



# Advocacy and Illinois Connection: Activating the Alumni Association

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# UI is #1..with the most living alumni

**TOTAL NUMBER OF LIVING ALUMNI: 678,449**

**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN - 438,870 (65%)**

**CHICAGO - 206,605 (30%)**

**SPRINGFIELD - 32,974 (5%)**

**GENDER:**

**MALE 51%**

**FEMALE 49%**

**AGE:**

**Under 40 35%**

**40 - 60 40%**

**Over 60 25%**

**TOP 5 ALUMNI CITIES IN ILLINOIS:**

**CHICAGO - 69,667**

**CHAMPAIGN-URBANA - 24,106**

**SPRINGFIELD - 11,256**

**NAPERVILLE - 8,808**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS - 4,499**

**TOP 5 ALUMNI COUNTIES IN ILLINOIS:**

**COOK - 153,642**

**DUPAGE - 40,284**

**CHAMPAIGN - 28,927**

**LAKE - 26,036**

**WILL - 14,527**

**TOP 5 ALUMNI STATES:**

**ILLINOIS - 393,227**

**CALIFORNIA - 40,490**

**TEXAS - 15,966**

**FLORIDA - 15,854**

**WISCONSIN - 12,167**

**TOP 5 ALUMNI COUNTRIES (Outside of U.S.)**

**CHINA - 2,059**

**KOREA - 1,922**

**TAIWAN - 1,879**

**CANADA - 1,156**

**INDIA - 954**

**TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS:**

**MEDICINE/HEALTH**

**RETIRED**

**BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT**

**EDUCATION**

**ENGINEERING**

**TOP 5 EMPLOYERS:**

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

**ABBOTT**

**BOEING**

**CATERPILLAR**

**ACCENTURE**

# U of I's Active Alumni Base

- 46 official regional U.S. alumni clubs
- 30 official alumni clubs outside of the U.S.
- Special interest/affiliate groups: Asian American Alumni Network; Black Alumni Network; Black Alumni Council (UIC); Latino/Latina alumni Association
- 650+ club events a year; 170+ in Chicagoland
  - Hundreds of additional college/unit Chicago alumni events
- Countless additional informal alumni groups

# Influential Alumni

- Local, state and federal government; civic groups
- 1 of every 6 doctors in Illinois is a UI grad
- Half of the state's dentists are UI grads
- One third of the state's pharmacists are UI grads
- More than 100,000 Engineering alumni around the world continue to impact humanity



## Alumni involvement in legislative advocacy

**\*13,000 alumni are part of Association's advocacy network and communicate with their legislators regularly\***





# Issue Advocacy on behalf of U of I

- Higher education funding
- Student loans/grants (MAP and Pell grants)
- Federal research funding
- Economic Development