

The AYA's plans are for you.

For over a year, in dozens of workshops and focus groups, we have been listening to your ideas for the future of the Association of Yale Alumni.

We have gathered exciting concepts for new programs.

We have learned new ways to be at your service.

We have heard how we can build dynamic communities of alumni and how we can engage more effectively in service to Yale.

We have been imagining a new AYA...

We hope you will
read the entire
Strategic Plan at
[www.aya.yale.edu/
strategicplan](http://www.aya.yale.edu/strategicplan), but
here we preview
some of what you
will see in the
months and years
to come.

We will be more ambitious in **serving all of Yale's alumni**. Gone are the days when alumni of Yale College were the AYA's sole preoccupation. Our AYA Board of Governors has ten graduate and professional school (G&P) alumni among its twenty-six members. We stage reunions for departments in the Graduate School. And we championed the move by the *Yale Alumni Magazine* to include the G&P alumni among its readership.

We are committed to supporting the growing ways Yale graduates want to affiliate with one another beyond regional clubs and class/school structures. A major focus for the AYA's work will be **shared interest/identity groups** (whether women, blacks, singers, entrepreneurs, etc.).

We recognize that the interests of new graduates, those with young families, and retirees are simply different. Among other **age-tailored programs**, we will create stronger lifelong institutional ties with young alumni by bringing them together earlier, more often, and in ways they find meaningful. One-size-fits-all will no longer suffice.

We will redouble efforts to give new meaning to lifelong learning. We will **expand educational opportunities** and increasingly take advantage of new media channels to bring Yale teaching to you.

Nearly half of Yale alumni live in just seven metropolitan areas. We will **increase support to clubs in major cities**, even as we explore how better to support all alumni, including our international graduates and affiliates.

Damon Danielson '86 MPPM, president of the Yale School of Management Alumni Association, is one of many alumni volunteers from Yale's professional schools. The AYA will be working more closely with those schools and their alumni networks.



The new Association of Yale Alumni

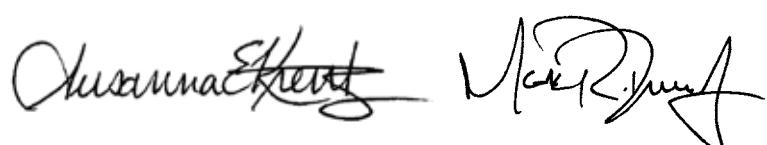
We will develop **new programs and services** of value to alumni. Community service sponsored by Yale groups is just one of the ideas we heard – and have embraced.

We will offer you **new opportunities to serve Yale**. Volunteer talent can make incredible contributions to the success of Yale, but the “human capital” of the alumni body has only begun to be tapped. The AYA will sponsor projects you find appealing that link to important University goals.

You can be the **best ambassadors for Yale**. We will make this easier by ensuring that you are well informed about the University.

We will give **better support to our volunteer leaders** by providing them with more staff assistance at the AYA and by investing in online services and new technological tools to make service easier.

With all of our new ambitions, we are committed to strengthening the **traditional activities** of the AYA, most importantly reunions and the growing number of class and club events.



Susanna E. Krentz '80

Chair, AYA Board of Governors

Mark Dollhopf '77

Executive Director, AYA

Alumni gathered in mid-January to initiate planning for the formation of a new group for black graduates.



Age-Tailored Programs



We will continue to sponsor events open to all alumni. But we want to help those of different ages gather in ways most appealing to them. For example, a group of alumni are working on a proposal for an alumni retirement village right here in New

Haven. We especially want young alumni—across all schools—to engage early. For example, Boston has held everything from Ivy mixers to community service projects for recent graduates.

Kimberly DeQuattro '03 initiated special programs for young alumni in Boston and is determined to do the same in her new hometown with the Yale Club of Southern California.

A portrait of Carl Lindskog '58, a man with light-colored hair and a gentle smile, wearing a blue shirt and a grey blazer. He is standing outdoors with a blurred background of trees and a building.

