

LINEHAN ARTIST SCHOLARS PROGRAM



HANDBOOK

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Earl and Darielle Linehan

The Linehan Artist Scholars Program was created through the vision and generosity of Earl and Darielle Linehan. The Linehans' vision for the Artist Scholars Program emerged from their deeply held belief in the importance of the arts to society. They helped launch the program with a generous gift in September 1997. After supporting the program for almost two decades, in 2015, the Linehans endowed the program, ensuring its future ability to continue and grow. Their commitment to UMBC and our student community has created a transformative learning experience for hundreds of talented undergraduates majoring in the visual and performing arts with a strong record of academic achievement.

Longtime residents of greater Baltimore, the Linehans have a distinguished history of involvement with UMBC. Mr. Linehan chaired UMBC's Board of Visitors from 1993 to 2005 and was chair of the University's first capital campaign. He served on the Exceptional by Example Campaign Committee, which surpassed its goal upon completion in 2011. He is the President of Woodbrook Capital, Inc. and serves on numerous corporate, civic, and nonprofit boards.

In addition to her countless civic commitments, Darielle Linehan turned her lifelong love of books and learning into a vocation, founding the highly acclaimed Ivy Bookshop in North Baltimore. Earl and Darielle Linehan enjoy engaging with the students and learning about their passion for the arts. We sincerely appreciate their ongoing commitment to the Linehan Artist Scholars Program and UMBC.

“Artists are the leading edge of creativity in our society—they inspire our thinking and enrich our lives. But how can we encourage more young people to turn their talents into careers? Young artists seem to thrive best in an atmosphere that blends critical study with creative expressions — the kind of interdisciplinary environment that UMBC has always fostered.”

—Earl L. Linehan, President, Woodbrook Capital, Inc.

WELCOME, Scholars!

This handbook is a valuable resource for new and returning scholars. Here, you will find information about program requirements, policies, community engagement, research and creative advancement, and other areas. As arts majors and artist scholars, you will advance your knowledge as you study new techniques and approaches across a variety of artistic disciplines. The Linehan Artist Scholars Program actively promotes the formation of an active and inclusive community, and we encourage you all to make the most of your time at UMBC. Work hard, work smart, and enjoy making art!

Mission

The Linehan Artist Scholars Program empowers artists to turn their talent into careers by being the program of choice, blending critical study with creative expressions in a high-achieving interdisciplinary environment. The program provides a dynamic community that promotes artistic, intellectual, social, and civic development. UMBC recognizes artists as leaders of transformation in our society, and in partnership with the visual and performing arts departments at UMBC, the program prepares artist scholars to be leaders and makers empowered to create in various contexts.

Vision

- Be a best-in-class destination arts program for talented students interested in UMBC's specialty arts programs (e.g., dance, imaging and digital arts, music, and theatre) at an R1 university offering interdisciplinary and entrepreneurial opportunities;
- Launch Linehan Artist Scholars into meaningful and productive careers; and
- Elevate UMBC's reputation as an institution with high-quality arts programs.

Core Values

Curiosity: We actively investigate and engage with all arts disciplines.

Community: We inquire into and support one another through your college career.

Diversity: We appreciate other perspectives, backgrounds, and identities.

Inclusivity: We promote inclusion, representation, belonging, and authenticity.

LAS TEAM

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PROGRAM Information

All Linehan scholars are expected to contribute actively to our community, which includes taking part in our program excursion activities and Linehan community events when possible, as well as attending your peers’ performances and arts events.

Keep yourself abreast with the **Linehan Calendar** available on the Resources tab on the Linehan website; here, you will find important program information, dates, deadlines, and registration forms. Communication is very important. We expect all scholars to respond to emails from the Linehan TEAM and scholars in a timely manner.

Fall Welcome Gathering

On the second Friday of the fall semester, we host a Fall Welcome Gathering for all current scholars to welcome our new group of first-years, share the latest program news and scholar opportunities, and hear from scholars who were awarded the Summer Research & Study Award (SRSA). Food and beverages will be provided, and all scholars will receive an RSVP email at the beginning of the fall semester. We expect all scholars to attend.

Scholar Activity Form

At the beginning of each semester, you are required to fill out the online Scholar Activity Form located on the Resources tab on the Linehan website. The form asks you to list:

- performances, shows, and/or events you will be participating in for the current semester;
- any involvement in faculty research, internships, and/or working on your own research;
- summer activities, and other news specific to your career; and
- for seniors only: details about your plans for graduation and beyond.

