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## **ALUMNI BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

The Alumni Association has no membership fee. In fact, alumni receive many of the benefits of the Alumni Association by virtue of being a Ball State University graduate. However, active membership in the Alumni Association provides alumni with the most direct means to develop and maintain a lasting relationship with Ball State. Active membership is maintained by making an annual contribution to Ball State University through the Ball State University Foundation.

As a lifelong member of the BSUAA, alumni are encouraged to take advantage of the following benefits:

### **Alumni ID**

The Alumni ID has uses both at Ball State and surrounding communities for alumni, family, and friends of the university. It serves as a library card at University Libraries; a pass to utilize recreational facilities (currently \$155.00 annually); and as a discount card at participating merchants (C.A.R.D. Program).

### **Cardinal Corner, Inc.**

The merchandising arm of the Alumni Association, Cardinal Corner, Inc. offers merchandise to alumni via the *Ball State Alumnus* and web. Orders can be taken via mail, phone, fax, or email.

### **Cardinal Alumni Retail Discount Program (C.A.R.D.)**

The Alumni ID can be used throughout 2012 to receive various discounts at participating merchants.

### **Career Assistance**

The Career Center can help alumni develop invaluable skills for finding employment and career opportunities. The Candidate Referral Service is a computerized candidate/job matching system that sends information about candidates directly to employers with available positions. The Candidate Referral Service is available online. The Career Referral Information Service (CRIS) is an automated telephone system that allows alumni to check on the latest job postings and special programs 24 hours a day at (765) 285-2747. The Career Center also offers information on employers and employment opportunities through the Career Resource Center, located in Lucina Hall. The Career Alumni Network (C.A.N.) is a networking program that connects BSU alumni who are seeking career direction with alumni who are already established and willing to assist others. The database of volunteers is available online. The Indiana Jobs Marketplace is a service to alumni that provides links to company web sites with job openings. For information on these programs, contact the Career Center, Ball State University. For information on C.A.N. and the Jobs Marketplace, contact the Alumni Association.

### **Cardinal Pride License Plates**

Alumni and friends can support Ball State and the Alumni Association by registering for the Ball State license plate. The plate features a white background, red trim, and the Cardinal logo. They are issued as the standard vehicle registration plate (for Indiana residents only) for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, and trucks weighing less than 11,000 pounds. The plate costs \$25.00 per year. Plates can be obtained through Indiana BMV branches.

### **The *Ball State Alumnus* Magazine**

Every alumnus residing in the United States receives a free subscription to the publication of the Alumni Association, the *Ball State Alumnus*. The magazine includes articles on issues related to Ball State and higher education in general, in addition to information on campus and Alumni Association events. It also features Class Notes, to keep alumni in touch with one another. The magazine is published three times

### **Alumni Locator Service**

After graduation, jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities may lead alumni in separate directions. Permanent data files are maintained for all alumni by the Office of Advancement Services. Data can be released to alumni and friends of the university who request information, however, records are not released or sold for non-university projects, and access to this information is carefully controlled.

### **Grade Transcripts**

An official transcript of grades may be obtained through the Office of the Registrar at no charge. All requests must be made in person or in writing with a signature. The following information should be included with a request: birth date, social security number, maiden name (if applicable) and years attended or graduated. For more information, call the Office of the Registrar at (765) 285-1970 or fax a request to (765) 285-8765.

### **Homecoming**

This traditional event is held in the fall and reunites alumni by bringing them back to campus. Homecoming events have included educational lectures, bed races, talent search, a parade, a tailgate party, department open houses, theater productions, reunion parties, a football game and other sporting events. Reunions are held each year for various class years and special interest groups.

### **iConnect Lifetime E-Mail**

Stay in touch with a custom Ball State lifetime e-mail address. Enjoy the custom domain of username@ballstate.bsu.edu, which includes 250 MB inbox, 10MB attachments, and all of the perks of an online e-mail account with the reliability and protection of a MSN Hotmail account, the world's largest web-based e-mail service.

### **Library Privileges**

Each active member of the Alumni Association is entitled to an alumni library card, which grants many usage privileges at University Libraries free of charge. The Alumni Photo ID is used to check out resources from the library and can be obtained at the Alumni Association.

### **Recreational Facilities Pass**

All active members of the Alumni Association, their spouse, and dependents\* can purchase a BSU recreational facilities pass. The pass provides access to the Ball State exercise room, weight room, indoor pool, racquetball courts, and locker and shower facilities. The Alumni Photo ID is used to gain access into the facilities and can be obtained at the Alumni Association.

## **Technology**

Ball State University can be found on the web. The Ball State Alumni Association homepage is available at <http://www.bsu.edu/alumni>. Information is available about alumni programs and services. An alumni e-mail directory, address update, the *Alumnus* magazine, and much more is available on the site.

\*Some restrictions may apply

## **Other programs and services offered to alumni:**

Achievement Awards  
Address Labels  
Admission Events  
Annual Report  
Ball State Federal Credit Union Membership  
Calendar  
Cardinal Corner, Inc.  
Greek Alumni Outreach  
H.O.S.T. Program (Help Our Students Travel)  
Insurance Programs  
Legacy Programs  
Legislative Relations  
New Graduate Mailing  
*News from the Cardinal's Nest* e-Newsletter  
Notary Public on staff (free)  
Pre-Game Outings  
Post-Game Outings  
Regional/Social Gatherings  
Reunions  
Scholarships  
Tours

### **Frequently Called University Telephone Numbers (765 Area Code)**

Alumni Association (Don Park)	285-1080
Alumni Association (Fax)	285-1414
Alumni Center (General Information)	285-2586
Alumni Center (Room Rental)	285-1638
Admissions	285-8300
Athletic Tickets	285-1474
BSU Bookstore	285-8080
Bursar (Student Fees, Billing, etc.)	285-1643
Campus Information	285-5000
Cardinal Varsity Club (CVC—Brad Edmondson)	285-8120
Cardinal Corner, Inc. (BSU Logo Merchandise)	285-1080
Career Center	285-1522
College of Applied Sciences and Technology	285-5818
College of Architecture and Planning	285-5879
College of Communication, Information, and Media	285-6000
College of Fine Arts	285-5495
College of Sciences and Humanities	285-1042
Commencement Office (Diploma)	285-1689
Emens Auditorium	285-1539
Financial Aid	285-5600
Graduate School	285-1297
Human Resources	285-1834
International Advancement	285-8129
Miller College of Business	285-8192
Parking Services	285-1208
President's Office	285-5555
Recreation Programs (Recreation Card)	285-1753
Teachers College	285-5251
Transcripts	285-1970
University Advancement (Vice President Hudson Akin)	285-1633
University Development (Fundraising—Chip Jagers)	285-8261
University Foundation (Donations—David Bahlmann)	285-8312
University Libraries	285-5143

### **Toll-Free Numbers**

Alumni Association	888-I-GO-4-BSU
Ball State University	1-800-382-8540
University Foundation (Donations)	1-888-235-0058
Athletic Tickets	1-888-278-8425