

Inaugural Alumni Network Awards

BUAA recognizes excellence, creativity

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SUSAN EVANS HAD an idea. An active member of BU's Alumni Network of Energy Professionals, she was well aware of growing concerns related to energy efficiency—from climate change to reliance on fossil fuels. Why not invite innovators in energy-efficiency technology to discuss these issues—and offer some possible solutions? And why not make BU the venue? From that (fluorescent) lightbulb moment, *The Future of Energy Efficiency: Technology and Strategies at the Forefront of Energy Efficiency* was born. Held at BU's Photonics Center in February 2012, the networking event featured industry leaders invited by Evans (GSM'81), including keynote speaker Mark Sylvia, commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

It's this type of initiative and passion by members of the alumni community that prompted the Boston University Alumni Association to establish this year's inaugural **ALUMNI NETWORK AWARDS**. The winners were honored at the Alumni Leadership Forum during Alumni Weekend in September 2012.

"The Network Awards are one way to recognize the excellence, enthusiasm, and creativity of our alumni networks and volunteers," says Shadi Daher (SDM'90,'94), president of the BU Alumni Council. "They have truly set the bar very high and provided all of us with yet another reason to be proud BU alumni."

Along with **SUSAN EVANS**, four other alumni shared **ALUMNI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** honors for their efforts to strengthen BU's alumni network and raise the profile of the University.

YOUNG JAE HAN (GSM'79), who was the leader of BU's Alumni Network of Korea and is a founder of BU Asia, has shown his dedication to BU for decades. His leadership role has been a model for other Asian networks, and his work in Korea has established the network as the strongest outside the United States.

CATHERINE SEIF (CAS'09), a leader of the Alumni Network of Washington, D.C., wears many hats. An advocate for young



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MARK SYLVIA, commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, spoke at BU in February 2012 at a networking event on the future of energy efficiency. It was organized by Susan Evans (GSM'81), a member of BU's Alumni Network of Energy Professionals, who was honored by the BUAA for her efforts.

alumni in her network, she shows remarkable enthusiasm whether captaining alumni kickball teams or coordinating the area's athletics watch parties.

PETER COCOLIS (ENG'64) is "the go-to alumni leader on Cape Cod," noted Hannah Gathman (CAS'09, MET'12), former assistant director of programs and events at the Alumni Association, in her award nomination. Cocolis has been the driving

force behind events such as the annual scholarship dinner.

CHRIS MCMULLEN (CAS'96) has been pivotal in the growth and development of EnCore, the alumni network of the CAS Core Curriculum. Bringing together Core alums and faculty each month to discuss important works in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, the Boston-based book group is the most active EnCore program.

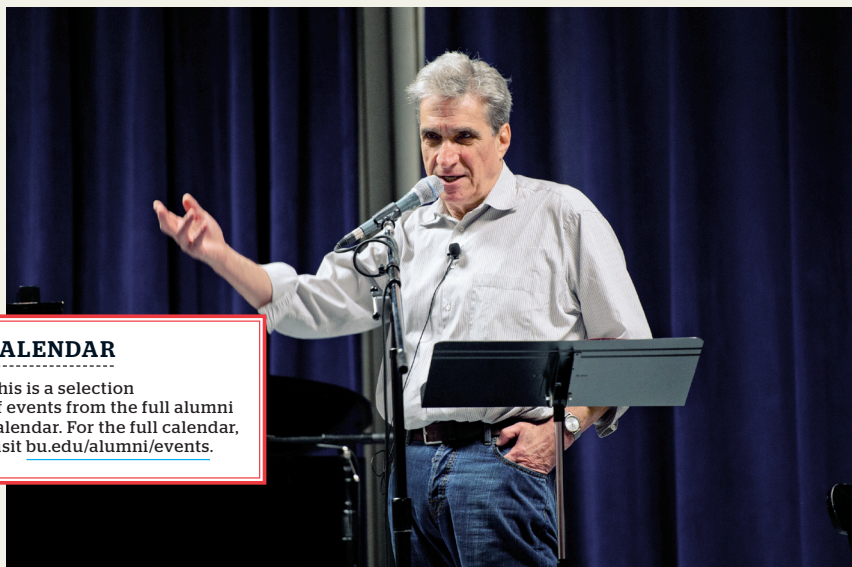
In addition, several alumni groups, programs, and events were honored with awards.

Three alumni groups were recognized for their contributions as **OUTSTANDING ALUMNI NETWORKS**. The **BU ALUMNI NETWORK OF WASHINGTON, D.C.**, led by **SEIF, PAUL CHEN** (COM'87), **CHELSEY KELLY** (SED'04), **COURTNEY VANDER POEL** (CAS'03), and **MALCOLM HARDEN** (CGS'91, SMG'93), coordinated more than a dozen events, including the Holiday Toy Drive and BU Alumni Day at Nationals Park. **BOSTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND** leaders **SUBHAJATI ANGSUVARNISIRI** (GSM'77), **PONG SARASIN** (SMG'51), and **OPHAS KANCHANAVIJAYA** (SMG'60) organized programs that included a golf fundraiser, a day of volunteering at a local orphanage, and a career networking event. The **ALUMNI NETWORK OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS**, led by **COCOLIS**, connected local alumni at several events, including a luncheon with state



CALENDAR

→ This is a selection of events from the full alumni calendar. For the full calendar, visit bu.edu/alumni/events.