The information is used by the Program Director to identify what the scholars are doing on a regular basis, and forms much of the primary content for the Autumn and Spring issues of our Linehan Artist Scholars & Alumni Newsletter Magazine.

The Scholar Activity Form will close on:

Fall 2026 | September 15 & Spring 2027 | February 20

Scholars failing to complete the Activity Form should not expect to receive recommendation letters when requested of the Program Director. Effort goes both ways ;)

Fall & Spring Program Excursions

A central component of the LAS scholar experience is the fall trip to New York and the local spring trip to Baltimore or Washington, DC. The NYC excursion includes a visual art exhibition and a live performance (rotating between dance, music, and theatre each year. Seeing works of art, classics or new, opens all kinds of passages and possibilities to think beyond what one already knows. The program strongly believes in providing our scholars with opportunities to immerse themselves in works by professional artists and find resonance in their own experiences, as well as the relationship between history, philosophy, politics, and art.

Fall Excursion to NYC will always happen on either

- the last Saturday of September (9/26/2026) or
- the first Saturday of October (10/3/2026)

Spring Excursion

- We may offer a local day trip (Baltimore/DC) with limited availability. The format will vary, and the date will be published on Instagram and emailed.

Registration is available on the Resources tab of the Linehan website. Only scholars attending need to register.

Linehan Website “RESOURCES”

All scholars are expected to keep themselves up-to-date with program events, registrations, award applications, job calls, research assistant opportunities, and more, which are posted

under the Resources tab. Scholars can access it using the password **Linehan2026**. The password changes “the year” (only) each January.

End-of-Year Linehan Program Celebration

At the end of the spring semester, we celebrate our senior artist scholars and recognize their incredible achievements and service to our program. We welcome incoming scholars as well as alumni of the program. The event is open to current scholars, alumni, and the families of our graduating and incoming scholars. Earl and Darielle Linehan, whose vision and generosity make your scholarship a possibility, strive to attend this event when it is possible.

Graduating Scholar Recognition

Student Honors and Awards Booklet - Provost Office

This recognition is central to highlighting our scholars' accomplishments and raising our program's profile on campus. The Program Director and the four arts departments determine the award nominations. A self-nomination call will be sent out.

Outstanding Service to the Linehan Artist Scholars Program

This award is given to graduating scholars for their outstanding service to the LAS program, their department, and the UMBC community.

Outstanding Artistic Achievement

The award is given to graduating scholars in each of the four arts disciplines whose artistic work, including mentoring of young artists, has received high-level recognition outside of UMBC.

LAS Seminar VPA225-02 & 121H

First-year scholars are required to enroll in VPA225-02 (fall) and LAS121H (spring). The seminars are held on Fridays from 1:00-3:45 PM during the fall and spring semesters. The program director facilitates the seminars and includes workshops by UMBC arts faculty and professional regional artists. Scholars will share ideas about art and what it means to be an artist and explore a broad range of creative approaches to investigate the different – yet interconnected – ways the arts enable critical thinking. It is a process that involves stepping outside one's comfort zone and questioning one's perceptions, which in turn creates new realizations. The seminars foreground community and comprehensive learning experiences where individual voices are honored. The cornerstones are making, fabrication, critique, collaboration, research, and critical thinking. Through collaborative and self-led projects as the foundation of integrative and engaged learning, scholars are introduced to experiences

and opportunities that support their involvement and investigation of their creative practice in the arts as research.

Seminar course requirements include attending events/performances outside the regular Friday meeting time. You must check the topical outline for each seminar at the beginning of the semester and communicate any conflicts to the Program Director.

Research and Creative Achievements

UMBC offers many opportunities for undergraduates in every major to gain significant experience with independent creative work, scholarship, and research. In addition to their creative research, Linehan scholars frequently participate in faculty research in the Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts departments.

Linehan scholars are strongly encouraged to advance their practice and artistic engagement through research projects, intensives, apprenticeships, and more. You can discuss research ideas and projects with the program director and your departmental advisor. Always plan ahead of time with regard to project proposal ideas.

Undergraduate Research Award

The [Undergraduate Research Award \(URA\)](#) is offered by the Undergraduate Research and Prestigious Scholarships Office and is open to all undergraduate students. If a student's project is selected, they may receive a stipend of up to \$1,500 to fund a research proposal. Students must submit a detailed proposal and budget for their project under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Interdisciplinary work is encouraged. Students with interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged to have a mentor in each key discipline. All funded student research is presented at UMBC on Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day each April.

