

Dear Alumni:

Summer, 2010

The Alvernia alumni are now a group of 9,000 and growing. In order to understand the impact of that force on our community, we prepared a survey which focuses on volunteer services. We appreciate the value of your time and your experiences and we hope you will complete this survey.

This survey contains questions about the nature of your educational experience and your activities after graduation. You were selected from the pool of Alvernia alumni. Most of the questions are easy to answer with rating scales. It will take you less than 30 minutes to complete the survey.

While we know you are very busy, we hope you will take the time to participate in this research project. Your valuable input is the only way we can evaluate the effectiveness of our commitment to service. There are no foreseeable risks, and no immediate benefit. Your responses will provide faculty and administrators with data about the long-term effects of the multiple service options on the postgraduate experiences of students and its impact on the community.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. Your responses are essential to this project and the future of service at Alvernia. Specific information about your identity is not requested and there is no way to track the source of any responses that are submitted. Your identity will be anonymous. What you tell us will be kept confidential. All information will be analyzed and reported as group data.

This research has been funded by the Faculty Excellence: Summer 2010 Grant, The Holleran Center for Community Engagement, the Office of Institutional Advancement, and the Alumni Office at Alvernia University. The research has been approved by the IRB of Alvernia University. Any questions should be addressed to the investigators: Ana Ruiz, Ph.D., [Ana.Ruiz@Alvernia.edu](mailto:Ana.Ruiz@Alvernia.edu), or Judith Warchal, Ph.D., [Judith.Warchal@Alvernia.edu](mailto:Judith.Warchal@Alvernia.edu) or the campus IRB representative, Peggy Bowen-Hartung, Ph.D., [Peggy.Bowen@Alvernia.edu](mailto:Peggy.Bowen@Alvernia.edu).

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important research study.

Cordially,

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*Your choice to complete the survey and return it in the Business Reply Mail envelop provided constitutes your informed consent. Your responses are totally anonymous and confidential.*