

ConnectSYA Community Guidelines

Overview:

The goals of the School Year Abroad (SYA) alumni community are to assist alumni in their personal and professional pursuits; to help maintain friendships and connections formed while students; to build strong and mutually beneficial ties between all alumni; to promote goodwill in the community; and to stimulate interest and enhance involvement with our institution through increased opportunities for engagement.

In order to meet the goals of this community, it's important for members to feel like they are in a safe place that is populated by people with shared interests. As such, we request that you read and adhere to the guidelines that follow.

Guidelines:

- Treat others online as you would treat them in real life;
- Be tolerant towards other's viewpoints; respectfully disagree when opinions do not align;
- Respect the privacy and personal information of other alumni;
- Communicate with courtesy and respect.

Please do not:

- make personal attacks on other community members;
- use defamatory remarks or make false statements against others;
- post prejudiced comments or profanity;
- bully or make inflammatory remarks to other community members.

Use messaging/email responsibly. These tools are intended to keep alumni in touch with one another, to help facilitate networking and to promote common interests. *Some examples might include:*

- Inviting local area alumni to a networking event or to join a local runners club;
- Helping to coordinate a class reunion;
- Reaching out to individual alumni for advice, to reconnect or to join a group.

Messaging/email and use of personal contact information made available through the alumni directory — including names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, social media accounts, education information, employment information for any commercial, advocacy, promotional, or political purpose is prohibited. Prohibited activities include solicitations for business or personal services, fundraising, cold-calling of any kind, mass-mailings, or broadcast e-mails.

Consequences:

We will take action when we see someone violating these guidelines. Sometimes that just means giving someone a warning; other times it means revoking certain privileges or accounts entirely. We request that all community members report behavior that violates our guidelines to connect@sya.org.

Agreement:

By logging onto the community and activating your profile, you are considered to be in agreement with the terms and conditions listed above. You also agree that SYA may share your photos and/or stories to the greater SYA community.

School Year Abroad (SYA) Privacy Policy:

SYA is committed to protecting the personal information of the SYA community and is committed to being transparent about the information we maintain. Our data is collected and used for the purposes of community relations and fundraising. Read SYA's [data privacy policy here](#), which has been adapted to adhere to GDPR guidelines.