URA Proposal Timeline

January: Identify a mentor from your art major department.
February: Start your proposal / discuss research with your mentor / make revisions.
May: Application due early May.
Summer: Start your research.

URA Linehan Funding Match

The Linehan Artist Scholars Program supports research and provides up to eight URA funding matches to scholars whose URA Proposal has been awarded. The funding match is up to \$1,500. Linehan match funding may be used to cover various aspects of the URA

research budget such as travel, accommodation, tuition fees, meals, but not the purchase of electronic devices and software.

Eligible Linehan Scholars:

- The applicant must have a GPA of a minimum of 3.250.

The application requires that you complete the **Linehan URA Funding Match Form** by May 3, 2027. Before starting, you must:

- have completed your URA proposal
- have discussed and sought advice from your URA department mentor.

Important:

- The form asks you to clearly outline why you are applying for the URA funding match.
- The form requires confirmation of parents/guardian's permission if your URA proposal involves domestic or international travel.
- The form asks you to upload a complete W-9 form (2027)

The application opens after the spring break and closes on May 3, 2027. Read and follow the guidelines outlined in the form.

Scholars who have submitted the Linehan URA Funding Match Form will receive notification within 10 days after the closing date, if they have been awarded the match. The funding match will not be processed until the scholars email/forward their URA award notification to linehan@umbc.edu. The URA Office award notification typically happens late May.

Scholars receiving the *Linehan Funding Match* **must** follow the URA requirements: complete the fall PRAC zero credit course, submit URCAD abstract, and present at URCAD. Scholars who fail to complete URA requirements or use funding to purchase electronic devices and/or software understand that they must pay back the full amount to the program.

Go to the RESOURCE tap on linehan.umbc.edu to access the Linehan URA Funding Match Form.

Study Abroad

Linehan Artist Scholars may utilize their scholarship for credit-worthy courses earned abroad. Scholarship funds can only be used for studying abroad during the fall or spring semesters. Studying abroad is one of the best ways to acquire global and intercultural skills.

To learn more, visit the [UMBC Education Abroad Office](#). Scholars interested in studying abroad for an entire semester must discuss this with their departmental arts advisor, and obtain approval to be shared with the program director. Scholars may complete the

[Scholarships Study Abroad Approval Form](#) to receive authorization to use any merit scholarships abroad and submit it electronically to scholarships@umbc.edu.

STRiVE Leadership for Public Purpose Program

is an intensive and engaging leadership for public purpose program that helps inspire and support students in becoming more effective leaders and contributors to their communities, especially the UMBC community. Past STRiVE participants have gotten deeply involved in campus organizations and initiatives and have made phenomenal contributions.

List of Program Outcomes:

- STRiVE participants develop friendships
- discover their strengths and values
- learn how to work more effectively in groups
- envision contributions they could make at UMBC
- engage issues relating to identity, privilege, and systemic oppression
- and tackle both simulated and real leadership and social change challenges.

The Linehan Artist Scholars Program nominates four scholars who have shown dedication and interest in leadership and public service. If their applications are selected, the Linehan Program sponsors their program fees.

Scholars interested in being considered for nomination can schedule a meeting with the Program Director between September 1st and October 1, 2026.

Note: Participants can't take winter courses as STRiVE's daily activities are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

[Read more about STRiVE.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP | Rules and Guidelines

1. Linehan Scholarships are limited to fall and spring semesters for four years or eight consecutive semesters for undergraduate study only. Early graduation will result in the forfeiture of the remaining unused scholarship funds.
2. To retain the scholarship, Scholars must enroll and complete a minimum of 12 credits each fall/spring semester and achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25. Scholars failing either of these two requirements will be placed on probation.
3. Any changes in registration or enrollment (internship, cooperative education, study abroad, or withdrawal from UMBC) must be approved by the UMBC Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Unauthorized withdrawal below the full-time requirement or from UMBC may result in the cancellation of this award.
4. Art Major requirements:
 - Scholars must enroll and complete coursework required to stay on track for their arts major each fall and spring semester.
 - Scholars not enrolling in coursework required for their arts major must notify the Program Director.
 - Scholars who choose to drop their arts major will no longer qualify for the Linehan scholarship, and it will be discontinued.
5. Program Requirements:
 - First-year scholars must register for and complete VPA225 and LAS121H seminars.
 - Scholars are required to complete Sophomore Service and engage in General Linehan Service as defined in the LAS handbook (p. 9).
 - Scholars are strongly encouraged to participate in program events each semester throughout the four years, including but not limited to our semester opening gatherings, peer mentorship, off-campus program trips, and specified on-campus arts/lecture events.
 - Scholars are required to respond promptly to all communication related to their role as Artist Scholars. Failure to do so can result in a warning or probation.
6. The Scholarship Office performs an academic review each semester to ensure scholars maintain the cumulative GPA and required completed credit units. Scholars who fail to meet these requirements will receive either a probation or discontinuation message.
7. Scholars receiving a probation message, must notify the Program Director. Linehan scholars are entitled to two semesters of probation. Scholars on probation must actively

