

Programming Best Practices

The chief role a club plays is to offer programs to local alumnae/i. Programs do not have to involve formal speakers; a simple dinner and conversation at a local restaurant may be more than enough for your fellow alumnae/i. Events can be pay as you go, eliminating the need for dues.

Smaller less active club areas may have opportunities to program jointly with other alumnae/i association groups in your local area, such as IvyPlus, NEAR, Seven Siblings, or InterClub.

Contact Cathy Lunn calunn@vassar.edu 845-437-5443 to find if there is such a group in your city.

AAVC recommends 3 annual programs:

- Freshmen send off party for newly admitted freshmen, returning students and their families. (If applicable)
- Intellectually stimulating program with a speaker
- Program such as happy hour or career networking reception

Career networking is a truly valuable service that clubs can provide, especially in this economy. Why not plan a resume/ business card exchange or a Vassar job fair for local alumnae/i. By providing the opportunity for Vassar alums to get together and meet each other, your club can help broaden prospects for alumnae/i and students, strengthening the Vassar network. And the stronger the Vassar network, the more all alumnae/i and students will benefit.