

Bringing Alumni Back

Try these ideas to involve alumni members.

What your chapter can do:

Ask inactive members if current chapter members can volunteer in their classrooms or schools.

How they benefit:

- Extra hands in the classroom to help with activities and projects
- More time to focus on helping students learn

What your chapter can do:

Inform former members that you want to begin a mentoring program and would like them to serve as a mentor.

How they benefit:

- Sharing what they have learned
- Intrinsic value of helping an upcoming educator get a better start in education

What your chapter can do:

Ask alumni to help facilitate a program, such as a Mock Interview/Portfolio program, or invite them to make a presentation to members at an upcoming meeting.

How they benefit:

- Build their professional résumé
- Share their knowledge and experience with upcoming teachers
- Gain new strategies to use in their classrooms

What your chapter can do:

Invite inactive members to a discussion group on “hot” topics in education or popular educational books.

How they benefit:

- Interaction with other educators
- A chance to get up-to-date on trends and new ideas in education
- A chance to take a break and relax

What your chapter can do:

Invite alumni to a chapter event or service project, such as a *Literacy Alive!* activity, a Scholastic Book Fair, or the induction ceremony.

How they benefit:

- Community involvement
- Networking with educators outside of their school environment
- Supporting their fellow Kadelpians

E-mail, phone, or mail inactive members inviting them to return to KDP. They benefit from:

- A multilevel chapter experience
- Services that KDP provides that make its members better educators
- The programming and community that the chapter provides