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To the President Vigil and members of the Alumni Board:

The Alumni Board of Whittier College represents the face of over 18,000 proud Poets. I am proud to say my family represents four generations who found a home on this magnificent campus. My family has seen Whittier College grow from a small Whittier Academy to a true leader in Liberal Arts colleges.

Whether leadership was demanded in social reform or political reform Whittier College has led honorably. Dr. J. W. Robinson was a co-author of the United Nations Charter, the world's most prominent peacekeepers. Closer to home but just as significant was the work done by Martin Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz's groundbreaking work in founding MECHA led the way for Whittier College to become a leader in college and university diversity.

We, you, have a proud tradition to uphold. In this current crisis, when the Alumni Board could play a pivotal role, the Alumni Board has yet to actually take a position. That is very disheartening since so many alums have already written letters in opposition to this administration's blatant attempt to completely rework our proud history and tradition.

Please go to savewhittiercollege.com and view the letters written by the alumni. Those letters should be sufficient grounds to make your stand with all of us and make it public.

It is time to speak out with one voice. We, the alumni expect no less.

Editor's Note: *Below is a roster of the Alumni Board of Directors and Committee members. Please contact these alumni representatives to make your position known. And copy Ana Gutierrez '96, Director of Alumni Relations: agutierrez@whittier.edu*

Alumni Board of Directors, Executive Board

Vincent E. Vigil '02, Chair vincentvigil.usc@gmail.com
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Chair
Cody (Allman) Allarte '16, Development Committee Chair
Raye Thomas '08, Poet Network Committee Chair

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

This committee is intended to consist of a diverse membership including representatives from the other cultural/identity-based affinity alumni organization (e.g., Black Alumni Association, APIDA, etc.).

Sophin Zoe Pruong-McCreery '01, Chair
Dorian Almaraz '14
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Development Committee Chair

This committee is on financial sustainability options for the alumni association such as initiatives and campaigns.

Cody (Allman) Allarte '16, Chair
Bill Francis '64
Frank Olson '64
Cassandra Ronquillo '14
Amanda Settlage '09

Poet Network Committee Chair

This committee works to implement networking opportunities for alumni, initiates possible mentorship and/or employment opportunities with students or campus departments, and assists Alumni Relations with social media engagement.

Raye Thomas '08, Chair
Kevin Perez-Allen '05
Magaly Perez '10
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