunteersYear.doc]

May 15 ~ Deadline: [Diversity Grant applications](#) for events that occur between July 1 – September 30

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