



Parkside Employee Alumni Group

UW-Parkside Employee Alumni Group (PEAG) was established in Fall 2002. Members of the Constituent Group are graduates of UW-Parkside and are currently employed or retired from UW-Parkside. The purpose of this group is to promote the UW-Parkside Alumni Association by enabling the members to pursue service and support for the University and the Alumni Association.

Advisory Committee members for 2019-2020 are: Luis Benevoglienti (Chair), Hannah Ingram, Maggie Loney, Katie Abbott, Jenn Busch, Steven Schlecht, Dalana Platz, Tricia Randelzhofer, and Crista Kruse. Karen Grabher is acting as committee liaison. If you would like to know more about what the Advisory Committee does, please talk to one of the committee members.

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## UW-Parkside Proudly Promoting the Recruit a Ranger Program

Alumni know what a special place UW-Parkside is – tell a prospective student about it and their application fee will be paid! UW-Parkside's new Ranger Recruiter program allows alumni to refer prospective students for admission. When the student completes their application, the \$50 application fee will be paid for them thanks to the generous support of the UW-Parkside Foundation. Show your Parkside pride and help build the next class of Rangers! Don't delay – this is a limited time opportunity available to the first 200 alumni referrals. Learn more at [www.uwp.edu/rangerrecruiter](http://www.uwp.edu/rangerrecruiter).

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## Alumni Email Communication

UW-Parkside sends a variety of alumni communications by email – The Alumni Update monthly e-newsletter, event invitations, special announcements, and more. This information is often exclusive to alumni and not emailed out through campus faculty/staff distribution lists – so we want to make sure you receive it! Going forward, the Alumni Relations Office will add employee alumni email addresses to alumni communications lists. If you prefer to use a non-UWP email address or opt out of alumni email communications, please contact [alumni@uwp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwp.edu).

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## 16th Annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off heats up Parkside

PEAG hosted their 16th Annual Chili & Soup Cook-Off in Main Place on February 26th. The event raised \$349 which is a decrease from the last two years (2018: \$370, 2017: \$483). This may be due to the time change that occurred with this year's event, moving the cook-off from Wednesday to Tuesday and increasing the lunch hour. Gary Wood won 1st place in the chili competition for the third consecutive year, and Lisa Langerman took home 1st for the soup category.

As Wyllie Upper Main Place may be unavailable due to remodeling, a proposal was made to change the cook-off from chili and soup to something more versatile like baked goods. The theme was proposed "The Great Parkside Bake Off" to play off the popular British television show "The Great British Bake Off." This event would likely be held in the fall rather than in the spring, or perhaps around the holidays to fit with a Christmas baking theme.



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## Time N Talent Auction boosts endowed scholarship funds

The Time N Talent auction remains PEAG's most successful event, with 100% of proceeds going directly into the scholarship fund.

The 2019 auction raised \$2,197 and was a few hundred dollars shy of our 2018 total. Items available to bid on this past year included homemade baked goods, numerous gift cards, and the ever-popular Brewers and Cubs tickets. We're already planning the Spring 2020 auction, with tentative dates for April 1st and 2nd, so please start thinking about things you could possibly donate for the event!

## PEAG raises over \$1,800 for Relay For Life 2019

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life was held on August 2nd and 3rd at the Parkside track. PEAG once again represented Parkside through the Parkside Real Amazing Rangers fundraising team. This year, the team sold tickets for three themed drawing baskets and a 50/50 basket. Karen Grabher's granddaughter also dressed up for a Disney-themed contest the night of Relay to help raise funds for the Real Amazing Rangers team.

In total, PEAG raised \$1,822, which exceeded the 2018 total by a few hundred dollars. \$607 was earned from the baskets alone. If you have any ideas for fundraising opportunities before next year's event, please speak to a PEAG member, and please volunteer next summer! We're always looking for people to sell drawing tickets and walk the track.

In 2020, the 25th Anniversary of Relay for Life in Kenosha will be held for the 10th straight year at UW-Parkside on August 7th and 8th.



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## Commencement Flower Sales Continuously Sell Out

Each commencement, PEAG partners with the campus Habitat for Humanity Club to sell roses. These flower sales have become so popular that we continuously sell out of roses at both the December and May commencement ceremonies.

The December 2018 ceremony raised \$905 and the May 2019 ceremonies earned \$1,030 for a grand total of \$1,935. All money is split with Habitat for Humanity, and our half goes towards scholarships and other fundraising opportunities that will positively impact Parkside students. There is no better way to celebrate PEAG's endowed scholarship than by watching Parkside students graduate.

Fall 2019 Commencement will be held on December 14th at 10:00am. If you would like to volunteer to sell roses, please contact a PEAG member to get more information!



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## PEAG Scholarship and Endowment Still Growing

This year's PEAG Scholarship recipient for the 2019-2020 Academic Year is Frank Bevec. Frank will be acknowledged at the Champions of Student Success dinner hosted on November 21st.

Once again, PEAG will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a UW-Parkside student. Please consult a PEAG committee member if you would like to know more about the scholarship criteria.



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## Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events!

PEAG is always looking for new ways to engage with the community. In December, PEAG will be selling tickets to win a now-annual (and popular) Holiday Raffle Basket. Tickets to win the basket will be sold on the Bridge during late November and early December, with the drawing taking place on December 6th.

Additionally, next May, it's Parkside's turn once again to keep the beautiful plants after the commencement ceremonies. This means we will be hosting our bi-annual Post Commencement Plant Sale to raise additional funds for scholarships. Keep an eye on your email inbox for more details on both fundraising opportunities!

As always, please don't hesitate to sign up and help volunteer at PEAG events!

