

Alumni Relations Events

- 2005-2006 saw 115 regional Calvin alumni events, including coast-to-coast “Calvin Around Town” events. The annual Alumni golf tournament on Saturday, September 9, brought a turnout of 226 participants with event proceeds going to the Grand Rapids Area Chapter Scholarship Fund.
- The “Calvin Around Town” series included a Middle Eastern museum event, in the Van Andel Arena, for the “Egypt” exhibit. The event featured Henry Luttikhuisen (Art) and Adel Abadeer (Economics & Business) and drew over 200 alumni and friends.
- Regional alumni chapters have begun adopting the “Around Town” model with a groundbreaking event in Milwaukee at the new art museum, top off with a mini-concert by Calvin’s Capella choir; a Colorado chapter gathering at the Denver Zoo with communications professor Bill Romanowski; and an event at Ford Field in Detroit featuring Calvin’s Gospel Choir and retired Detroit Lion Lem Barney.
- “The Game”: Once a year, on a Saturday in January, the alumni associations of Calvin and Hope team up to have the locally televised Hope-Calvin basketball game sent across North America by satellite. In January 2006, there were a record 59 game sites in cities from Seattle, Washington to Naples, Florida. The alumni office was able to secure a place for “The Game” on College Sports Television (CSTV), a major digital provider of sports programming. See www.calvin.edu/thegame for a list of locations and pictures of game sites.

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- The 2005 edition of “Christmas at the Campus Store,” the annual Saturday-in-December alumni-sponsored effort to get alumni to “buy Calvin” for the holidays, drew a record number of shoppers and dollars: 629 shoppers and \$23,638 in sales (surpassing the previous records of 525 shoppers and \$18,000 in sales).
- Throughout the country, the Alumni Association sponsored events for regional chapters: in Holland (a panel of professors discussing Hurricane Katrina and a Calvin Alumni Choir concert); Kalamazoo (the Calvin Alumni Orchestra); Detroit/Ann Arbor (River City Improv troupe and a sing-along Messiah concert with the Calvin Orchestra); Minneapolis (Northwest Airlines CEO and Calvin graduate Doug Steenland '73); Denver (men’s basketball team on a Christmas break tour); and for the Black Alumni Chapter (Gospel Choir Concert).
- 17th Annual Spring Classic, Saturday, April 28, 2007. The Grand Rapids and Lakeshore Area Alumni Chapters of the Calvin Alumni Association host this race. Because of our generous corporate sponsors, all entry fees go toward student scholarships!
- 37th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament at Pilgrim's Run on Saturday, September 9, 2006.