

KRAMER AND BOARD MEMBERS SET TO ENERGIZE ALUMNI

The UW-Parkside Alumni Association is prepared to build upon the success of 2011–2012 when the 2012–13 school year begins. New officers and board members were approved at the association's annual meeting in May.

Jim Kramer ('79, business; '90, M.B.A.) is the current board president. He succeeded Mike Phegley ('84) who served from 2009 to 2011. Other officers for 2012–2013 are: Vice President Gary Smith ('94); Secretary Rose Grinder-Mondragon ('08); and Treasurer Nieka Wesley ('03). Wesley succeeded Macy Yuen-Lee ('03).

Joining the board are: Chris Smith ('00), formerly representing the Graduate Business Student Alumni Association, and Andrea Aikens ('09). Re-elected to the board are: Jim McPhaul ('00), Gary Nephew ('99), and Jim Stephens ('03). Two members act as liaisons with their respective constituent groups: Peggy Karls ('04) represents the Parkside Employee Alumni Group, and Kim Wright-Wooten ('01) represents the Parkside Communication Alumni Association. A representative from the Graduate Business Student Alumni Association has yet to be selected.

Kramer is director of manufacturing operations for Merz Aesthetics in Racine, Wis., and he is optimistic about the Alumni Association and its potential for positively impacting the life of the university.



Along with Vice President Gary Smith and your entire Alumni Association board of directors, we've been working hard to motivate and encourage alumni to return to campus and become involved.

We're also looking at community outreach as a way to match UW-Parkside alumni with an array of service opportunities that exist in the greater Racine-Kenosha community.

For example, mentoring is a perfect way to make a difference. Or maybe it's assisting UW-Parkside students on campus or online, or working with youth in our communities who can use a steady hand as they move along in school and in life.

I urge all alumni to become active in UW-Parkside Alumni Association events. Membership is free, and there are many benefits to being a part of the organization, including the pride that comes with being a lifelong UW-Parkside alum.



Jim Kramer