New Programs & Services

One graduate can spark a new initiative! How about having the AYA be a catalyst for Yalies doing good, having fun, and mentoring the next generation of Yale students? More than eighty alumni leave in a few weeks with eleven undergraduates, funded by the

Yale Club of New Haven, on the AYA's first Service Trip to build houses in the Dominican Republic. Twenty-five Yale alumni who are doctors will also be conducting health clinics.

Carl Lindskog '58, a longtime supporter of Dwight Hall, had the seed of this idea, which was grown by the AYA.

Shared Interest Groups



The Yale Alumni Chorus is an example of a remarkable SIG. Over 600 alumni who love to sing have traveled to perform in China, Europe, Brazil, and South Africa. In addition to having fun and finding Yale fellowship, they have brought music education

to disadvantaged children where they have ventured. Some SIGs are longstanding (Swimming Y or the *Yale Daily News* alumni), but many others can be supported that will connect to Yale's mission and graduates' interests.

Sherry Agar '82 is president of the Yale Alumni Chorus, true global ambassadors for the University.



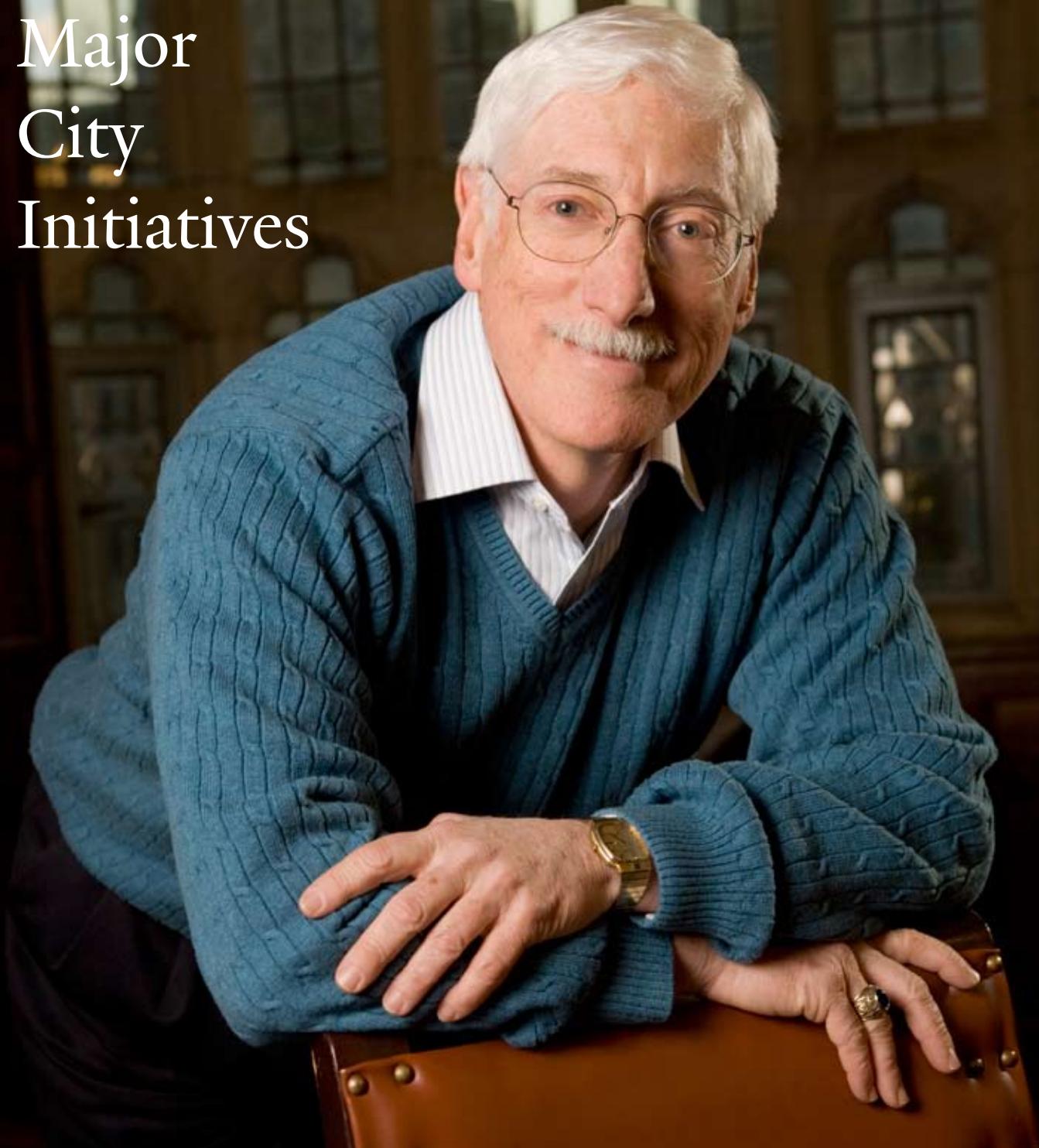
New Educational Opportunities

Fabulous faculty will continue to lecture at Yale Clubs, reunions, and special events. But you can now continue your Yale education anywhere. The first full Yale College courses are available for free online. Study the “Old Testament,” take a philosophy course

on “Death,” or finally learn some physics. More courses are on the way!

Charles Bailyn '81 joins over 130 faculty members who offered lectures or programs for alumni last year. You can listen to his astrophysics netcast, one of more than 250 free lectures at itunesu.yale.edu, or take his course online at open.yale.edu/courses.

