Welcome to the CAA Annual Meeting

Meeting Guidelines

Audio/Video Settings: All attendees will have their audio and video disabled throughout the meeting, except for the presenters and Alumni Voice speakers.

Zoom Issues: If you experience any issues with Zoom, please email *info@caltech.alumni.edu*

Approval of 2024 Minutes/Adjourn Meeting: A poll will appear to approve the 2024 minutes and to adjourn the meeting. Please vote when prompted. If you haven't already done so, scan the QR code to review the minutes.

Alumni Voice: If you have submitted for Alumni Voice, please be prepared to turn on your audio and video when it is your time to speak.

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Annual Meeting of Members

September 25, 2025

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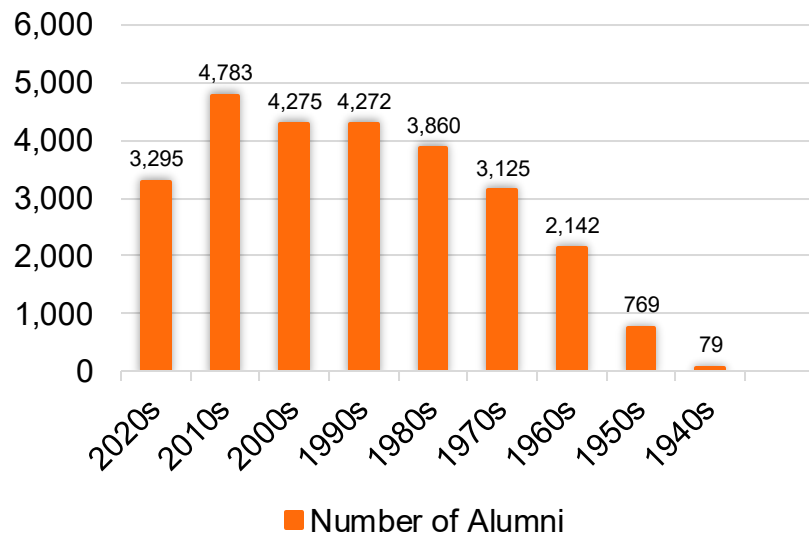
2024 Minutes Approval

Chair Report

CAA Report

Caltech Alumni Overview
Demographics and Distribution

Total Living Alumni: 26,600
- **US Alumni**: 22,273
- **International Alumni**: 1,657

Alumni by Decade

Bar chart showing Number of Alumni by decade:
- 2020s: 3,295
- 2010s: 4,783
- 2000s: 4,275
- 1990s: 4,272
- 1980s: 3,860
- 1970s: 3,125
- 1960s: 2,142
- 1950s: 769
- 1940s: 79

Number of Alumni

Revamp of *Techer*

Techer has relaunched with a fresh digital-first format, broader reach, and more multimedia storytelling.

Featured in the launch issue:
- Grace Peng (BS '20) & Ryan Casey (BS '15) — Data science powering the Dodgers dynasty
- Alborz Mahdavi (PhD '14) — Biotech startup reimagining insulin
- Samantha Trumbo (PhD '21) — Searching for habitability on Europa
- Bill Gross (BS '81) — Protecting creators in the age of AI
- John Ngai (PhD '87) — Leading the BRAIN Initiative

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2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA)—Caltech's highest honor for alumni—is presented this year to four alumni who, because of both personal commitment and professional contributions, have made remarkable impacts in a field, on the community, or in society more broadly.

Deborah D.L. Chung, MS
(BS '73, MS '73)

SUNY Distinguished Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
University at Buffalo

Athanassios Fokas, PhD
(PhD '79)

Professor Emeritus of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics
University of Cambridge

F. William Studier, PhD
(PhD '63)

Former Group Leader for Molecular and Structural Biology
Brookhaven National Laboratory

Donald Truhlar, PhD
(PhD '70)

Regents Professor and Distinguished University Teaching Professor
University of Minnesota

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2025 Chang Career Exploration Prize

The Milton and Rosalind Chang Career Exploration Prize offers up to $65,000 in support for recent Caltech graduates to explore innovative career paths with societal impact through projects lasting six to twelve months.

