

## Two Retire from Dordt

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JAMIN VER VELDE ('99)

There are currently 18 alumni who serve on Dordt University's Alumni Council.

## THE VITAL ROLE OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Dordt University's Alumni Council is made up of alumni from different reunion years and backgrounds that represent alumni in their state or province. They volunteer their time to keep people connected to Dordt and help the Alumni Office serve alumni, parents, and families in their communities.



Their input is essential to how Dordt serves and connects with alumni. They provide encouragement and direction to our team, connect with high school students interested in Dordt and share their story. Host events in their communities, are first in line to serve food when we need extra hands, welcome new graduates moving to their area, and share what's happening on Dordt's campus with their communities and friends.

One of the highlights for the Alumni Council is the opportunity to speak with Dordt students who are interviewing for the alumni association scholarships. They are amazed by the students' passion for God's calling in their lives, their insightful and articulate responses to challenges in our world, and the

maturity and responsibility they take in their personal faith development.

The Alumni Council members strive to recognize and share the stories of fellow alumni who are serving in ordinary ways that have an extraordinary Kingdom impact. They take nominations for the Distinguished Alumni and Horizon Awards and select each year's recipient after much deliberation. This year, the council will launch a new award, the Dordt Ambassador Award, which will recognize a recipient who has advanced Dordt through acts of service, financial contributions, or connections that enable Dordt to fulfill its mission.

The Alumni Council is here to help each of you. They'd love to connect with you, encourage high school students to visit campus, help you plan an event in your area, and more.

We're grateful for the years of service and the time investment of these alumni to make

Dordt a stronger network committed to caring for one another in the communities they live.

*Alicia G. Bowar*

ALICIA (GROEN, '05) BOWAR

## TWO RETIRE FROM DORDT

This year, Instructor of Agriculture Gary De Vries and Executive Administrative Assistant to the President LeeAnn Moerman retired from Dordt.

Moerman has faithfully served in the President's Office for more than 20 years, says President Erik Hoekstra.

"A wonderful colleague and friend, she has served admirably, and the Lord has blessed her good work. Her knowledge of Defender Nation is extensive, and her stewardship of Dordt's leadership team and Board of Trustees is exemplary."



L. Moerman



G. De Vries

De Vries has had a tremendous impact on Dordt's Agriculture Department, says Associate Professor of Agriculture Dr. Holly De Vries ('00).

"Gary looks for the best in people and encourages them to achieve their fullest potential," she says. "He has been a great example of a humble servant leader. He also has the ability to make the person he is interacting with feel heard and valued. We will miss his practical, positive guidance in the Ag Department."

The Dordt community is thankful for the many ways that Moerman and De Vries have helped to shape the institution during their years of service.

"We wish them God's richest blessing as they enjoy their retirements and continue to serve the Lord in new ways," says Sue Droog ('90), executive director of human services and organizational development.

SARAH MOSS ('10)