OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY THANKS YOU
Michigan is a mindset that connects us, and wherever you go, you will meet people who are a part of our tradition. We always cheer “Go Blue!” when we pass each other on the street or on an airplane, and we never step on the Block M walking across the Diag.

Whether we are on campus or halfway around the world, we feel connected—that’s the power of the Wolverine spirit.

Your generosity keeps this spirit alive by supporting every corner of the alumni community. Because of you, we can expand our mission to keep our global alumni connected to the Maize and Blue long after they leave campus. Every gift made to the Give Like a Victor Fund helps create lifelong opportunities for current and future alumni—things like club gatherings around the world and career transformation resources.

I want to share with you the alumni experience you’ve helped build: a powerful and ever-growing Michigan network, opportunities to come together, resources for every stage of life, and a connection to home from anywhere in the world.

You embody the Wolverine spirit, and you’re the reason it is alive around the globe—I hope you’re very proud.

Forever, Go Blue!

President and CEO
Alumni Association of the University of Michigan
CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD

97 DOMESTIC CLUBS

57 INTERNATIONAL CLUBS
THROUGH YOUR GIFTS, WE ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT CLUBS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PLAN EXCITING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOSTER MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS AND HANDS-ON ENGAGEMENT FOR ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD.

HEDVA BARENHOLTZ LEVY, ’90, HAS REMAINED CONNECTED TO HER UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ROOTS THROUGH HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE U OF M CLUB OF ST. LOUIS. HER STORY SHOWS HOW YOUR SUPPORT BUILDS AND FOSTERS THE POWER OF THE ALUMNI NETWORK.
When Hedva moved to St. Louis in 1995, she was looking for ways to meet people and grow her network, so she reached out to the local U-M club and immediately joined as a member. “Every time I’m back in Ann Arbor, I see pieces of U-M all around me—the Maize and Blue fan gear in stores, the Block M on bumper stickers, pictures on billboards. When you leave that area and move to other states, you don’t see that stuff as much. In St. Louis, having a way to connect with my Michigan pride really matters to me.”

It didn’t take long for Hedva to understand the value of this club, and being involved made her feel connected to her Michigan roots. She was quickly elected vice president, named president soon after, and remains an active club member today.

“Every dollar we get makes a difference in the programming we offer to alumni. It’s how we welcome new Wolverines to town and create the social aspect that connects people. Different groups of people show up to these various events, but they’re all looking for that same Michigan connection.”

Because of your generous support, clubs around the world draw big crowds with game-watching parties and volunteer
opportunities, connect young alumni through professional and social events, and provide resources to help alumni and students succeed at every stage of life. Hedva says some St. Louis alumni have found jobs by networking and making local connections through the club.

“\nI can say firsthand that these clubs matter, these donations matter. I never want to take them for granted because I can tell alumni and donors care about our success and experiences. Thank you so much.”

Finding a Michigan connection anywhere in the world is an experience that fills every Wolverine with pride. Your giving makes that possible—it unites the global alumni community and supports all the things that make us cheer “Go Blue!” no matter where we are.
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As students travel across the country to participate in week-long community service projects, local alumni clubs host them, keeping the Michigan community close and giving alumni the chance to connect directly with students.

“We host these students every year, and it’s always a really nice evening. Students are so happy to talk to alumni, and alumni enjoy hearing what’s happening on campus. They share stories and enjoy their chance to connect in person.”

— Hedva Barenholtz Levy, ’90, U of M Club of St. Louis
YOUR GIFTS TO THE GIVE LIKE A VICTOR FUND TOUCH EVERY CORNER OF OUR 600,000-PLUS ALUMNI COMMUNITY ACROSS THE GLOBE. FROM ENRICHING TRAVEL EXPERIENCES TO EXCITING ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES AND AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING CAREER PROGRAM, YOUR SUPPORT EXTENDS BEYOND CLUBS. THIS PROGRAMMING HELPS WOLVERINES SUCCEED AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR LIVES, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE IN THE WORLD. EVERY CONNECTION, EVERY OPPORTUNITY, EACH NEW CHAPTER—ALL ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROSITY.
Building Careers

With your help, we have completely re-imagined our Alumni Career program to better meet the ever-evolving needs of Michigan graduates. This new approach focuses on providing easy access to relevant career support for all alumni throughout every stage of their career, regardless of how many years it’s been since their graduation.

“When I was hired by a 2018 grad for interview prep, I was impressed with the networking and interviewing skills he already had—ones he gained from hearing a career consultant speak at an event hosted by the Alumni Association. He put what he learned into action and yielded good results—he’s landed over 20 informational interviews and a fellowship, and he’s clearly on track for great success. It's heartwarming to hear how Alumni Association resources have contributed to people’s career journeys.”

—Brad Waters, MSW’04, Partnered Career Coach with the Alumni Association
HOMECOMING BRINGS WOLVERINES TOGETHER—NEARLY 1,400 ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS ATTENDED THE GO BLUE TAILGATE IN 2019.