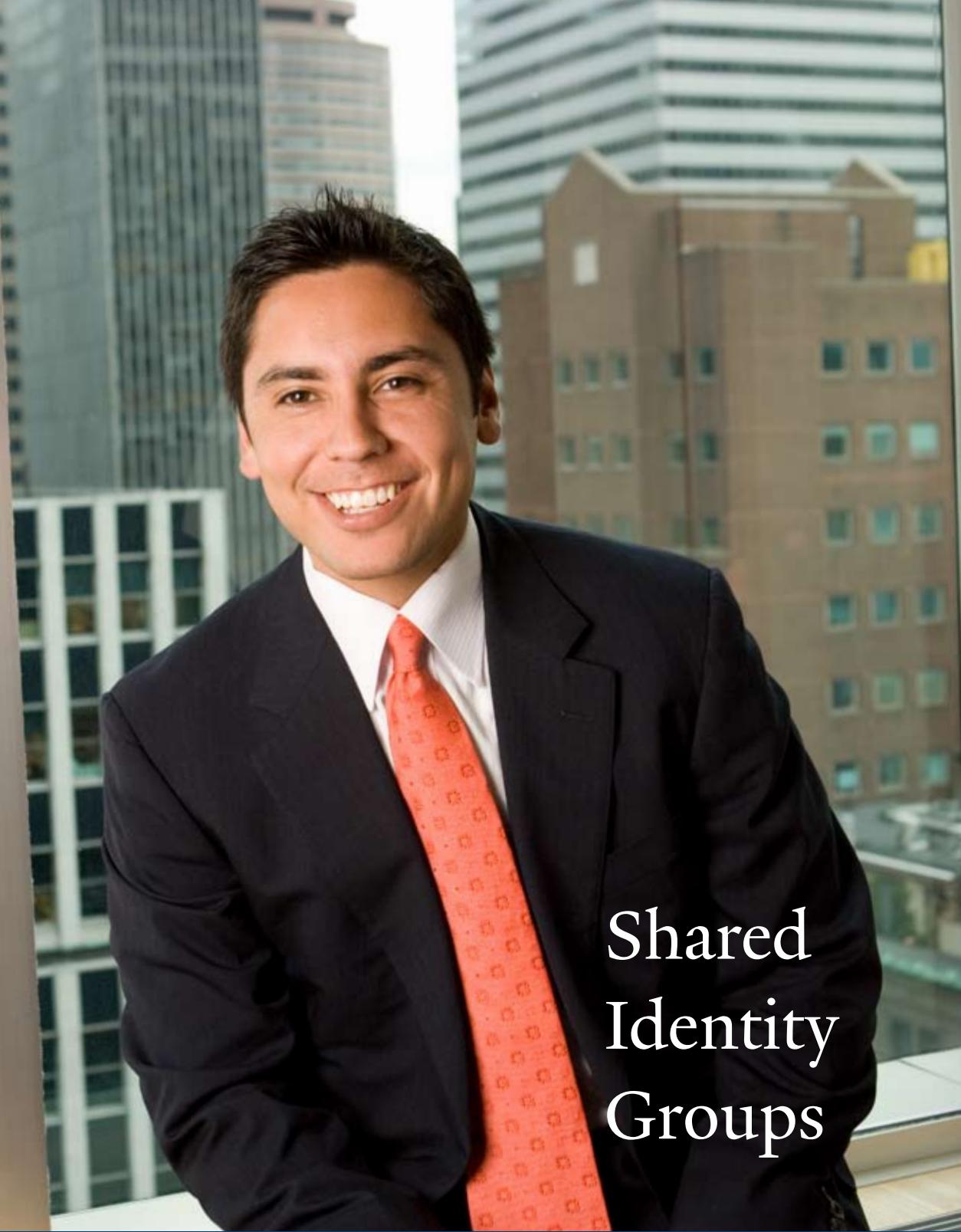
Major City Initiatives



We want all alumni clubs to be stronger, but we need to give special attention to the major cities where so many alumni live. The greater Washington, D.C., area—with more than 8,800 graduates—is setting the standard. Over thirty programs are being offered

annually, including lectures, sporting events, and family outings. The Yale Club of Washington has sponsored cookouts and cruises for new graduates, and held a one-day seminar on surviving and thriving inside the Beltway.

Roy Niedermayer '69 has been an innovative volunteer. Under his leadership, the Yale Club of Washington adopted an area school; and he has worked hard to meet the diverse needs and expectations of Yale alumni in the D.C. area.



Shared Identity Groups

We've heard you! Each of us can connect to Yale in multiple ways. Traditional links like classes, clubs, and Yale-rooted activities (like the Football Y and Glee Club reunions) will be augmented—not replaced—by additional affiliations. Black and women graduates

have already held their first reunions, and Latino alumni are busy mentoring Latino students at Yale.

Danny Acosta '97, co-chair of Yale Latino Alumni of the Tri-State Area, is one of many graduates banding together to form the Yale Latino Alumni Association.

