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The origin of the Fresno State Alumni Association dates back to the first Fresno Normal School graduating class of 1912. An informal group of alumni met frequently to discuss how they could serve their school. Their association was founded upon mutual respect, motivation toward community service, pride in one's alma mater, and genuine concern for the school's future.

The Fresno State Alumni Association was incorporated in 1940 to promote higher education; encourage communication among alumni, friends, and former students; and support bilateral exchange and participation between community and university.

More than 180,000 Fresno State graduates have migrated to every state in the nation; many have located abroad. The university maintains database records of more than 236,000 alumni and friends of the university. Annual dues-paying members number approximately 6,000 and Life members number approximately 2,500.

The Fresno State Alumni Association is governed by a 30-member board of volunteers who represent all schools and colleges of the university, as well as students, staff, and faculty. The university president, the vice president for University Advancement, and AS President each have a position on the Board of Directors, also.

## Membership

Membership is open to students, graduates and friends of the university. Dues-paying members receive a monthly informative newsletter via e-mail, "The Bulldog Byte."

## Academic and Regional Chapters

The Fresno State Alumni Association has several chapters. These alumni



chapters sponsor programs, workshops, reunions, and activities for their constituents.

## Smittcamp Alumni House

Standing near the main entrance of Fresno State, the Smittcamp Alumni House welcomes past, present, and future Bulldogs and their friends to campus.

## Scholarships

Fresno State students may apply for the many Fresno State Alumni Scholarships (\$85,000 in total) annually through the Scholarship Office. Awards are made to undergraduate and graduate students based on need, scholarship, leadership, involvement, and financial need.

## Events and Programs

The Fresno State Alumni Association co-hosts various events and programs throughout the year including the Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala, Homecoming, Vintage Days' Casino Night, Grad Fair, Commencement, and the Bulldog Boulevard. The Alumni Association also sponsors the photographs taken at each commencement. ♦

## Alma Mater

*Let us in song, our voices raise  
In cloistered courts, to sound thy praise.  
Each voice and heart that sings is true  
To thee, oh, cardinal and blue.  
For thee, our hopes and memories;  
For thee, our hearts and loyalties.  
Thy sons and daughters hail thee great,  
Our alma mater, Fresno State!*