



## Appalachian State Alumni New York City Chapter

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### 2011 Highlights:

- ASU Football Viewing Parties
- ASU Happy Hours
- Chapter's first participation in NYC's largest day of community service: NY Cares Day (Oct 2011)
- Chapter's first joint football viewing party with rival Elon

### 2012 Plan/Objectives:

#### Exposure:

- Participation in volunteer/community service events across the NYC Metro area (bi-annually)
- More alumni events throughout the year consisting of happy hours, topic discussions, networking opportunities, and our football viewing parties

#### Improving Communication:

- Communicating through our official Facebook page highlighting upcoming/past events, providing medium for members to present ideas and to foster relationships with other ASU alumni based in New York
- Alumni feedback is vital to making our chapter successful and fun

#### Ideas:

- Joint events with other NC-based alumni organizations (meet and greet, sports viewing parties, happy hours, etc.)
- "Welcome to NYC" Summer Social for recent ASU Graduates
- Do you have any ideas for your ASU NYC Alumni Chapter?

## Meet your 2011-2012 NYC ASU Alumni Leadership Team:

**Peter Macaluso:** Graduated ASU in 1990 with a BSBA in Management from the Walker College of Business. Peter played tight end for the ASU intercollegiate club football team from 1986-1990. During those years, the team won the North Carolina Club Football Association Championship in 1986, 1988 and 1989. Peter was the team's Vice President in 1987 and during the years 1988-1990 he was the team's President. Peter is currently a Senior Vice President in the Fixed Income Division at broker dealer BTIG, LLC. Prior to BTIG, Peter worked as a retail junk bond trader at Merrill Lynch. Peter has been on the NYC Alumni Committee for nine years and it's President since 2007. A lifelong Long Islander, he and his wife currently reside in Brooklyn, NY. Email: [thresher2@gmail.com](mailto:thresher2@gmail.com)



**Ngoc-Vu Nguyen (Vu):** Vu graduated from ASU in 2008 with a BSBA in Finance and Banking from the Walker College of Business. During his time at Appalachian, Vu served Appalachian through numerous campus involvement activities and roles. Vu served as the Tour Coordinator for the Appalachian Student Ambassadors, Vice President for the Bowden Investment Group, and worked with diversity initiatives for ASU as a requirement as a Diversity Scholar recipient. After graduation, Vu worked for Bank of America in the Finance Management Associate Program for two years in Charlotte working in various Corporate Finance roles supporting the Corporate Bank and Corporate Real Estate businesses. Vu moved to NYC in 2010 and currently works for Global Markets Financial Planning & Analytics for Bank of America Merrill Lynch. (Cell: 336-692-9728 | Email: [ngocvun@gmail.com](mailto:ngocvun@gmail.com))



**Jamian C. Polk:** Graduated from ASU in 2006 with a BSBA in Computer Information Systems and International Business from the distinction Walker College of Business. Jamian participated in Student Government Association all four years with multiple leadership capacities one including the Administrative Liaison to Chancellor Peacock and the Board of Trustees. His keen passion for technology and helping others led him the role as an Executive member of the Association of Information Technology (AITP), Student Ambassador for University Relations and committee member for the University Diversity Committee. Jamian has lived in New York City for the past 5 years. Half of those years were spent as a Consultant Engineer for Financial Services firms with Cisco Systems. Most recently, Jamian accepted a managerial post for a Global Cisco Partner called ShoreGroup, Inc. (Cell: 646-477-6819 | Email: [j.carlyle@styleeducation.com](mailto:j.carlyle@styleeducation.com))



**Bixby O. Stewart:** Bixby graduated magna cum laude from Appalachian in 2009 with a BSBA in Finance and Banking from the Walker College of Business. As an undergraduate he remained committed to serving Appalachian through campus involvement and leadership in a variety of different roles. Bixby was President of the Appalachian Student Ambassadors, Vice-President of the Finance Student's Association, a member of Appalachian's 2009 CFA Challenge Team, an analyst for the Bowden Investment Group, a brother of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and a student representative on Appalachian's Alumni Council. Following graduation

Bixby moved to New York City, and currently works as an automotive analyst at Silver Point Capital.  
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