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**Welcome to the EMU PRSSA Alumni Network**

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Greetings alumni! It is our pleasure to announce the creation of Eastern Michigan University's Public Relations Alumni Network. The program serves to connect graduates of the public relations program and also those who were PRSSA members.

After we graduate and get our first job, it's easy to get immersed and lose contact with friends and colleagues. The Network is all about linking us to each other – and you never know what may happen!

The Network is also about giving back. We were all students at one time and now we have a chance to support current students by assisting them with things like shadow days and internships. There's even the possibility to serve as a mentor to PRSSA students through the PRSA

Protégé Mentor Program (see more about Protégé in this newsletter).

We plan to host get-togethers and programs for you to be involved with. We are currently planning an alumni happy hour in May or early June. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Membership in the Alumni Network is free, but the relationships and rewards last a lifetime. Since there are not very complete records of alumni, please spread the word to fellow alumni about the program. Please email one of us if you would like to receive periodic updates on events, job postings and networking events.

We look forward to connecting with all of you!

**A Note From Maria Burkel: EMU PRSSA's 2006-2007 President**

As the new PRSSA President I hope to work closely with the Alumni Network this year. Alumni are a valuable resource that we need to utilize more than we have in the past. I look forward to working with the network to not only keep alums connected with our organization, but also to let PRSSA members know that they have great mentors to answer any questions they may have about the big world of public relations.

I would like to have more alumni speak at our meetings, because I feel members really enjoy hearing from people that have been in their shoes. I would also like to extend an open invitation to any events we hold this year. These events can be beneficial networking opportunities for current members and alums alike.

The chapter is looking forward to a geat year! Congratulations on being a part of the PRSSA Alumni Network.