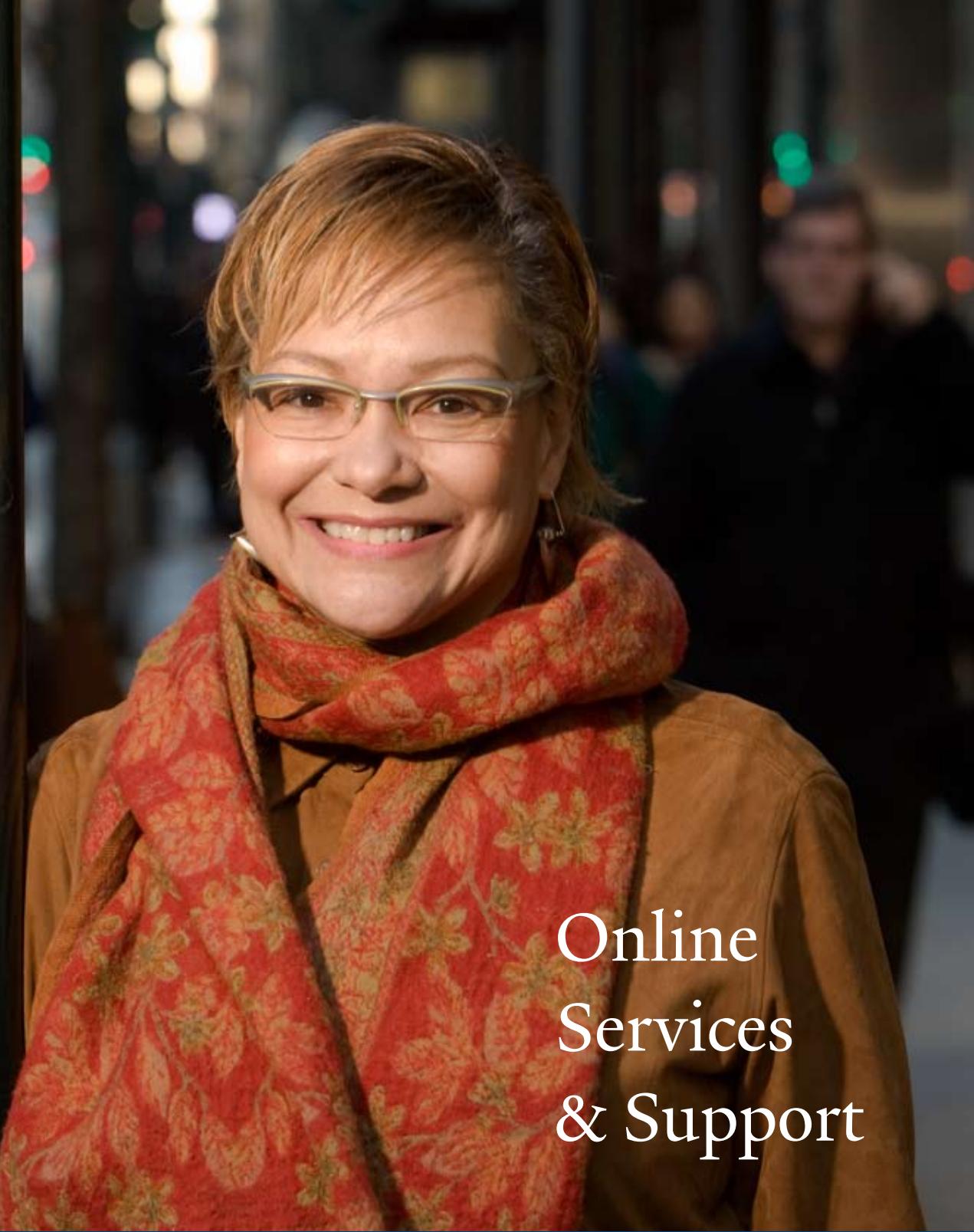
Strengthening Traditions



We have worked hard to improve the traditional avenues of alumni involvement—reunions, class events, and club activities—but we will do more. Spring reunion attendance has soared to nearly 6,700, and hundreds of class and club events are scheduled for

this semester alone. Well over 1,000 alumni have participated in *Connect with Yale* regional events. Designed to appeal to alumni of all ages and from all schools, these programs feature prominent Yale faculty, opportunities for networking, and a University update.

Timothy Harkness '87, class secretary, together with other volunteers, has helped reinvigorate an old college tradition, the “Feb Club.” Last month, it brought together alumni worldwide in thirty-three cities for food and fellowship.



Online Services & Support

"Only connect!" wrote E. M. Forster. A century ago he could not have envisioned the ways we can do so. Yale's online Career Network helps locate mentors, and the online alumni directory allows us all to stay in touch. And for volunteer leaders, Yale has just created the

first in a series of Web templates to help classes, clubs, and affinity groups connect.

Phoebe Tree '77 is one of more than 9,000 alumni who have participated in the Yale Career Network. Join her at aya.yale.edu/career.

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ideas for making the AYA
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