

blessing." Another said, "I had great classmates who still serve as resources to this day."

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of NKU's MPA program, especially for your efforts to get connected as students and stay connected as alumni. This network is a true strength of our program, which has potential benefits for all students and alumni in terms of job placement and career advancement

and also, more generally, in terms of continuous learning, professional development, and long-term collegial relationships and friendships.

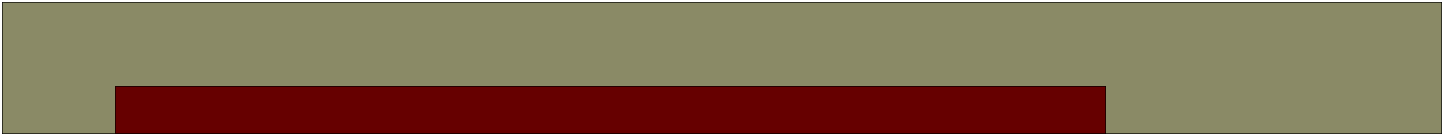
Wishing all of you a very positive and productive year!

alumni who graduated with the Local Government Management area of often see these connections when students collaborate on class assignments and PASS service projects and also when alumni work with students on Capstone research projects and internships. But it is encouraging to read statements about the value that alumni place on these experiences. One respondent wrote, "Learning to collaborate with colleagues on projects, writing, studying, etc. – it was truly a

*The summary report of the 2012 alumni survey results is available on Blackboard to all current students and faculty.*

*Others can obtain a copy by contacting Julie Olberding (olberdingj@nku.edu) or Beth DeVantier (devantier@nku.edu).*

## Faculty Updates



**Public Administration Student Society (PASS) is an organization created to enhance the MPA student experience as well as represent the graduate program. PASS is open to any MPA student in good standing.**

## 2013 Officers

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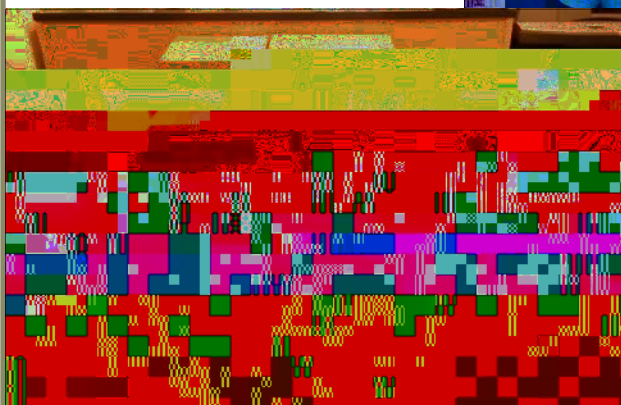
Secretary:  
*Whitney Hacker*

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## PASS Highlights

### Members participate in social networking events,

In August 2012, 25 PASS members, family and friends attended a Reds game at Great American Ball Park. In addition to the game, they enjoyed the Barry Larkin celebration, Friday Fireworks and, of course, the good company!



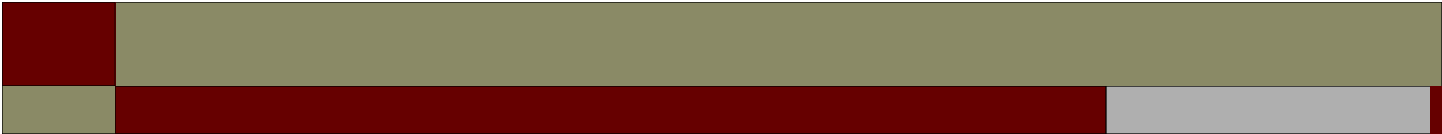
### community service projects,

During the second half of the Fall 2012 semester, PASS collected over 700 pounds of books to donate to Worldwide Book Drive, which promotes global literacy and helps the environment through book recycling and redistribution efforts.

### and guest lectures on topics of interest to MPA students.

In March 2012, Roxanne Qualls,





By Tynisha N. Worthy

From 2003 to 2012, I



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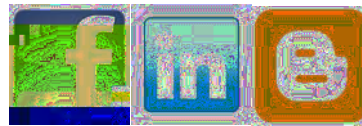
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The MPA program at NKU provides professional managerial, communication, and human relations skills and knowledge in preparation for or advancement in a variety of public sector and related careers. The program advances public sector values of effectiveness, efficiency, honesty, accountability, fairness, diversity and public service in the curriculum, extra-curricular events and speakers, and partnerships with area practitioners through the MPA Advisory Board, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and other professional associations and individuals. The goal of the program is to develop competent public service practitioners to serve governments, nonprofit organizations and citizens in the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati metropolitan region and beyond.

<http://psc-cj.nku.edu/programs/public/masters/>

We're also on:



## Upcoming events – Mark your calendar!

**MPA-ASPA Annual Dinner:** Wednesday,  
February 6, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., NKU's  
Student Union

The guest speaker will be Rina Saperstein, Executive Director of Power Inspires Progress, 2006 MPA graduate and recipient of the 2012 PSC/CJ Outstanding Alumni Award. Power Inspires Progress operates small businesses that provide paid on-the-job training to inner city residents who face obstacles pursuing and maintaining stable employment. Trainees gain the knowledge and experience necessary to be successful in the workforce. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at [devantier@nku.edu](mailto:devantier@nku.edu) or (859) 572-5326.

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