From the Director

With summer around the corner, I write to close officially the 2015-2016 ASC interviewing season and to thank you all for your meaningful work this year. It was a wonderful treat for our staff to see so many ASC members and directors over the past few months, either on campus during recent reunions or on the road at various local yield receptions. Whether it was your hospitality, or just your general excitement about the newly-admitted class, it was invigorating to feel the warmth of the ASC Program in full force.

The break between cycles is always a wonderful time to reflect on our hard work, and I hope you join us in celebrating the result of our combined efforts – the Class of 2020! With a record number of applicants offered an interview this year – 20,246 students – the passion of our alumni for Yale and its future is stronger than ever. This year was an especially difficult one for the Yale community in light of many discussions surrounding campus climate. And yet, the strong sense of community conveyed by our ASC members continues to demonstrate why our interviewers remain some of our best and most earnest ambassadors.

After each admissions season ends, I meet with my fellow admissions officers to discuss the ASCs in their regional territories. It is through these conversations that I am overwhelmingly reminded of the tremendous work that you contribute to the admissions process. As application numbers continue to rise, my colleagues agree that the alumni interview report has become an increasingly vital component of our committee discussions. It is a difficult task to admit than ever-admitted class, it was invigorating to feel the warmth of the ASC Program in full force.

This past interviewing season we introduced several enhancements to refine the ASC Portal following a substantial overhaul to the system in 2014-2015. We up-graded the content of our correspondence, Portal, and newsletters, making vital tools and calls to action accessible at all stages of the interview process. Relatively, we introduced a new feature to either Accept or Decline interview requests directly within a notification email or the ASC Portal – an addition that our directors have widely praised throughout the cycle. And finally, the ASC Team was pleased to update ASC Orientation and introduce 2-page overview guides for both members and directors, all in the form of interactive pdfs.

The ASC Team will take a brief hiatus from newsletter communication during the summer – I hope you enjoy a restful and relaxing break, as well. Please accept my sincere gratitude once again for your continued dedication to Yale. My colleagues and I look forward to connecting with you in a few months as we set our sights on our goal: the Class of 2021! The next cycle comes with the added excitement of offering a Yale education to more students than ever before as we anticipate the opening of two new Residential Colleges on campus. However, for now, I wish you a lovely summer season.

Warmest regards,

M. Bowen Posner
Director of the ASC Program

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ASC Recognition

In reflecting on the work of our volunteers, the ASC Team would like to recognize several members who are celebrating landmark years as directors with the ASC Program. We thank them for their tremendous leadership and devotion to Yale.

**25 Years**
- Eugene M. Carr III ’79 – Asheville, NC
- John Ford ’67 – Bahamas
- Tony Leung ’82 – Minneapolis, MN
- Richard Wolff ’65 – Rockford, IL

**20 Years**
- Charles Shamas ’70 – Palestine
- John N. Walsh III ’67 – New Canaan, CT
- Brian Wynn ’73 – Ontario/Toronto, Canada

**15 Years**
- Richard Burton ’82 – United Kingdom
- James Fox ’73 – Huntenton, NJ
- Donald Hancock ’84 – North Boston, MA
- Clay Kaufman ’84 – D.C. and Prince George’s, MD
- Walter Klein ’83 – Bergen County, NJ
- Andrew Lipka ’78 – Princeton, NJ
- William Smith ’65 – Western Iowa
- Craig Wilson ’78 – Cambodia; Thailand

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**Staff Departures**

As the admissions cycle comes to a close, we’d like to bid a fond farewell to four admissions officers, who will depart to pursue exciting opportunities.

- Rebekah Westphal has joined the Center for International and Professional Experience (CIPE) at Yale as Director of Fellowship Programs, a role in which she will continue to work closely with Yale students and alumni. Amin Abdul-Malik Gonzalez remains close to campus, as he will assume the post of Director of Admission at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut. James Kim plans to travel across the country to pursue his MBA at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Jenny Shelby will also pursue her MBA, at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Many of you share fond memories with Rebekah, Amin, James, and Jenny, and we are incredibly grateful for the lasting impact they have made on Yale and the Admissions Office. We wish them the best in their new ventures!

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**Class of 2020 Admissions Statistics**

While we will provide a deeper look into the Class of 2020 this fall, we hope you enjoy these initial statistics about the newest class of Yalies.

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The ASC is a network of alumni volunteers who share a passion for Yale and conduct interviews on behalf of Undergraduate Admissions with the goals of:

1) Providing crucial information about applicants to Yale so that the admissions committee can make better decisions as it shapes the freshman class, and

2) Establishing a Yale presence to educate the local applicants and community about Yale’s unique opportunities, values, and character.

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