Social Justice Geared Towards Foster Youth
Vishagan Ratnaswamy (PhD '19)

Sustainable Science Policy
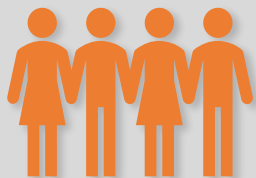**Ariel Hasse-Zamudio (BS '20)**

Alumni Weekend and Reunions 2024

October 18-20, 2024

- Featured events and highlights included the Caltech Edge Lunch with the Provost, All-Alumni Celebration dinner, Pie & Burger Alumni Lunch, Astronomy on Tap, House Celebrations, Student Leadership Breakfast, DAA panel, DAA luncheon, SFP/SURF Seminar Day, Athletics Hall of Honor, Caltech Y hike, and Pacific Standard Time: Arts and Science collide exhibits and performances

- Milestone Reunion Dinner held on Saturday at the beautiful Athenaeum for class years 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019!
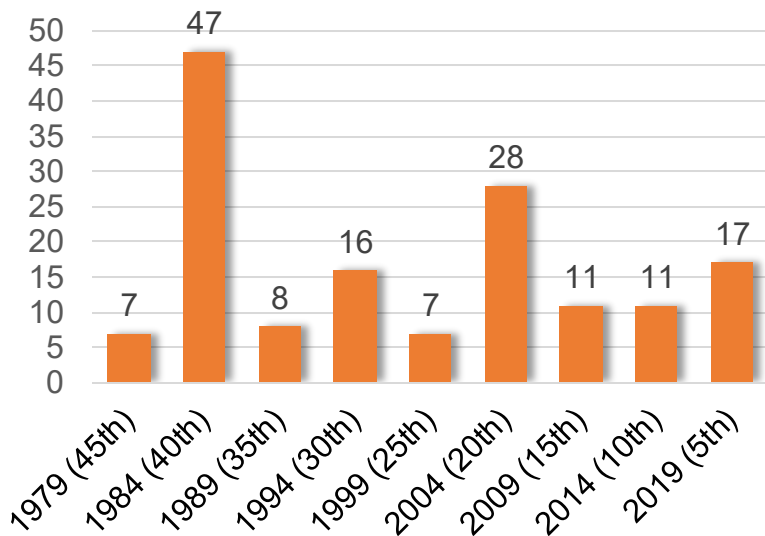
2024 ALUMNI WEEKEND & REUNIONS

298 Alumni & Guests

Alumni in Milestone Class Year (pref)

Class Year	Count
1979 (45th)	7
1984 (40th)	47
1989 (35th)	8
1994 (30th)	16
1999 (25th)	7
2004 (20th)	28
2009 (15th)	11
2014 (10th)	11
2019 (5th)	17

n=152 (Encompass)

26 States Represented +
United Kingdom
The Philippines
Japan
New Zealand
Switzerland

24 Featured Speakers, Moderators & Panelists

2021 Most Recent Class Represented

1957 Oldest Class Represented

5 Pie Flavors Served

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Senior Celebrations & GOLD

701 Alumni & Guests

GOLD- Graduates of the Last Decade
New initiative and website launched aimed at connecting new and recent graduates to opportunities, resources, events, regionally and their greater Techer community.

Senior Celebrations
May 12-14, 2025

- Annual event hosted with President Rosenbaum and Professor Faber
- Registration totals were 186, the highest to-date!
- First GOLD class and launch of GOLD gift boxes.

