

Supporting Student Success: Amy Hoffman '94

As an active alumni member at Millersville University, Amy Hoffman '94 is an excellent example of how alumni can make a difference for current students. When reflecting on her contribution to the University, she states, "I've always valued the fact that MU has opportunities for people to give of their time and talents in service to current students, to my fellow alumni and to the University itself. It just makes sense to me to give back to a place that has shaped, and continues to shape, my life." Amy has been a faithful annual donor for more than twelve years to a variety of causes at Millersville University that have a lasting impact on the lives of students.

In addition to being an alumna of Millersville University, she is also a current Millersville graduate student pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education with plans to graduate in May 2020.

Amy recently shared her experience of attending Millersville University as an undergraduate, the life lessons that she learned as a student and why she is committed to supporting student success.



Where did you grow up?

Middletown, Pennsylvania (I could see Three Mile Island from my back porch, and I learned the word "evacuation" in first grade when "the accident" happened).

Why did you pursue your specific degree field?

I've always loved children; I even volunteered with children from the time I was in 7th grade. I believe all children deserve a quality education and I knew I could be part of that process. My concentration was in Urban Education, and it opened my eyes to a world that did not exist in my small town; my passion for meeting the needs of all children grew because of this experience.

Who inspired you most at MU?

Mrs. Fay Kramer from the Urban Education program changed my life; I love that I still run into her when I'm in town. I had several other amazing professors, too.

What is one non-academic lesson you learned at MU that helped bring you success in life?

The value of friendship and establishing a support network of peers and seasoned professionals – some of my current dearest friends are from my time at MU.

To what areas or committees do you volunteer at Millersville's campus and why?

I've served on the MU Alumni Association (MUAA) Board of Directors for several years. I'm also the co-chair of the Alumni Engagement Committee and I currently serve on the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee. I serve in these capacities because I value the past history and the future direction of the University. I've had the privilege of providing input into the policies of the MUAA, and I look forward to continuing to support MU through my volunteer efforts.

What has been the most fulfilling aspect of giving back to Millersville?

I absolutely love the connections with current students. I've had the privilege of serving at several events involving students, and I've made connections with current students who are in organizations that I participated in while I was an undergrad. I love hearing about their experiences as students (as well as the happenings of organizations that I love) and sharing some of my own life experiences with them.