University of Wisconsin River Falls
College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) Alumni Association
Prospective Board Member Information

Overview
The objectives of the CAFES Alumni Association are to further the development of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) and the UW-River Falls, and to promote communication and cooperation among all CAFES alumni. The Association is a part of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Alumni Association.

Purpose:
● to facilitate the exchange of information among the alumni and friends of CAFES;
● to encourage interest and support for scholarships, teaching improvements, research, extension programs, and international agriculture;
● to assist in establishing program priorities and facilities in CAFES;
● to develop networking to aid in college recruitment and enhancement of a state leadership role for the CAFES; and
● to promote events and activities for alumni and friends to renew friendships and identify common concerns.

The board consists of nine directors who are alumni of the College and a faculty director. It is supported by an executive director, the staff of the Deans Office and the UW-River Falls Alumni Association.

Board Responsibilities and Expectations
● Attend in the scheduled alumni board meetings each year in person or by phone
● Participate in board committee work as necessary
● Participate in CAFES Alumni activities as time and location permits (sample list attached)
● Work closely with the Board Officers and CAFES Deans Office to develop and implement strategies to further the mission of the CAFES Alumni Association
● Encourage fellow alumni to participate in alumni activities, as well as, use their time, talents and energy to help strengthen CAFES
● Serve as mentors and provide support to CAFES students

Time Commitment
● The board meets three times a year: fall, winter and spring. Dates set a year in advance in coordination with board members. Meetings are on campus and by conference call.
● Members serve three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.
● Board terms are staggered so one third of the membership expires each year.

To be considered for the board, complete the Alumni Board Candidate Form.

For more information, contact the CAFES Dean’s Office at 715-425-3535.

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Sample of UW-River Falls CAFES Alumni Events

Farm Technology Days Reception
Steele County Fair (MN) Alumni Gathering
World Dairy Expo Gathering
Midwest Dairy Expo
Northern Green Expo
Wisconsin Crop Management Conference
Midwest Horse Expo
UW-River Falls CAFES Senior Supper: board members are invited
Wisconsin State FFA Convention Alumni Gathering

The CAFES Alumni Association also supports current and future CAFES students:
Garry E. Rohde CAFES Alumni Association Scholarship
Wisconsin FFA Ag Tech Contest Scholarship
Ag Tech Content Coordinator Stipend
CAFES Senior Supper