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Subject: UVA Club of London Board



Dear fellow UVA London Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We are writing to announce new appointments to our UVA Club of London Board, effective for the 2019-2020 academic year.

As background to this change, our Board members typically agree to a two year term. While some members may ask to remain part of the Board for a second or third term, some turnover within the Board is natural and healthy to bring in new ideas and ways of thinking about engagement with our community. It is with pleasure that we announce the following appointments.

Role	Picture	Message from the Board Member
President Adrianna Whish (COM '97) adrianna.ryan@oba.co.uk		Greetings to the UVA Community. I've been living in the UK since 2000, when I moved over for "a couple of years" to pursue an MBA and subsequent work...originally from Long Island, NY, I have grown to appreciate all the UK has to offer while at the same time becoming more nostalgic about the US, especially my time at UVA! This has spurred my involvement in the UVA Club and its fantastic community encompassing alumni, current students, parents, and friends. I currently work in a Family Office and have 3 young children who I hope will be future Hoos one day! I look forward to hearing the views of the community on the Club and welcome your involvement.
Vice President Philip Taliaferro (COM '04, ENGR '07) Philip.taliaferro@gmail.com		Despite this picture, I'm actually a happy, fun-loving double-Hoo. I moved to London three years ago, joined the Board two years ago, and my wife and I welcomed a son one year ago. Originally from Tappahannock Virginia, at age 18, I thought that Charlottesville is the furthest I'd ever live from our family farm. Working in Fintech allows me to use my UVA engineering and business education each day. Looking forward to engaging our UVA community!
Treasurer Andrea Solana (COM '05) solana.andrea@gmail.com		It hardly seems possible but I have been living in the UK for 6 years now. Having done a secondment in London back in 2008 and falling in love with London and all it has to offer, I set out to find a way to make a more permanent move. In 2013 I moved from Washington DC to London to pursue an MBA at Imperial College and took on a full-time role afterwards running the wealth

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		<p>planning service offering at a boutique wealth management firm specializing in US-UK connected individuals.</p> <p>When I moved to London, it was important to me to stay involved in the UVA community and I have been active with the Club ever since. I have been in the Treasurer role for nearly 4 years now and look forward to my continued involvement within the Virginia community.</p>
<p>Communications Chair Laura Ott (CLAS '13, BATTEN '14) lauraeott@gmail.com</p>		<p>Hello London Hoos! I've been living in London for a year and a half, having been seconded from the New York office of an investment manager based in Hammersmith. I'm very much enjoying living here and love getting to know London's many different neighbourhoods. Originally from Long Island, New York, I spent five wonderful years at UVA completing an undergraduate degree in Foreign Affairs and a Master of Public Policy at the Batten School. I look forward to getting more involved with the UVA community as Social Media Chair – please take a look at our Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram (@londonhoos) for the latest updates.</p>
<p>Social Chair Nick Kumleben (CLAS '18) nkumleben@gmail.com</p>		<p>Hi everyone! I am a native Londoner who spent four greatly enjoyable years at UVA from 2014-2018, graduating just in time to miss the 2019 national championship. Outside of my work at an investment advisory firm, I enjoy exploring London's many gastronomic and cultural offerings, and spend much of my weekends following Arsenal and UVA sports. I serve as the Club's Social Chair, and would love to hear from you with any ideas for events, interesting spaces you have visited, or feedback on our programme of events!</p>
<p>Admissions Chair Lara Armstrong (CLAS '17) larajarmstrong@gmail.com</p>		<p>Hi all! After studying Linguistics and Art History at UVA, I moved to London to pursue a career in publishing. Now I spend far too much time reading brightly-coloured picture books meant for readers aged 0-5. On weekends, I have been slowly but surely visiting the top 270 independent coffee shops throughout London. I also love to dance, rock climb, and cheer on the Hoos from afar. I am very excited to share my experiences at the University with prospective students as this year's Admissions Chair.</p>

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<p>Jefferson Scholars Ben Rudgley (CLAS '16) benrudgley1@gmail.com</p>		<p>Hello everyone. Born and raised in London, I attended the University on a Jefferson Scholarship. After graduating in 2016 with a degree Political Philosophy, Policy & Law, I moved to San Francisco to work at a software startup. Fast forward three years, I'm merging my interests in public policy and technology at a company called Apolitical, a knowledge sharing platform for policymakers. I look forward to getting to know many of you through our events calendar this year!</p>
<p>Parent Representative Mary Nell Browning (CLAS '81, PAR '12, '14)</p>		<p>Welcome Wahoos! I moved from Houston, Texas to London with my family 24 years ago with the intention of being here 2 years. What a great city – we love the buzz of the city and the communities that spring up in the various neighbourhoods. I work as a consultant in distressed debt and oil and gas. I have two daughters, both of whom went through the English education system and then graduated from UVA. When our older daughter went to Virginia, I saw how nervous she was to go to a university in another country. It was then that I decided to begin hosting the Student Send-off party to offer new students an opportunity to meet their fellow new students and some current students so that when they arrived on Grounds they would see a few familiar faces. Also, we are aware that we parents are nervous too, so part of the goal is to give new UVA parents a chance to meet other UVA parents and ask questions. We have been hosting the party for 12 years now and look forward to it every summer.</p>

The Board members are excited about their new roles and look forward to engaging with our community. If you would like to become more involved or have ideas about improvements that can be made, please reach out.

We would also like to thank the outgoing Board members for their contributions: Meg Horvath (COM '81), Brett Berger (CLAS '80), Prathima Baron (DAR '93), Meriel Wilson (CLAS '10), Whitney Ball (COM '10, '11), Thomas Coleman (CLAS '13), Amy Robson (CLAS '90, DAR '95), and Gail and Mark Breen (Parents 2017).

Warm regards,

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