



Alumnae Alliance Council Call

Thursday, August 21, 2025

7:00 PM

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Participants: Courtney Hurt '10, Cortney Lewandowski '12, Sarah Clement '75, Beth Kearns '85, Catherine Springer '10, Annamarie Spencer '13, Lola Bailey '95, Alexis Meares '14, Arielle Morgan '15 '16, Lee Lombardy '82, Epiphany VandeBogart '15

1. Welcome, Reminders, and Agenda Review (7:00-7:05PM)
 - a. Welcome new Admissions Ambassador Co Chair Lee Lombardy '82 🎉
2. Campus Update – Claire or Lee Anne (7:05-7:20PM)
 - a. First Day of Classes for all students
 - b. Understanding the impact the Admissions Policy has had on Sweet Briar College as a whole
 - c. New Chief Development Officer starting September 1, 2025
3. Working Group updates - *To be provided beforehand*
 - a. Young Alumnae Support (Arielle Morgan)
 - i. Currently at 4 members
 - ii. Changing membership to 15 years
 - iii. Looking to do a membership push via email and social media
 - iv. Working on writing "thank you" cards to members who served last year
 - v. Changing monthly member meetings to have members teach something at the beginning and possibly adding a "big sister, little sister" program to YAS. More young alumnae helping young alumnae.
 - b. Alumnae Clubs (Catherine Springer)

- i. Looking to fall sports schedule to attempt to gather alumnae for *away* games
- c. Alumnae Communications (Alexis Meares)
 - i. No update at this time
- d. Admissions Ambassadors (Epiphany VandeBogart)
 - i. College fairs are beginning and efforts are underway. SBC is now asking AAs to attend NACAC fairs.
 - ii. Fall 2025 census is not yet complete. Admissions is carefully tracking deposits/melts. SBC is considering interviews to reduce melts in future.
 - iii. SBC is now back on the common application which will smooth over a number of processes
 - iv. Niche and Advisorly new systems for prospectives and transfers.
 - v. We are preparing for a AA kickoff at the end of the month.
- e. Sweet Work Weeks (Annamarie Spencer)
 - i. We had a successful Summer SWW session with 33 registered volunteers and approximately 6 - 7 unregistered, including members of the Amherst Mountain Biking Club that just showed up to help.
 - ii. Summer SWW UPDATES
 - Projects proposed and completed:
 - Clearing project between Elston and Wailes.
 - Painting, expanding, organizing and decorating Daisy's Closet.
 - Reupholstering two chairs in MG common room.
 - Build/paint new wood box for Boathouse.
 - Construct shed roof for pool heater.
 - Remove bamboo by Vixens Den and along roadway.
 - Weeding in Daisy's Garden.
 - Remove bushes along bank at Boathouse.
 - Clearing along campus trails.
 - Painted hallways/common area outside offices in FACS.
 - Oiled benches.

- Pressure washed seating areas in Daisy's Garden.
- Wire brushed and painted gate at Monument.
- Additional Work Requested/Completed
 - Weeding along Admissions Tour route prior to Private College Tour Week.
 - Weeding and weed eating around Riding Center prior to Horse Clinic.
 - Cut down and remove dead tree between SBHouse and Garden Cottage.
 - Pressure wash patio at Vixens Den and behind Wailes Center.
 - Pressure washed back of Daisy's Cottage.
 - Weeded, weed eater, and trimmed hedge at Monument.
- AR&D is considering a Fall SWW the weekend prior to or of Founders Day Weekend.
- Currently working on Daisy's Closet donation intake form with Sarah in Multicultural Center.
- Have requested Summer SWW survey results from AR&D.
- Working with AR&D on developing SWW work dates prior to large campus events (Open Houses, Horse Shows, etc.)

f. Executive Council

- i. New structure kick off!!
 - 1. Current openings in “traditional” working groups
- ii. Upcoming Alumnae Leadership Conference next month

2. Council Work and Collaboration (7:20-8:00PM)

- a. Council projects/initiatives
 - i. Need suggestions from all members
- b. Sweet Briar College Volunteer Handbook
- c. UPDATED Alumnae Alliance Council Expectations document
 - i. Will need signatures by **Monday, September 8th**
 - ii. [AAC Member Expectations FY26](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Alumnae Leadership Conference → **September 19-21** (morning of the 21st
will have Zoom meeting for Council)
Next Council Call → October 16th