

In 1891, the first women were admitted to the Women's College at Brown University. Women now represent more than half of Brown's graduate and undergraduate student body. The University's future depends upon its female graduates to give back as active volunteers, inspiring leaders, and generous philanthropists.



*"I am immensely proud of the work being done by the Women's Leadership Council at Brown. Women have always played a major role in the University's development and the fulfillment of its mission. The Council's efforts aim to highlight these contributions, to nurture the talents of the next generation of female leaders, and to inspire the involvement of more women in shaping a brilliant future for Brown."*

*- President Christina Paxson*

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*Supporting Generations of Brown Women*



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**MISSION: THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL WORKS TO INSPIRE AND ENGAGE THE WOMEN OF BROWN AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LIFE OF THE UNIVERSITY.**

The Council accomplishes this by demonstrating and encouraging a commitment to philanthropic and volunteer leadership at Brown; providing opportunities to connect Brown alumnae with students as mentors, role models and advisors; and organizing events, activities and initiatives that engage Brown alumnae with each other and with the intellectual excitement of the Brown community.

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## Who We Are

The Women's Leadership Council (WLC) is a diverse group of Brown women who, through their leadership, philanthropy and volunteerism, measurably enhance the University and the alumnae community.

Council Members are appointed by the University's President.



## What We Do

First convened by former President Simmons in the fall of 2004, the Women's Leadership Council fosters opportunities for networking, relationship-building and philanthropy within the Brown community.

*Council activities include:*

- Networking and social events held throughout the United States and around the world providing Brown alumnae opportunities to stay connected to the University and to each other.
- Philanthropic initiatives such as:
  - The 2015 Women's Leadership Council \$1 million **BrownConnect: Beyond the Classroom Challenge** created 25 new Brown Annual Fund BrownConnect Internship Funds, which increases the availability and affordability of summer jobs and internships for Brown undergraduates.
  - The 2012 Women's Leadership Council \$1 million **Brown Annual Fund GOLD Challenge**, a 120-day Challenge in honor of 120 years of women at Brown which encouraged increased giving from the University's most recent graduates and engaged first-time donors; and
- **The Women's Launch Pad (WLP)** — a Brown-based mentoring program that facilitates relationships between alumnae and female students in their senior year at Brown.

## Women's Launch Pad

The Women's Launch Pad (WLP) mentoring program was established in the fall of 2006 by the Women's Leadership Council, the student group Women in the World and the Office of Alumni Relations.

The overarching goal of the Women's Launch Pad is to create a stronger multi-generational community of Brown women. The structured mentoring program pairs Brown alumnae with senior class women for the academic year.

*If interested, email [wlp@brown.edu](mailto:wlp@brown.edu).*

## Get Involved

There are many ways for alumnae to stay connected to the University.

- Be a Women's Launch Pad (WLP) mentor.
- Join the Alumni Interview Program (AIP) to interview and recruit the best applicants to the University.
- Be an active participant in regional Brown Clubs and Associations.
- Enroll in BRUnet, Brown's Career Network, where students and alumni can learn from your career experiences.
- Host a social, educational or networking event on behalf of Brown and in coordination with the Division of Advancement.
- Make a contribution, no matter the size, to the University. ([www.gifts.brown.edu](http://www.gifts.brown.edu))
- Support University groups such as sports teams or special-interest programs.
- Support BrownConnect: post an internship or be a career connection.

