

# WAYS FOR ALUMNAE/I TO ENGAGE

*Do you want to help others design lives of consequence?*

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering to support career development at Hollins. Alumnae networks are essential to assist students and fellow alumnae in navigating a competitive marketplace, as well as to share the wisdom you've gained. Engaging in these efforts expands your own network while building Green and Gold community across generations.

## *If you have a few minutes to spare*

- **Update Hollins** with your latest contact/career information (Email [alumupd1@hollins.edu](mailto:alumupd1@hollins.edu))
- **Join the Career Advising Network (CAN)** – Complete the career advising form at [www.hollins.edu/CAN](http://www.hollins.edu/CAN) to serve as a Hollins career volunteer by indicating your advising interests/expertise and preferred time commitment.
- **Join us on Facebook and LinkedIn** – Connect with the [Hollins Alumnae Association](#) and [Career Center](#) on Facebook and join [Career Center](#) and [Hollins Alumnae](#) LinkedIn groups to post job openings, internship opportunities, and stay connected with other alumnae/i.
- **HireHollins! Post and refer opportunities:**
  - Post internship and fulltime job opportunities on the Career Center's LinkedIn group and refer your organization's Human Resources representative to post on [Handshake](#) (our Career Center database)
  - Refer employers/representatives to the Hollins Career Center as internship sponsors or for on-campus recruiting and annual job fair

## *Here are other ways your talents can benefit career development at Hollins:*

### *If you have an hour or two*

- **Volunteer for a phone/SKYPE mentoring session** with a student or fellow alumna/us
- **Join a Professional Advising Council** (to provide field-based advising or networking, e.g., pre-law, pre-med)
- **Host or attend a networking event** in your region

Other ideas that you think would make a difference? Reach out to the Career Center anytime at [careercenter@hollins.edu](mailto:careercenter@hollins.edu).  
Thank you for all you do for Hollins!

## *If you have a day*

- **Volunteer for C3 and *How Did YOU Get There?*** mentoring events to share your insights on campus
- **Represent your employer at HireHollins**, our Spring on-campus job fair
- **Host or attend a career event** in your region

## *If you have a week*

- **Host a Spring Break Shadow** at your organization

## *If you have a month*

- **Sponsor an intern** at your organization during January short term or during the summer. See our [Employer Internship Guide](#) for more information.

## *If you have longer*

- **Sponsor an intern** at your organization for a summer or during an academic semester (Roanoke region)

## *Other ways to contribute*

- **Volunteer to serve** as local career initiatives organizer, or on the Alumnae Board Career Committee
- **Donate funds** to support a student during their internship (travel, housing, stipend, etc.)
- **Offer housing** for a student intern (an ongoing need!)

## *As for your own career development...*

- See reverse side for resources



## CREATING CONNECTIONS: ALUMNAE/I CAREER DEVELOPMENT

As you learn about new career development initiatives for students at Hollins, you might find yourself thinking: “I could use some career support myself!” Here is some information about career resources and networking:

First and most importantly, **stay in touch with Hollins** – update your information here: [alumupd1@hollins.edu](mailto:alumupd1@hollins.edu).

### Hollins Career Center

- You can access workshop materials [here](#), including advice on resumes and cover letters
- Recent alums (10 years out or less) are encouraged to reach out to the Career Center when in transition and we'll be glad to help ([careercenter@hollins.edu](mailto:careercenter@hollins.edu)).
- Assessments including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and the Strong Interest Inventory are available for students and alumnae to take for a fee. Contact the Career Center to request an assessment.

**CAN Network** – you can make specific requests by field, region, college major or other characteristics and we can pull a list of alums for you to connect with. And of course, we hope that YOU join as a mentor yourself. Everyone has expertise of one kind or another. **To join** – complete the form that signals your willingness to serve as a Hollins career advisor in a wide variety of capacities: [www.hollins.edu/CAN](http://www.hollins.edu/CAN)

**Handshake** is a premier career network and online recruiting platform for students and alumnae/i. You can search jobs [here](#). Click here for instructions: [For Alumnae/i Jobseeker](#).

**BigInterview** is a web-based site where you can practice interviewing on your own time. Contact the Career Center for the registration to code to access [BigInterview](#).

**LinkedIn** – Join our [Career Center](#) and [Hollins Alumnae](#) LinkedIn groups to stay connected with other alumnae/i. A **LinkedIn** profile and/or your own blog or website is analogous to giving out a business card. **LinkedIn** also has a tool that allows you to search any alumnae/i who list Hollins University as their education. You can access this once you are logged into your account and then type [www.linkedin.com/alumni](http://www.linkedin.com/alumni).

**Facebook** – “Like” the [Career Center](#) and [Hollins Alumnae Association](#) on Facebook to keep track of the latest networking opportunities.

**HireHollins** – an annual Spring on-campus employer-talent interface. You are welcome to participate as an employer and/or attend if you are a recent graduate on the job market.

**C3** – If you scroll through past programs [here](#), you may see alumnae/i you wish to connect with.

**Alumnae Professional Advising Councils** - field based groups who have volunteered to mentor/connect students and alumnae peers in their industries (e.g., law, medicine, healthcare, arts, government, and nonprofits).

### Recommended Resources

**Beck, Martha. *Finding Your North Star*.** Helpful mind/body frameworks and exercises to get your life into alignment with your own “true north”— the magnetic pull of living and working authentically.

**Blake, Jenny. *Pivot: The Only Move That Matters is Your Next One*.** “The days of mapping an entire career path are over.” What matters now is learning how to cultivate new options and figure out your next step.

**Bolles, Richard. *What Color is Your Parachute?*** This classic guide is still comforting and useful for career changers.

**Burnett, Bill and Dave Evans, *Designing Your Life*.** Demands a lot of brainstorming and pulse-taking, as well as experimenting and networking. But can be affirming and fun when done with a small and committed team of friends.

**Martineau, Jennifer and Portia Mount. *Kick Some Glass*.** Career development and leadership advice for women.

**Mulcahy, Diane. *The Gig Economy*.** Proactive tips for shaping how, when and where you work in a disruptive economy.

**Rose, Todd. *Dark Horse: Achieving Success Through the Pursuit of Fulfillment*.** An unconventional but great read!

**Sher, Barbara. *Refuse to Choose*.** For *scanners* – interdisciplinary types who require capacious work/life configurations.

**Pamela Slim, *Body of Work: Finding the Thread that Ties Your Story Together*.** Your legacy is not a job, but your life.