



Greetings fellow AOS Alumni!

Earlier this year, through the support and efforts of AOS faculty and staff, in particular Dr. Ankur Desai, and recent department alums, the Alumni Engagement Board of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences was established. The mission of the board is to serve as a network for current students, alumni, and friends of the department, as well as facilitate educational web-based seminars that build undergraduate interest in the field, foster career development, and offer a resource for position openings and opportunities. In addition, the Board will work to strengthen fundraising efforts to support department initiatives and provide financial support for current and prospective students.

In the months since its inception, the board has played an instrumental role in shaping the design and content of the new AOS website, has started working with the UW Division of Continuing Studies to provide input on a potential professional Masters' degree option, and most recently, hosted the first alumni career webinar on the role of atmospheric science in the risk and insurance industry.

As treasured alumni, we invite you to reconnect with friends and AOS alums. Please visit the Alumni page on the newly redesigned AOS website and add your information to the Alumni Database [here](#) to stay up-to-date on department and alumni happenings, engagement initiatives, and upcoming events.

We are also looking for alumni who are enthusiastic and willing to help in building a stronger AOS department through offering career advice and mentoring to current students, sharing experiences from post-graduation life, career accomplishments, and lessons learned through participation in the Alumni Career Webex. If you would like to contribute, please email us at [alumniboard@aos.wisc.edu](mailto:alumniboard@aos.wisc.edu). We welcome all alumni to join the Alumni Engagement Board and help us as we plan future events and seek out mentoring opportunities. If you would like to connect or get more information, send us an email at [alumniboard@aos.wisc.edu](mailto:alumniboard@aos.wisc.edu).

***Finally, the AOS Alumni Board will be hosting an inaugural Alumni Engagement Kickoff at the AMS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th from 5-6 pm in room 614 in the Hilton-Austin hotel. All AOS alumni and friends are encouraged to stop by to hear from fellow alumni, share stories, and offer ideas for the future direction of the new Alumni Engagement Board.***

Current Board members will be available for questions and can share their vision of how the Board hopes to increase engagement with and among our large alumni base! The annual Alumni Reception will follow this event from 6-9pm in Salon F of the Hilton.

Together we can strengthen the foundation and outlook for future AOS Badgers!

On Wisconsin!

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