
OLD MASTERS


Greetings from the 2016 Old Masters Central Committee

November is just around the corner and we are hammering down the final details of the 2016 Old Masters program. The Old Masters Central Committee has been working diligently towards our goals of achievement for this year’s program. We continue to embody our mission statement, “…A long standing tradition at Purdue uniting distinguished alumni while inspiring students to embody the value of the Boilermaker experience,” and have emphasized a further reach into all areas of campus so that this program speaks to all students. Fueled by a passion for this program and your inspiring advice, we continue to recognize and honor those astoundingly successful individuals that bleed gold and black.

After sorting through hundreds of outstanding nominations and sending out the invitations, we have finalized the 2016 Old Masters lineup. We are beyond excited to bring them back to campus to partake in one of the longest standing traditions on Purdue’s campus. This year’s Old Masters program will be held November 6-8, 2016.

We continue to reach out to more of Purdue’s campus in an effort to cultivate brand recognition of Old Masters everywhere on campus. The program was created with the intention of honoring the successful and inspiring success in others. We officially have the successful confirmed, so now our efforts turn towards outreach and inspiring the student body to engage in this time-honored and life-changing program. The rich tradition, the enthusiasm of the students and Old Masters, and the Purdue pride we all share is what fosters our love of the program. Our prior experiences through Old Masters is something we hold dear in our Boilermaker memories, and we are certain that the 2016 Old Masters program will be one to remember.

Button up! Boiler up!
“Enjoy the experience, cherish the memories.”
-Anthony Cawdron, 2015 Honorary Old Master, Events Coordinator at Westwood, the Purdue President’s official residence

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If your PDF viewer does not automatically play the video below, please follow this link to reminisce with us!  
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Intended to work alongside the Purdue Old Masters program as a spring compliment, the Purdue Rising Professionals program exists to unite distinguished Purdue alumni with underclassmen to inspire the pursuit of the full Boilermaker experience. Built as part of the Purdue Old Masters program, one of the most honored and rewarding experiences that Purdue University has to offer, the Rising Professionals program looks for individuals who have achieved early career success.

We strive to select Rising Professionals based on their successful and influential involvement during their time at Purdue as well as extraordinary early career accomplishments. A Rising Professional is someone who made the most of their time at Purdue. The primary role of a Rising Professional is to inspire underclassmen Purdue students, encouraging them to take advantage of all that Purdue has to offer. During the program, the Rising Professionals have the opportunity to share their stories about their own professional and personal success, impacted by their unique experiences while they were on campus. The Rising Professionals program believes that bringing back distinguished young alumni who walked down the same corridors as many current Boilermakers will foster relatable discussions and ignite ambition in our student body to realize the impact the Purdue experience can have on their futures.

The inaugural program was a phenomenal success. While the Old Masters program speaks to the life and career success cultivated beyond the collegiate term, the Rising Professionals program provided a voice to the younger crowd that takes their first small steps onto Purdue’s campus each year. With less than 10 years experience beyond the confines of our red brick buildings and fountain runs, the Rising Professionals quickly and easily connected with the underclassmen to pass on advice of how to use their time here at Purdue to their greatest benefit and how those experiences were in turn leveraged into early career success.

Follow the link below to view the inaugural Rising Professionals program highlights.

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**Reliving the Inaugural 2016 Rising Professionals Program**

March 6-7th, 2016 marked the inaugural Rising Professionals program that has been years in the making. Rising Professionals honors young alumni who leveraged the full Boilermaker experience, being involved on campus beyond the classroom and gaining invaluable skills to fuel post-graduate success.