work with their departmental adviser and additional university resources to devise a plan of action to restore themselves academically.

8. Scholars receiving a discontinuation message, must immediately contact the program director. If the discontinuation message comes after two semesters of probation, that means the scholarship will be discontinued.
9. Appeal Process: A Scholar can submit an appeal to extend their probation period. Go to the [scholarship office's discontinuation appeal page](#) for more information,
10. If the appeal request is approved, the Scholar is placed on probation for one additional semester. Scholars failing to meet scholarship standards following an appeal/probation will have their scholarship discontinued.
11. Discontinued awards may not be reinstated regardless of whether the Scholar is able to meet the terms of their scholarship in a future semester.
12. Scholarships will be discontinued if no enrollment activity is present.
 - Registering for fall courses (12 credits) must be completed by July 1st
 - Registering for spring courses (12 credits) must be completed by Dec 21st
 - Seniors registering for less than 12 credits in their final semester **must** notify the program director.

Scholarship Deferral Requests

There can be many reasons for a scholar to seek a semester off, including medical conditions, family circumstances, or others. A scholarship deferral allows the student a one-time, single semester of non-enrollment from UMBC while maintaining their scholarship eligibility upon their return. Scholars not planning to enroll during the fall or spring semesters may request a scholarship deferral before the intended semester begins. A scholar seeking a deferral must first discuss this with their department chair; a formal statement and supporting documents must be submitted via the Scholarship Office's deferral webpage: <https://scholarships.umbc.edu/deferral/>.

Deadline for FALL 2026 deferral request: June 1, 2026

Deadline for the SPRING 2027 deferral request: November 1, 2026

Scholars General Service Expectations

Linehan Scholars are required to provide service/assistance to their department and the program.

General Linehan Service | 1-4 years scholars

- Be available for Scholar Selection Day (last Saturday in February).
 - Departmental set-up
 - Linehan Scholars Panel
 - Family Panel

- End-of-Year Linehan Spring Celebration
 - Performance
 - Art exhibit
 - Coordination

Sophomore Service Requirements

Scholars in their second year are required to provide 30-40 hours of service. Music scholars must enroll in and complete MUS191-02 as part of their service requirement; all other scholars must enroll and complete LAS220 Service Learning in the Arts I during their sophomore year (fall or spring).

Scholars can sign up for specific Linehan Program service activities, apply for our partner internship opportunities, assist faculty research, and/or complete department-specific service tasks. It is the responsibility of the sophomore scholars to complete and track their required service hours using the Service Hours Tracking form available on the Resources tab of the Linehan website. Service opportunities and guidelines will be shared via Blackboard (LAS121H). Music scholars must sign up for LAS Admission Affiliates.

Enrollment

Scholars have two enrollment options. Scholars enrolling in the Fall semester must complete all 30-40 hours in that semester. Scholars can choose to complete some of their required service hours during the fall semester, track these hours, and enroll in spring and complete the rest of their required hours. Check the Resources tab of the Linehan website for more information.

Areas of Departmental Service

Scholars may complete specific tasks, like helping out during events coordinated by the department, creating content for departmental social media, assisting in faculty research, and more.

Areas of Program Service

Scholars can serve the program in the form of content developers for our Instagram account and the Linehan newsletter magazine, serving as helpers for Scholar Selection Day, which includes but is not limited to guiding scholar applicants and taking part in the scholar panel session, and serving as assistants to the Assistant Director of Engagement during UMBC Campus recruitment events, and more.

