Proposed Amendment to the Alumni Association By-Laws: Definition of Alumni

The St. John's College Alumni Association Board recommends amending the definition of "Alumni" in the Alumni Association By-Laws to align with the definition adopted in the College Polity by the Board of Visitors and Governors on June 14, 2025.

The proposed amendment will be presented for approval by vote with the 2026 Alumni Association Elections.

Summary of Proposed Changes

The current Alumni Association By-Laws define alumni status for former undergraduate students as applying to those who have completed at least one semester of study and are no longer enrolled.

The revised definition would:

- Require completion of at least **two semesters of undergraduate study** (rather than one semester) for former students who did not receive a degree to be considered alumni.
- Specify that former students must have **withdrawn or separated in good standing**.
- Clarify that individuals who are already recognized as alumni will retain that status through the addition of the statement: **"All who have ever been Alumni shall continue to be."**
- Make no substantive changes to the eligibility of degree recipients, Graduate Institute students, or honorary members.

Current Alumni Association By-Laws Definition

Article I – Definitions

"Alumni" shall mean:

(a) all who have been awarded a degree by the College;

(b) all who have completed at least one semester of undergraduate study or at least one segment of Graduate Institute study but who are not currently enrolled, either:

(i) in the case of undergraduate students, when the class with which they matriculated has graduated; or

(ii) in the case of Graduate Institute students, at the end of three full sessions of the Graduate Institute after the one in which they last enrolled; and

(c) all who have been designated as honorary members of the Association.

All Alumni are members of the Alumni Association but are not spokespersons for the Association.

Proposed Alumni Association By-Laws Definition

"Alumni" shall refer to:

(a) those who have been awarded a degree by the College;

(b) those who withdrew or separated in good standing after completing at least two semesters of undergraduate study or at least one segment of Graduate Institute study, provided that:

(i) in the case of undergraduate students, the class with which they matriculated has graduated; or

(ii) in the case of Graduate Institute students, three full sessions of the Graduate Institute have passed since the session in which they were last enrolled; and

(c) those who have been designated as honorary members of the Alumni Association of St. John's College.

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Reference

Polity of St. John's College
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Article I, Section 4(a), "Definition of Terms" contains the definition of Alumni reproduced as the proposed definition above and serves as the basis for this proposed amendment.