Ditch Day Donuts
May 23, 2025

- First ever donut drop-in for alumni participating in campus Ditch Day.
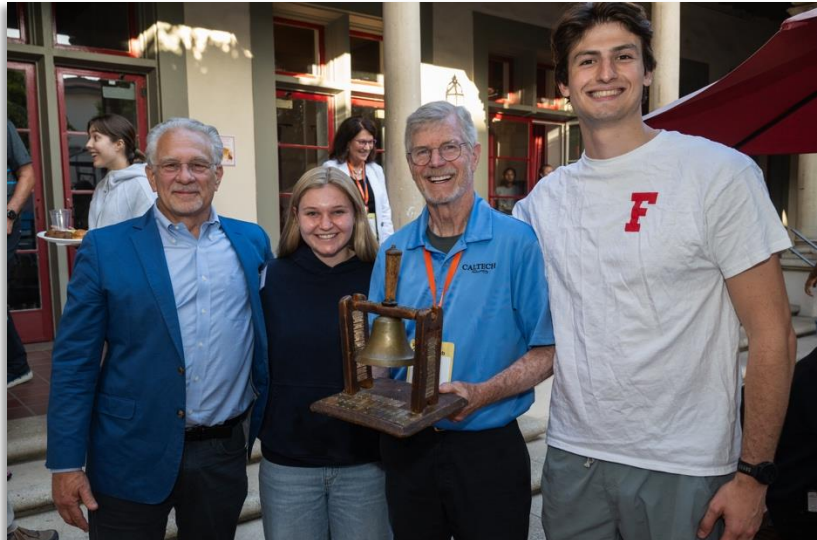
Half Century Club 2025

May 15-18, 2025

137 Alumni & Guests

Featured events included:
- Milestone Dinners
- Half Century Club Reception with President Rosenbaum and Professor Faber
- Class of 1975 Half Century Induction and Luncheon with Provost Tirrell
- Nostalgia sessions and faculty programs with Harry Gray, George Rossman, Carver Mead, Andy Ingersoll
- Celebration of female graduates and unveiling of commemorative plaque
- House dinners and student gatherings
- JPL tour, campus tours and more!

Seminar Day 2025

May 17, 2025 | Hybrid

502 Alumni & Guests

Techers logged in from the U.S., Australia, India, Kenya, and Sweden!

33 kids!

- Featured Faculty from all Divisions:
  - Gregg Hallinan, Hannah Druckenmiller, Sujit Datta, Andy Thompson, Zhongwen Zhan, Woodward Fischer, Xiaojing (Ruby) Fu, Mark Simons, Matt Thomson, Azita Emami
- Student Programs:
  - Three-Minute Thesis (3MT), Everhart Lecture, Perpall SURF
- Lab Tours:
  - Biophotonics, Caltech Optical Imaging, Kavli Nanoscience Institute, Resnick Sustainability Institute, Seismo Lab, Thomson Lab
- Launch of first-ever Seminar Day kids in partnership with CTLO students and CEC

Caltech In...Regional Events

837 Alumni & Guests

Regional events held in cities where Techers live, work, and study. Hosted alongside President Rosenbaum, Caltech faculty, and local alumni volunteer leaders.

Events held this year in:
- Singapore
- Denver
- Seattle
- San Diego
- Washington, D.C.
- Silicon Valley
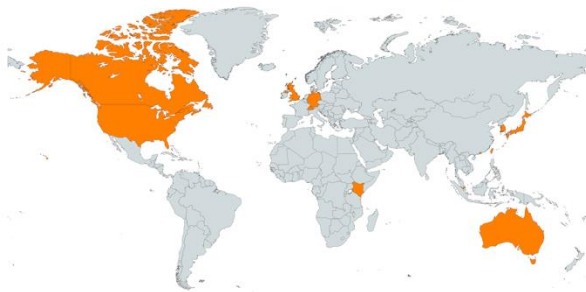- Paris
- London
- New York
- Los Alamos, NM

Tables for Techers

July 26-27, 2025

112 Tables
154 Hosts

661 Alumni & Guests

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TABLES
for **TECHERS**

Caltech Together

Caltech Together, a new volunteer-led events initiative, makes it easy for alumni to bring the Techer community together—wherever they are.

