

# Young Alumni Committee Guiding Warnell into the Future

The Young Alumni Committee is an alumni service organization designed to assist the Warnell School in the accomplishment of its mission by bringing together graduates to encourage their continuing active interest in and support of activities of the Warnell School.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership terms for the Young Alumni Committee are three years, beginning on July 1 and ending on June 31. Non-voting membership is allowed for a period of two years following the completion of the voting membership term. The committee consists of 8 to 10 voting members. Nominations open in spring and new members are elected by the committee in April.

The committee's membership is diverse by discipline, gender, geography, and employment sector. Members will become representatives and spokespersons in their communities for Warnell. Members are expected to assist in the recruitment of prospective students, meet with other alumni, communicate with area legislators, attend local alumni events and more. Members are expected to offer ideas for meaningful alumni engagement.

#### **Membership Requirements:**

- Warnell School alumnus
- Within 10 years of most recent graduation date
- Demonstrated involvement, support, and commitment to the Warnell School
- Attend one day meetings twice a year in person in Athens, with conference calls as needed

#### Leadership Roles

Leadership roles are one-year terms.

**Chair:** Presides at all meetings of the Young Alumni Committee; responsible for ensuring the policies of the committee; serves as a liaison between the committee and the Warnell Alumni/Development Office

**Chair-Elect:** Presides at meetings in the absence of the Chair; oversees communications throughout the year as needed, including taking meeting minutes

**Past-Chair:** Serves in an advisory role; promotes young alumni for nominations as new members and for awards

Being selected as Chair-Elect during your membership term will automatically extend your time on the Young Alumni Committee.

## OUR COMMITMENTS

The Young Alumni Committee plans and executes two major events each year:

#### Parker Memorial Golf Tournament

Named in memory of Reid Parker, the annual Homecoming golf tournament is an opportunity for alumni to connect while supporting various initiatives at the school. Through the tournament, the Young Alumni Committee has named the Alumni Legacy classroom, created the Young Alumni Endowment for Leadership Training, the Young Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship and the Warnell Young Alumni Georgia Commitment Scholarship. Since 2004 YAC has raised over \$350,000 to support Warnell.

**Sporting Clays Tournament** This spring event provides an opportunity for alumni and friends to interact with each other and with current students. New shooter training is provided to attract students without prior experience.







## OUR PURPOSE

- · Assist faculty and staff of Warnell in fundraising efforts
- · Encourage increased participation of recent graduates at alumni events
- Support efforts to increase Warnell School enrollment through peer-level recruitment of potential students
- Build leadership and professional skills of young alumni and students so they are ready to assume future roles as leaders in forestry and natural resource professions

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