List of program service areas:

- VPA Floor Mentors
- Social Media Content Creators
- Linehan Gallery Assistant
- Photography Documentation / PR
- Linehan Artist Scholars & Alumni Newsletter
- Senior Viewbook Coordinator/Design
- Program Events Assistance
- Admission Affiliates
- Internship with Linehan Program Partners

Assisting Faculty Research

Scholars invited or selected to participate in faculty research (in or outside their department) can report this as service. Be sure to communicate with the faculty PI that you may complete a maximum of 40 hours of research project work as part of your service hours and notify the Program Director of your participation.

Service Expectations

- Scholars are expected to commit to serving their department and the program each semester in some capacity.
- Scholars can serve either their department or the program, depending on their department's needs and the scholar's schedule.
- Scholars on the payroll for the program or their department can't count their work as service.

Advising

All advising is facilitated by the department where the scholar is pursuing a major. You are responsible for being proactive in knowing what classes they need to take and when those classes are offered. Consult the departmental handbook when planning the journey toward completing the degree. A departmental advisor can assist you in planning semester schedules and determining graduation requirements. Successful completion of all coursework is ultimately YOUR responsibility. Changes in your academic journey, such as a change of major, deferral, or academic probation, are also your responsibility. Prepare for advising meetings by checking Degree Audit through myUMBC, and the online Class Schedule. Many courses are not offered every semester – you must consider “fall only” or “spring only” coursework in your plans and work with your advisor to ensure that you are on track to complete the degree. Scholars are welcome to schedule an advising meeting with the Program Director in addition to their departmental advising. These conversations look at your goals and ways to best reach them through strategic course schedule management.

Engagement

From getting involved in program events, providing service to one’s department, attending peer performances and exhibits, volunteering as a peer mentor, and collaborating across disciplines – **our scholars create their Scholar Experiences**. As a program, we offer activities where scholars can socialize, meet new and familiar faces, and engage in learning opportunities that complement their academic and creative experiences.

Community EVENTS

With help from volunteering scholars, the Linehan Program hosts community social events each semester. These are fantastic opportunities for us all to come together across cohorts. We strongly encourage you to engage and take part in shaping our community.

Fall Community Event

This event is coordinated and run by sophomore scholars and each fall the organizing committee determines the theme and structure for this event. The event is meant to bring scholars together across cohorts in situations where we can have fun together, such as a Murder Mystery, a "Hidden Talent" showcase, or sketch performances. This event typically takes place mid-November. Registration will be required as we provide food/snacks.

Spring Community Event

New initiative. We will be offering an outdoor Movie Night long with guitar playing and singing, and if permitted fire pits for making s'mores and Danish "Snorebrød." This event will take place in late April, and if weather permits.

Linehan Gallery

Scholars across all four disciplines are invited to submit work to be featured publicly in a curated Linehan Gallery exhibition. Submission is ongoing, but a call will be emailed to all scholars at the beginning of each semester. The Linehan Gallery is located on the second floor of the PAHB corridor.

All current Linehan students are HIGHLY encouraged to submit to the Linehan Gallery. The link to the submission form is available under "Resources" on our website.

Works that can be submitted:

- 2D works (e. g. paintings, drawings, etc.)**
- Photography
- Videography
- Animation
- Photos/Videos of Performances
- Photographs of 3D works**
- Process Videos
- Audio Files

** Please submit a high-quality photo or scan of your work that is a faithful reproduction of the original. We only display printed copies of your works due to concerns over the safety of the artwork exhibited in a public area.

Opportunities provided by the Gallery:

- You can include the exhibition of your work on your resume.
- You will have the opportunity to participate in an artist talk regarding your work, which you can also include on your resume.
- You will learn how to talk about your work and display your art in a professional setting.

Linehan Artist Scholars & Alumni Newsletter Magazine

Our newsletter celebrates the work of our scholars and alumni, highlighting the significance of art and creative expression on our campus and beyond. Sharing the work of our artist scholars and alumni – promoting artistic fulfillment, self-awareness, and being open to new ideas and experiences – informs us of ways in which art gives meaning to life and helps us understand our world.

The autumn and spring issues focus on the current activities of scholars, and the winter and summer issues feature Linehan alumni.

Autumn Issue	Late October	Current scholars focused
Winter Issue	Late January	Alumni focused
Spring Issue	Late March	Current scholars focused
Summer Issue	Late May	Program focused

GRIT guides

The Grit Guides are the lifeblood of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and the work that they do is crucial to UMBC. Scholars are encouraged to become GRIT guides, a job that involves sharing information about our institution with prospective students and families, showing visitors our campus, and assisting students with the application process. It is an on-campus job, and it requires that you are interested in joining a team of students who support each other, encourage each other, and learn new skills together. If you have questions about the application or want to chat about what it means to be a Grit Guide, please contact Gina Ralston at gralston@umbc.edu or admissions@umbc.edu.