With CAA marketing and registration support, events are created and led by Techers who want to reconnect, make new friends, or just share an experience with others.

FY25 Engagement:
- Hiking, lunches, museum tours, webinars, industry/employer field trips, restaurant meet-ups, and more!
- Approximately 150 attendees across 8 completed standalone events
- 31 monthly events supported

Techer Professional Network & Mentorship

Techer Professional Network
Caltech's online platform where alumni, students, and postdocs connect for career advice and opportunities.

- 1,235 users, 460 connections made, 4,117 messages exchanged

CALE Alumni Mentorship Program (CAMP)
Pairs alumni with students and postdocs for structured, one-on-one mentoring.

- **Winter 2024:** 78 active pairs (156 mentors and mentees)
- **Summer 2025:** 73 active pairs (146 mentors and mentees)

Bay Area Professional Summit
A one-day event featuring career conversations, mentoring sessions, and a networking reception.

- 75 mentors, 169 mentees, 257 attendees at reception

Takeaway
Caltech's network, mentorship program, and summit are expanding—fostering stronger alumni-to-alumni and alumni-to-student connections.

Upcoming Events

Techer Live

- **New event series** launched Fall 2025
- Designed to bring **timely, thought-provoking conversations** to alumni worldwide
- **Primarily online**, with select in-person events
- **First program**: Future Prospects for American Science
    - President Thomas F. Rosenbaum
    - Holden Thorp (PhD '89), *Science* Editor-in-Chief
    - Sandra Tsing Loh (BS '83, DAA '01), Writer & Performer

Goal

- Elevate Caltech voices on critical issues
- Strengthen alumni pride and connection through access to leading thinkers

Alumni Weekend

October 17-19, 2025

- A weekend for all alumni (all years, all degrees) to enjoy events, tours, receptions, lectures, panels, student events, refreshment lounges, and a gift for each guest.
- Milestone Reunion for 0's and 5's

Alumni Reunions & Half Century Club

May 15-17, 2026

- All milestone reunions will be celebrated in May!
- The Half Century Club includes all alumni (of all degrees!) who graduated 50 or more years ago.

Seminar Day

Saturday, May 16, 2026

- One-day hybrid event brings together the Caltech community from around the world to learn about the latest research and discoveries from Caltech faculty, alumni, and current students across various fields of science, technology, engineering, and more.

Upcoming Caltech Together Events

LA South Bay, CA – Monthly Lunch
October 9, 2025 · 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. PT
Host: Rhonda MacDonald (BS '74)

Houston, TX – Greentown Labs
October 14, 2025 · 5:30–8:00 p.m. CT
Hosts: Thor Hanson, PhD (BS '64); Jeremy Pitts (BS '04)

Online – Using AI to Accelerate the Discovery of New Small Molecules
October 16, 2025 · 5:30–7:00 p.m. PT
Host: Peter Tong (MS '81, PhD '85)

Ann Arbor, MI – University of Michigan Museum of Art
November 1, 2025 · 1:00–3:00 p.m. ET
Host: Jing Liu (PhD '98)

Thank you to our alumni hosts and organizers for opening doors and creating opportunities to bring Techers together.

FY25 Budget Review

FY25 Operating Expenses and Funding

Actuals plus Forecast as of 9/17/25

CAA
Revenue

Endowment Payout	$	524,230
Program Revenue*	$	114,535
	$	638,765

Expenses*

Programming	$	406,540
Communications	$	290,579
Outreach & Engagement	$	100,514
Administration	$	247,478
	$	1,045,111
Net Income	$	(406,346)

Funds invested by CIT Investment Office (as of 6/30/25)

Alumni Assoc Life Member	$	5,790,475
Cancellation of Dues	$	3,061,504
Bascom Alumni - Principal	$	2,460,235
Alumni Assoc Other	$	103,257
Total	$	11,415,471

Caltech Support*

Salaries & Benefits	$	1,212,999
Rent	$	162,482
Dues Replacement	$	134,443
Programming	$	119,700
All Other	$	30,948
Total	$	1,660,572

* Estimated FY25 results, as of 9/17/25 include actual results plus the current year-end forecasted spend. Our fiscal year ends on 9/30/25. Estimate for market value of Alumni House Rent provided by auditors.

