

MUAA NATIONAL BOARD NEW DIRECTORS 2017-18

Luis "Lou" Hernandez, Comm '00, Chicago
Senior Account Director



I am passionate about Marquette University and the role alumni must play in order to help the university advance and grow.

I hope to gain the satisfaction of a rewarding experience as I work with fellow alumni.

I have served on local community outreach boards including Gilda's Club Chicago, YMCA of Metro Chicago and the American Diabetes Association. I have also devoted volunteer time to develop concepts focused on youth development in underserved communities.

I have 17+ years experience in communications/marketing/PR, in national brand marketing campaigns and most recently on sports marketing/communications campaigns. I have also represented professional athletes with respect to sponsorship and marketing, and managed sports public relations campaigns.

Cynthia Lopez, business administration student, Milwaukee



Many of the programs and opportunities for Marquette students are only available because of the dedication of alumni. I accept my invitation to serve on the MUAA National Board of Directors as a way to give back to students, alumni, and the university that has done so much for me.

I want to gain a better understanding of the important role Marquette alumni play in the decisions made for Marquette. I also hope to be a bridge connecting the alumni and the students and help in any way possible.

In the past, I have been actively involved with Marquette's Midnight Run and with the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. During the school year, I tutor freshmen accounting students through their first two accounting classes.

I would consider teamwork and efficiency in decision making my area of expertise. As an accounting student, I have become familiar with financial statements, core accounting principles, and multiple information systems. As president of my sorority, I have experience making decisions with my executive board to please 200 people.

Thomas “Tom” Schwendler, Jour '80, Glenville, New York
Retired



Service is one of MU's guiding values and I am honored to have this special opportunity to support the goals and mission of a very special place. I offer my experience and my love of Marquette to be the difference for alumni, students and friends.

I hope to better understand the challenges as well as opportunities for supporting the university as well as fellow alumni. I expect I'll be a walking Wikipedia when it comes to Marquette as a result of this experience.

I've been with United Way as a campaign manager for several years while working at General Electric. I have also been an active member of GE Volunteers.

Having studied journalism at Marquette, I have always had a love of writing and was fortunate to begin my career as a newspaper reporter in Syracuse. I later joined GE where I held a variety of roles in internal and external communications.

Mary “Mary Lou” Louise Neugent, Arts '73, Des Moines, Iowa
Retired



Having been in service to Marquette in so many ways for so many years, this appointment seems like a natural progression for me. I welcome the opportunity to make a contribution, however large or small, and continue my personal growth both spiritually and as a volunteer.

I hope to gain a fresh and close up understanding of Marquette's role locally, nationally, and even internationally and then sharing that knowledge with alumni and friends of the university.

I've been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity at both the local and international level, having traveled to El Salvador to build homes there. I have served locally with Catholic Charities, our city parks, Iowa Legal Aid and the Des Moines Playhouse.

Having worked in Diocesan Catholic Schools for nearly 25 years, I like to think that I'm pretty good at up close and personal relationships. I worked as a classroom associate and in the school office as an administrative assistant to six different principals. Since retiring in 2008, I have used those skills and transferred them to community and non-profit work.

Ann Marie Wick, Bus Ad '92, Milwaukee
Senior Director - Global Compliance



I had a good experience working on the College of Business Administration Alumni Association board. We made great advances engaging alumni through various innovative programs and activities which were then adopted and lead by the college.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with others from the board, learning about the university's and other colleges' alumni initiatives and how these contribute to the overall success of the university.

I have served on a variety of boards and committees. Additionally, I have worked with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Having studied business at Marquette, my expertise lies in international trade and global compliance, finance, public speaking and corporate governance.

Tracy Ryan, Comm '89, Clarendon Hills, Illinois
Co-Owner - Wells Street Creations



My connections to Marquette run deep. I met my spouse at MU and have a large group of alumni friends. My sisters also graduated from MU and I have a daughter in the College of Nursing. I want Marquette to be an amazing place to further your education and develop as a person. Alumni are one component of that success. If alumni feel informed and important to the university, their connection will remain strong.

I hope to gain a more in-depth understanding of the university's plans and success stories.

I am a board member of the McLaughlin Faith Foundation, which raises money to support schools and programs within the Archdiocese of Chicago that further the faith formation of children and young adults mostly in disadvantaged and unsafe areas of Chicago.

I thrive in creative environments and love to think out of the box. My career involved project management at promotional and advertising agencies as well as five years in brand management at Miller Brewing Company.

Robert Leung, H Sci '04, San Francisco
Senior Clinical Research Associate



I enjoy volunteering and getting to know other people.

I am interested in meeting new people and engaging with alumni, staff and students at Marquette University.

I have served with United Church of Christ, local food pantries and immersion experiences.

My expertise lies in science educational models.