

Alumni notices

Why you should attend an event – and resources for alumni



Terry Slesinski-Wykowski (Pembroke, 1985) has travelled to almost every alumni reunion

Keeping up with Oxford

Alumni events are an important part of post-University life

Flights totalling 150,000 miles, a 4000-mile road trip to New York, plus a 2000-mile international train journey spanning three countries. This is the globetrotting tally that Oxford graduate Terry Slesinski-Wykowski has notched up over the years, travelling from her home in Houston, Texas, to the University's alumni weekends.

But it doesn't stop there. Terry always makes the trip a family affair – bringing along her husband Jim Wykowski and also – since 2000 – her business partner Neil Douglas (neither of whom ever studied at Oxford).

"We all look forward to these events and wouldn't miss them for anything", says Terry, "We meet old friends and we make new friendships."

Terry's three years at Oxford had a huge impact on her. "For me, it was absolutely life-changing; I learned to learn – not to be taught," she says.

"I loved the diversity that I found in Oxford. And I loved the fact that I was taught to question everything and seek the truth. My experience since, as an Oxonian, has been pretty contagious, too – I have managed to pass it on to others close to me."

While Terry is one of the more faithful attendees, she's far from alone in enjoying the unique blend of intellectual stimulation and social networking that the Alumni Weekends offer. On its own, the annual Oxford Alumni Weekend draws over 1000 alumni and guests annually. Returning either to Oxford or

to one of the international events carries intrinsic value.

"The Weekends give former students the opportunity to connect with the institution as it is today", says Alison Edwards, head of communications for Oxford University's alumni office. Terry adds, "We love the lectures – we all split up and go to listen to different speakers, then compare notes."

Meanwhile, back home in Texas, Oxford still dominates a significant part of Terry's life. Chair of the Houston Oxford Society, one of more than 200 volunteer-run alumni groups internationally, she dedicates many hours a month to helping former Oxford students connect with each other. "I want to help grow the Oxford family," she says. 🍷

Alumni resources



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