Rising Professionals “unites distinguished young alumni with current students to inspire the pursuit of the full Boilermaker experience, by embracing tradition of the Old Masters program.”
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As the 2016 Old Masters Central Committee, we are thrilled to take this program further and continue the Old Masters legacy. It is an honor for us to serve as the committee to organize the 2016 Old Masters program. We take pride in representing this distinguished program around campus and in the community. As the central committee, we are responsible for planning all parts of the program, including an Evening With the Old Masters (EWOM), classroom talks, discussion panels, recruiting 50 incredible hosts, publicizing all things Old Masters, and completing all the behind the scenes details that make the program successful. This year, we have chosen to brand EWOM with the theme “the pursuit of passion and purpose” to emphasize the importance of finding success in what you love and loving what you do. We are committed to Purdue and the Old Masters program and November 6-8, 2016 will honor yet another class of astoundingly successful Boilermakers. It has been an extremely fulfilling journey thus far, but with the program just around the corner, we still have a lot to do before game day! Button Up!
It is our distinct honor and privilege to reveal to you the 2016 Old Masters! From a pool of over 300 nominations, all of whom had storied life success, we have managed to select ten individuals and an honorary that we feel exemplifies the mission and vision set for the Old Masters program. These individuals span a wide breadth of industries and have built their successes upon passion and purpose. We know the 2016 Old Masters will speak to all corners of campus and help forge the Boilermaker leaders of tomorrow. And so with great excitement, we present to you the 2016 Old Masters!

Dr. Belinda Seto  BS Biochemistry 1974; Deputy Director, National Eye Institute
Dr. Charles Owubah  MS Natural Resources Management and Policy 1992; PhD Natural Resources Management and Policy 1999; Vice President World Vision International
Ellyn Shook  BS Restaurant and Hotel and Institutional Management 1985; Chief Leadership and Human Resources Officer at Accenture
Dr. Jerry White  PhD Astronautics 1970; Author, Scientist, and retired US Air Force Major
Lesley Sarkesian  BA Communications 1979; Regional Executive at VISAGE Worldwide
Michael Klipsch  BS Industrial Management 1985; Co-Founder, President, and CEO Klipsch-Card Athletic Facilities, LLC
Peter Kraemer  BS Chemical Engineering 1988; Chief Supply Officer Anheuser-Busch InBev
Dr. Phoebe Lydia-Bailey  MS Education 1972, PhD English 1979; National Director - Educational Foundations and Academic Innovations Program, Training and Youth Development Services - Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Terry Cross  MS Industrial Administration 1977; retired US Coast Guard Vice Admiral
William Bindley  PhD Management 1997; Chairman and CEO of Bindley Capital Partners, LLC
Jay Gephart  Honorary Old Master; BA Music Education, MA Music Performance at Indiana University; Director of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band & the Purdue University Wind Ensemble

Click here for the official reveal video from the fall Host Callout!
Reconnecting.

Purdue Old Masters is committed to uniting generations through the relationships we foster and instill the foundation for success. Together, we can fuel the Old Masters program to do more, inspire more, and give more to the future Boilermakers.

Reconnect with us! If you have not already and would like digital copies of the photos from the program, email us and we will send them your way.

If you have not done so recently, reach back out to your host groups. Many of them have just donned their tassels and robes to receive the diploma they have so determinedly worked towards. With a new chapter ahead, we know your words of encouragement and wisdom will only fuel their fire towards success and greatness.

Likewise, please do not hesitate to send us updates on you! We love hearing about what you are doing, where you are going, and the newfound opportunities behind each corner.

In addition to reconnecting, we also want your input on the direction of this time-honored program! Visit our newly revamped website at www.purdueoldmasters.org and click on the nominate tab to recommend someone to be a future Old Master. It is our joy and our privilege to know there is a Boilermaker family across the world that is joined on this Old Masters mission of moving Purdue forward. If you are one of the men or women that have rediscovered or fallen deeper in love with Purdue through Old Masters, we want to ask you to take the step to invest in this program. We are committed to the continued excellence and honor that this program brings to the student body, and now we ask you to be committed to them too. Together, we can fuel the Old Masters program to do more, inspire more, and give more to the future Boilermakers. If you feel so inclined, please visit the donations section on our website.

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