

December 21, 2018

Dear Alumni,

Happy Holidays! Wow, how time has flown! It feels like only yesterday that I sat down to write my welcome letter to you all. As 2018 comes to a close, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Alumni as the VLA Alumni Board Chair this year. It has been an honor to represent this wonderful organization and oversee several new initiatives. With my fellow Board members, we have made this year a true success for VLA Alumni!

At the beginning of the year, the VLA Alumni Board set out to accomplish several goals: promoting the 2019 Academy, hosting the inaugural VLA Alumni Reunion, and engaging new Alumni on the board. We met each challenge and exceeded all expectations for each goal.

- The VLA Class of 2019 has been chosen.
- The VLA Alumni Reunion that we hosted in May was a hit! Mark Given was our chosen speaker for the event and he was well received by all attendees. The networking time was invaluable, as nearly all the classes were represented. Be on the lookout for our next Reunion in 2020!

We have several new representatives on the board this year as well. The Board welcomed four new representatives from Alumni, including two from VLA Class of 2017. These additions have brought new ideas and insight to our leadership.

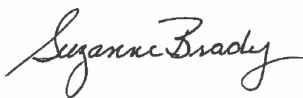
The VLA Alumni Board has also made a few key changes to the governance of the Alumni. During the last meeting in October, the Alumni voted on two motions that will go before the Virginia REALTORS® Board of Directors meeting in February 2019. If approved, the motions will incorporate the Alumni Board into the association governance process. This will allow for all Alumni programs to be integrated into the associations budget without requiring the collection of dues from members. Virginia REALTORS®, in coordination with the VLA Alumni Board, will provide all benefits and programs for Alumni and future leaders. Lastly, the Alumni Board name will change and if approved, will be known hereafter as the Virginia Leadership Academy Alumni Council.

Once these motions have been voted on as part of the updated Policy and Procedures Manual, the VLA Alumni leadership will notify all Alumni of the changes.

I want to thank my Alumni colleagues for their tireless efforts to promote the academy, set up our first reunion and move the Alumni into a new opportunity for growth.

Thank you again for your support this year. I wish the new leadership a successful and exciting year in 2019!

Kind regards,



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2018 VLA Alumni Board Chair  
Class of 2010