

Hello MAPPers!

Twelve days and counting to graduation! Can you believe it?! We'll soon be changing our affiliation with UPENN from a MAPP Student to a "MAPPA" (aka, MAPP Alumni)! "I'm a MAPPA, you're a MAPPA, wouldn't you like to be a MAPPA too?!" (*U.S. TV fans, you know to what tune we're singing!*)

Next weekend is likely the last time 100% of us will be together in one room. With this in mind, we want your input one more time before we move on to graduation, finishing our Capstone, and increasing the "tonnage of happiness" in the world (as Marty says) through our careers and relationships. We will hold our final input session over lunch on Saturday, May 6.

We will review what we have accomplished together, and the agenda for our lunch session:

Where We Are

We appreciate your active involvement in shaping the MAPP Alumni Organization. In March, you participated in a Visioning Session that resulted in a shared view of a vibrant MAPP Alumni Community! In April you helped us set Expectations and Priorities. Below are the four key priorities that emerged from our work:

1. Education/Development
2. Communication (Externally and Internally)
3. Community
4. Positive Psychology in Practice

We have attached

- a document that outlines each priority, the ideas that have been generated to date for each of them, and the classmates who have so far expressed an interest in helping drive these initiatives;
- a draft of the MAPP Alumni Vision, Mission, and Values statement for your review and comment; and finally
- a summary of what the officer team has worked on together since our last onsite.

Please take a look at them on your way to school this weekend (but not while you're driving!).

What's Next?

On Saturday over lunch, David will provide an additional alumni update, reviewing a few quick wins we've had, and maybe even the debut of a newly recorded MAPP Alumni pop song. We asked Doug to be on hand just in case we need him (remember his special talent)!

Margaret and Sulynn will then set up our "input" session focused on two of our priorities: Communications and Education/Development. We would like your help in beginning the planning process for each of these important focus areas. Some of you have already put your name on the 'dot' and are ready to dive into working on a priority. Many of us have not yet committed to working on a particular initiative, but we remain interested in sharing some of our ideas. Would you please think about these questions in preparation for Saturday?

- Which priority discussion would you like to join on Saturday?
- How do your strengths align with this priority?
- How can you help?
- What are some "quick wins"?
- Do you have the passion and time to drive any piece of this priority forward?

Trailblazing Together

We sure appreciate your helping us set up the first ever MAPP Alumni Organization. It's pretty cool to think that we get to blaze another trail together.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday!

Warm Regards,

David, Margaret, & Sulynn

May 3, 2006

p.s. Good luck cranking out those last assignments!