

MUAA NATIONAL BOARD NEW DIRECTORS 2022-23

Arianna Balton, business student, Marquette Intern and Andrew Goodman Foundation Ambassador

I am a current Marquette student and want to help Marquette maximize its engagement with the amazing professionals that have come from the university. I believe that one of Marquette's best features is its strong alumni network that is always willing to give to other students and alumni. Some students really lean into that fact, but I believe more could and should.

I hope to gain a group of people with whom I can exchange knowledge. I also hope to strengthen my leadership skills and gain new skills to be an effective director.

I have experience volunteering with my church. I helped run classes in our vacation bible school for a few summers and I distributed holiday food baskets.

I lived in Cobeen Hall, Carpenter Tower, and Mashuda Hall and worked as a CSA. I was an RA in Mashuda Hall and am an Urban Scholar and Pre-Law Scholar.

Lansen Barrow, Bus Ad '70, New Orleans Retired

My time at Marquette continues to be one of the highlights of my life and much of what I have accomplished is a direct result of the education I received there. I want to do what I can to pay it forward. I hope to gain a better appreciation for the role alumni play in attracting and retaining students from diverse backgrounds and to add my voice and experience in making Marquette a welcoming place for minority and first-generation students.

I have served as president of a minority bar association located in the Greater New Orleans area and as board president for a program that aided battered women and their children. I have been a tutor in an adult literacy program and currently serve on a historic preservation commission.

I worked for a federal agency and developed expertise in government contracting. I worked as an assistant attorney general on the state level with expertise in construction litigation. I lived in Schroeder Hall during my time at Marquette and I served as an RA during my junior and senior years.

John Chidester, Business Ad '10, New Berlin, WI

The ability to gain insight and share perspective in a channel to help the university is a great opportunity that I am humbled and grateful to have. I hope to learn more about the needs of the university and see how we can connect people/resources.

I am on a few boards for organizations locally. I had the best experience working on case competitions with classmates to present in large professional real estate forums.

Nkozi Knight, Prof St '09, Milwaukee Director of Treasury, Northwestern Mutual

It is truly an honor to represent Marquette University as a part of the MUAA National Board and I accepted the invitation because the guiding principles of excellence, faith, leadership, and community service is at the core of who I am.

I am a servant leader and this invitation to serve on this board and my acceptance allows me to continue to pay it forward and support current and prospective students while building bridges between our students and alumni.

I truly hope to build upon my current alumni relationships with the goal of expanding the importance of continuous learning, inclusion, and faith in God. Personally, I relish the idea of being able to represent Marquette University in hopes to bring more awareness of the university and our mission to serve others.

I serve on the board of the Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship as the community service chair where I work to bring awareness about our mission to teach our youth about small business opportunities and the importance of supporting our youth. I also serve on the board of Above the Clouds, Inc, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to serving underprivileged communities by offering free arts education for ages 5-17. I also coach youth AAU basketball ages 7-17 which I have done for more than 8 years.

I consider myself a strategic thinker with the ability to execute when given a task. As the current president of the Black Alumni Association, I position myself to be well connected with our current students as well as our alumni.

During my time at Marquette, I was connected to a lot of community leaders which sparked my interest in volunteering and being an advocate for underprivileged communities.

