

Why should I update my contact information with the Alumni Association?

Keeping your information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number) up to date ensures that you will receive the printed alumni magazine and the monthly e-newsletter which are both called the Lantern. Each publication has information about what alumni are doing and keeps you current on what is happening with the university. You will also receive invitations to alumni events in your area. If the Alumni Association thinks you're still living with mom and dad...you won't get the invite to the gathering in your new city. To update your information go to www.uwlax.edu/alumni, click on the 'Keep in Touch' button and fill out the form.

But if they know where to find me...will they ask me for money?

Yes, but don't panic! You will get a call from the university twice a year asking you to donate money to support scholarships or your academic department. You will also get some letters and emails about joining the Alumni Association. You may not be able to donate money now...that is OK! Often the mailings contain interesting information about the university and the phone calls are a great time to update your contact information and chat with a current UWL student.

I will give when I make more money and pay off my loans.

That is great to hear! Just remember donations of any size make a difference. Smaller gifts add up to make a great impact (the percentage of alumni who give annually are one of the factors that affect university rankings). Don't feel like you have to wait until you make your first million to donate. In fact, there are lots of ways to help UWL that don't involve money.

Really? Tell me how I can give back in ways that don't involve money.

Keep in touch with your favorite faculty and volunteer to speak in a class.

Encourage your workplace to recruit UWL students.

Share your UWL experience with family and friends which helps recruit new students to campus.

Follow UWL on social media to keep up to date with what is happening on campus.

Volunteer to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

What is the Alumni Association?

The Alumni Association staff and volunteers plan events and programs to help keep alumni connected with each other and the university. In fact, you can pay a small fee to become a member of the Alumni Association which helps support scholarships, events and programs for students and alumni. There are some benefits of membership too-check out the list at www.uwlax.edu/alumni. The important thing is to stay connected in any way that makes sense for you. Remember, you're a student for a short time but a UWL alum for a lifetime!