CYDNEY SCOTT

NEW YORK, N.Y., AND LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
March 15, 2013—New York
March 21, 2013—Los Angeles
Redstone Film Festival
 Sponsored by Sumner M. Redstone (Hon.'94), executive chairman of CBS and Viacom, the festival features projects written and directed by BU College of Communication students.

BOSTON, MASS.
March 19, 2013
Landmark Series: The History of Martin Luther King, Jr.
 This discussion will honor the impact and history of Martin Luther King, Jr. (GRS'55, Hon.'59), 50 years after the March on Washington and King's *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
March 29, 2013
An Evening with Robert Pinsky and Wallenstein
 Enjoy the Shakespeare Theatre Company's preview of Friedrich Schiller's *Wallenstein*, newly adapted and translated by Robert Pinsky, a College of Arts & Sciences English professor and former U.S. poet laureate. An exclusive postshow talk with Pinsky and a dessert reception follow.

BOSTON, MASS.
April 25, 2013
Discoveries Lecture: On Beauty with Ashley Mears
 The CAS assistant professor and author of *Pricing Beauty: The Making of a Fashion Model* will discuss her latest research on the global context of culture and beauty.

WORLDWIDE
April 2013
Global Day of Service
 Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends join forces to do great things for their local communities.

CHICAGO, ILL.
April 2013
BIO International Convention Alumni Networking Reception
 Join fellow Terriers for a networking reception during this annual conference for biotechnology professionals.

CAPE COD, MASS.
April 2013
Cape Cod & the Islands Alumni Spring Luncheon
 Join former classmates and make new connections.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
April 2013
China's Terra-cotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy
 An inside look with BU at the Asian Art Museum's exhibition, which tells the story of China's first emperor through the terra-cotta findings in his city-sized tomb.

NEW YORK, N.Y.
April 2013
Robert Pinsky's Favorite Poem Project
 The Favorite Poem Project is dedicated to celebrating, documenting, and encouraging poetry's role in Americans' lives. CAS Professor Robert Pinsky, the 39th poet laureate of the United States, founded the Favorite Poem Project shortly after the Library of Congress appointed him to the post in 1997.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
May 2-4, 2013
Traveling Terriers: 139th Kentucky Derby
 Experience the most exciting two minutes in sports with the Traveling Terriers, BU's Alumni Association Travel Program.

BOSTON, MASS.
May 17-19, 2013
Commencement Weekend
 The 140th Commencement exercises will cap a weekend full of activities for our newest class of alumni and their families.

LENOX, MASS.
Summer 2013
BU Alumni Day at Tanglewood
 Enjoy a day filled with classical music and alumni friends amid the lush beauty of the Berkshires.

Senator Dan Wolf, the CapePOPS! holiday concert, and an annual scholarship dinner.

The **BAY AREA ALUMNI NETWORK** received accolades for **BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTREACH**. As part of the 2012 Global Day of Service, the group spearheaded several volunteer efforts, including one at the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco, where volunteers led by **ELLE KOSS** (CAS'73, GRS'77) installed vertical edible gardens to encourage healthful eating among guests.

Also recognized was **SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPECIAL SMILES**, an initiative of Healthy Athletes Special Smiles, which was founded in 1993 by **STEVEN PERLMAN** (SDM'76), a BU Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine adjunct clinical professor of pediatric dentistry, following a meeting with Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver. The initiative brought together more than 150 volunteers from area dental schools to assist young athletes participating in the Special Olympics Massachusetts Summer Games.

The **BEST NETWORKING PROGRAM** award recognizes meaningful, innovative events that connect members of the BU community; it was given to the **ASIAN ALUMNI FESTIVAL**. As the largest alumni gathering outside of the United States, the festival is a celebration of Asian culture and Terrier pride. Held in Taiwan, the event was led by **JEAN LIU** (SMG'77), **HENRY HSU** (GSM'03), and **JACK HSIAO** (CAS'97).

BEST NEW PROGRAM honors went to Evans' The Future of Energy Efficiency event, as well as to the **BIO 2012 BU ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION**. Tied to the BIO International Convention, held in Boston, the reception brought more than 250 BU alumni from around the world to a networking event that showcased the work of 32 BU researchers and was led by the **ALUMNI NETWORK FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY**, featuring **JULIE WISNIEWSKI** (SPH'00) and **MICHAEL GOLLIN** (LAW'84).

BU's **EVENING WITH...** series in Los Angeles was named **BEST STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**. A collaboration between the **BOSTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI NETWORK OF LOS ANGELES** and the BUinLA Student Internship Program, it features a successful industry leader, often a BU alum.

Dentistry and ice cream aren't a typical pairing, but an exception is made each year at the popular **GSDM PREDOC ORIENTATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, which also received **BEST STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM HONORS**. Sponsored by **CRAIG ALLEN** (SDM'95) and his wife, **NICOLE PAQUETTE** (SDM'95), the gathering builds community among students, faculty, and alumni.