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FY26 Board Review

2025 Nominations Proposal Committee

In the 2025 CAA board election cycle, alumni had the opportunity to nominate themselves to the NPC. We were pleased to receive 17 applications. All candidates were interviewed and evaluated with an eye to create a group who, by themselves and via their Techer networks, are as broad a representation of class years, undergrad vs graduate populations, academic and professional experiences, and geographical locations as possible. All candidates that completed an interview and desired to be on the committee were invited to participate in a voting or advisory capacity.

NPC non-board members (voting)

- Aneesh Acharya; PhD Bioengineering 2016; Pasadena, CA

- Daniel Kyme; BS CS 2021; New York, NY

- Anandi Raman Creath; BS Biology & Chemistry, 1996; Phoenix, AZ

- Greg Stone; BS ChemE 1974; MS ChemE 1974; Pasadena, CA

NPC Board Members (voting)

- Edgardo Garcia-Berrios; PhD Chem 2011; San Jose, CA

- Miral Kim-E; BS ChemE 1978; La Jolla, CA

- Liz Stameshkin; BS Biology 2003; San Francisco, CA

- Jay Turner; BS MechE 2001; Torrance, CA

NPC Board Members (nonvoting)

- Frederic Caldwell; BS Eng & Applied Science 1996; San Jose, CA

- Dan Liebling; BS Computational Neuroscience 2002; Seattle, WA

NPC US Advisory (non-board, nonvoting)

- Zvonimir Bandic; MS/PhD Applied Physics 1996/1999; San Jose, CA

- Ingrid Cotoros; BS Physics 2002; Hillsborough, CA

- Marty Sirkin; BS Eng & Applied Sciences, 1984; Mercer Island, WA

NPC International Advisory (non-board, nonvoting)

- Pui Ying Angel Kong; BS EE 2004; Hong Kong

- Edgard Schweig; MS,PhD EE 1982; Lima, Peru

- Gerry Wrixon; MSc EE 1965; Kinsale, Ireland

2024-2026 Officers

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(BS '02)
Chair

Tara Gomez-Hampton, PhD
(PhD '11)
Vice Chair, Finance

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(BS '96)
Vice Chair, Leadership

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(PhD '10)

Daina Paulikas, MBA, MS
(BS '02)

David B. Peisner
(BS '74)

SK Sharma
(PhD '05)

Nate Thomas
(PhD '19)

Amanda Cashin
(PhD '06) – returning

David E. Chavez, PhD
(BS '96) – returning

Evan Tsang
(BS '99) – returning

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(BS '12)

Elizabeth Stameshkin, JD
(BS '03)

Evan Tsang
(BS '99)

Jay Turner, MBA/MS
(BS '01)

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Thank You For Your Dedication

Angela C. Poole, PhD
(BS '99)

Carly Robison
(BS '18)

Jennifer Lee, PhD
(PhD '10)

Kevin Noertker
(BS '09)

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Nominations Calendar

CAA Nomination & Election Timeline for Next Year

We encourage all CAA members to participate in the nomination and election process. Here's a brief timeline of key events:

Entire Year: Open Nominations Period
June: Board's Slate of Nominees Announced
July: Open Petition Period Closes
August – September: Open Ballot/Voting (If qualified petitions received)
September (Annual Meeting): New Directors Announced

Nominate Here

Alumni Voice

Alumni Voice

- If you've been notified that you are participating in **Alumni Voice**, please be prepared to turn on your audio and video when it's your time to speak.

- Audio and video will remain off for all other participants until their turn.

- For comments and feedback, you can always email us at: **info@alumni.caltech.edu**.

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Closing Remarks

Thank You

If you have any feedback, comments, or questions, please contact the board at info@alumni.caltech.edu

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