



About Forum 40404

What questions do you have about the Forum?

What is Forum 40404?

Forum 40404 is a group of alumni who have volunteered to share their opinions, experiences, thoughts, and ideas by answering four to five surveys over the course of a year. We sent invitations to a randomly selected group of 5,000 alumni (graduates and non-graduates). Currently, there are 225 alumni who have agreed to serve on this inaugural Forum 40404 panel.

What are the goals/mission of Forum 40404?

We strive to have input from all of our constituents (students, faculty/staff, and alumni) on a variety of topics. In the past, only about 25% of alumni responded to surveys. The goal of the Forum 40404 project is to have a dedicated group of alumni who will respond to surveys. By sending shorter, specific topic-oriented, and regular surveys, we hope to gain more input from alumni. This allows us to provide an "alumni voice" to inform decision-making.

How is Forum 40404 being organized on campus?

The Forum 40404 project is being coordinated by Clara Labus Chapman, '93 (Assistant Director in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment). The topics for the surveys will be chosen by the Administrative Committee (President and Vice Presidents) in collaboration with various departments and individuals across campus. The surveys will be constructed, analyzed, and the results summarized by the staff of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (Clara Chapman, the office Labor students, and the Director, Judith Weckman).

What is the time commitment?

The Forum 40404 members will be asked four to five 10-minute web-based surveys over the course of one year. At that point, we will evaluate the process and make decisions about moving forward.

How are you protecting confidentiality?

Your individual responses/ratings will not be shared. We will use comments from Forum 40404 members, but we will ask permission if we would like to quote a member and use his/her name.

What are some issues or topics that will be asked?

Early this fall, we will solicit ideas from a group of administrative and academic leaders. Right now, some possible topics include:

- The Impact of Berea College in Your Life
- How Attending a Work College Impacted Your Life
- Alumni Service to the Appalachian Region
- Sustainability
- Use of the College Forest
- Wellness
- High Impact Practices (e.g., internships, theatre, art, dance, service-learning, etc.)

How and with whom will the reports be shared?

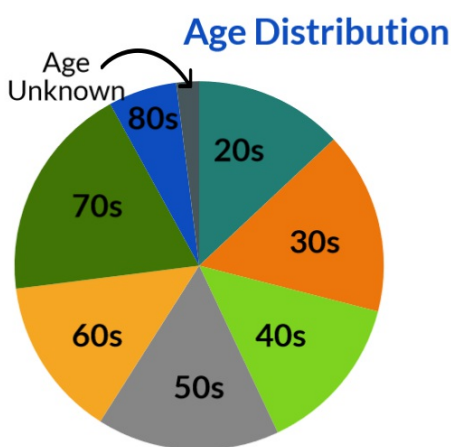
Reports will be shared with the Forum 40404 members, all alumni, administrators (including the Board of Trustees), faculty/staff, and students. Typically, reports will be shared electronically through e-mail and often times will be posted on the Institutional Research website.

What are the demographics of the Forum 40404 membership?

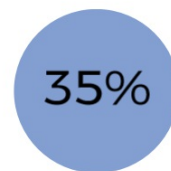


225 Alumni Members

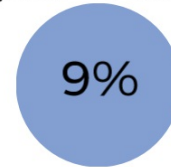
208 (92%) Received Degree from Berea College



Live in KY



Minority (non-White)



Why are you interested in being part of the Forum 40404?



To give back/stay connected.

Berea College has been a major formative portion of my life. More so during my adult years after graduation I have depended on what I learned at Berea to solve problems and to enhance decisions. After all of these years I want to give something back.



To help current and future students.

To help BC in any possible way. I DID return to Appalachia, and am contributing to underserved people just like we dreamed as freshman. Would love to pass that on.



To be an alumni voice.

Being able to attend Berea College was a gift that I will value my entire life. I think it's incredibly important that you receive feedback from alumni who have various types of backgrounds, religious views and political beliefs. My voice needs to be heard among those who have complete opposite opinions of mine.