

**UWAA Women's Leadership Recognition Profile,
Former UWAA Board Member:**

Jane Farrell



How many years did you work for the UWAA or were on the board?

**Former UWAA Board Member,
1988-92(?) 2013-2019**

Degree(s) received from UW:

B.A. Political Science, 1977

What do/did you enjoy about being on the UWAA Board of Directors?

Serving on the board provided me with an opportunity to give back to UW. I trace many of the good things in my life to the education I received

I received and lifelong friendships I made while a student. I so enjoyed working with board members from across the nation and WY. Each one was dedicated in providing leadership for UWAA. We tackled tough issues --revising the bylaws, working on selling the Historic Alumni House, organizing the Brown and Gold networks to provide more participation opportunities across the country, trying to decrease reliance on membership dues, streamlining the scholarship process, growing social media and increasing funding from UW. Individual board members shared their professional skills and gave freely of their time. As a board member and board president I grew in my admiration and appreciation for every board member and for Keener and the entire UWAA staff. They make so much possible for UWAA members and for the entire University.

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A heartfelt thank you to and to every board and staff member I served with--Go Pokes! Those I served with and all that Keener and the staff do every day. I cherish the friendships I made and the fun opportunities (tailgating, bowl games, the Rockies, the Jets-Buffalo Bills game and board gatherings to name just a few). I send out a heartfelt thank you to every board member I served with and every staff member!

What is your favorite board memory or favorite UWAA memory?

One of my favorite memories is the Gala in spring of 2015. It truly represented the dedication of the UWAA membership and board--a winter storm made roads treacherous but that did not deter many! Keener and the UWAA staff worked hard and made it a wonderful event for all who attended (UWAA is incredibly blessed to have the staff it has through the years--they make so much possible). Robbie Darnall was recognized for all she did for many years for UWAA. Mentors, friends and family were in attendance--I think it was one of the last times Peg Tobin was on campus, Charlotte Davis was there, and those sitting at my tables included the late Prof. Mike Horan's family, and my daughter Mary who was a student at the time and her friends.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Cherish your friendships and family, remember to pray, life is about serving others, its ok not to know where you are going—it's the journey not the destination, re-read Desiderata occasionally, its ok to go to more football games as an alumna than as a student, find time to keep running , save for retirement, and keep eating dark chocolate (one day it really will be a healthy food item--forget about moderation!).