Linehan Scholar Study Lounge

Linehan and Humanities scholars have 24/7 access to the study lounge in the PAHB, room 212. Printing should only be used for education/career-related purposes.

The following rules apply:

- This is a shared space; please be mindful not to disturb others.
- Clean up the room before you leave.
- The LAS program is not responsible for the loss of personal items.
- Non-scholars/groups are not allowed to use the study lounge without permission.

Food and drink (in covered containers) are permitted in the study lounge, except at or near computers and equipment. We request that you dispose of trash and recyclables in appropriate containers and immediately clean up accidents or spills. Notify Kate Chasse if professional cleaning is required.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all times. Smoking throughout the campus is not permitted by UMBC campus-wide policy. Violation of these will result in probation or discontinuation of the scholarship.

For issues with swipe access to the scholars' lounge, contact Kate Chasse (kchasse1@umbc.edu).

Alumni Mentoring Program

The goal of the Linehan Alumni Mentor Program is to connect current scholars with Linehan alumni who are interested in sharing their expertise with a new generation of young artists and innovators. The Linehan Program Leadership team pairs alumni mentors with mentees based on their knowledge of the scholar and their submitted Mentor Request Form. The mentor program is offered to all third-year scholars, and the commitment runs one academic semester. After the mentorship semester has concluded, scholars and alumni will have the opportunity to continue the mentoring relationship informally through Retriever's Connect. Alumni mentors are vetted based on their degree area(s), professional experiences, and supporting expertise (e.g., grant writing, communication, non-profit, graduate career, etc.).

The Mentor program is facilitated through UMBC's Retrievers Connect platform, which verifies all users. All aspects of the mentoring process (email, message, or video chat) will occur through Retrievers Connect. It is up to the mentor and mentee to determine what areas of assistance to focus on and to develop a mentorship plan.

Meeting obligations include:

- A 1-hour introductory virtual meeting in which the mentor and mentee will introduce themselves and collaborate on a plan of action to be followed for the semester.
- Two 45-minute virtual progress check-in meetings, scheduled by the mentor and mentee at the introductory meeting.

The mentor and mentee can decide to engage in additional communication/sharing.

Mentee guidelines:

- Complete the Mentor Request Form
- Attend virtual meetings
- Come prepared to mentor meetings, which include bringing materials/questions
- Timely communication
- Complete wrap-up survey

All scholars can engage with alums through the **Linehan Artist Scholars Program Community private group in Retrievers Connect**, allowing opportunities for collaboration outside of the formal mentorship program.

Alumni Network

The vibrant Linehan Alumni community reaches back almost thirty years, doing fantastic work right here in Baltimore, nationally, and around the world. Our Assistant Director of Engagement leads our alumni community, offering alums the support to stay connected and continue the Linehan vision of being leaders and makers empowered to create in various contexts.

Alumni initiatives include in-person and virtual networking and mentorship opportunities, online community/resource forum, reunions, and more. Each spring, we host a Linehan End of Year event, where current and newly selected scholars, together with alums, get together to celebrate Earl and Darielle Linehan and the program.

We ask that our graduating scholars complete and periodically update the UMBC Office of Alumni Engagement [Update Contact Information form](#) upon graduation. All senior Linehan scholars will receive an invitation to join our LAS Alumni Facebook group and LinkedIn Group.

Alumni Career Forum

The Alumni Career Forum is facilitated through our Linehan Alumni LinkedIn Group and through *Alumni Connect Events*. The purpose of this forum is to develop a space where Linehan alums can connect with each other to collaborate, network, and enhance their career opportunities within their respective fields and across disciplines. We encourage alums to share their work and amplify the work of other alumni.

Alumni Connect Events

Alumni Connect Events are organized by the Assistant Director of Engagement in order to facilitate camaraderie, connection, and community for Linehan alums. We communicate with our UMBC-region alumni on a frequent basis to inform them of opportunities to join activities locally and on campus. Through an ongoing effort to encourage our alums to update their profile in UMBC's Contact Info database, we are identifying geographical regions where Linehan alumni reside in order to gauge interest and plan gatherings across the U.S. We also collaborate with UMBC's Alumni Association to host affinity gatherings within their events, such as UMBC's Homecoming, UMBC night at Oriole Park, and Alumni Night at the BSO.