

Believe it or not, our 25th Williams Reunion is less than three months away. We hope you have already made plans to come. If not, now is the time! This is a milestone weekend event, with opportunities to reconnect with friends, make new memories together and take in the beauty of the Berkshires.

Whatever your reason for choosing Williams nearly thirty years ago for your undergraduate education, we hope you make a similar choice to rejoin all of what this school has to offer **from Thursday**, **June 6 through Sunday**, **June 9**, **2019**.

Registration is Open! Register today by completing the enclosed reunion registration form (yellow) and returning it in the envelope provided, or online at: http://alumni.williams.edu/reunion. Please review the weekend highlights later in the letter as well as the **Important Additional Information** sheet (blue) in this packet for further information.

Committee Highlights

Thanks to all our reunion volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the last 16 months to make our 25th Reunion such a special time of gathering and reconnection. We are indebted to you for leading the class efforts with enthusiasm.

- The 1994 Class Book is due to arrive in your mailbox in May. Matt Bliwise, Liz Randolph Rappaport, and Susan Vaill and their committee have done an extraordinary job putting together the personal essays, photos and nostalgic memories to create this book.
- Our Reunion Fund Committee has been tremendously successful, and they aren't done yet! Brad Kroh and Upacala Mapatuna co-chair the Leadership Giving effort, and together with Jon Aborn and Susan Wood Waesco, co-chairs of the Alumni Fund team, our wonderful crew of class fundraisers has been soliciting gifts and commitments for the Alumni Fund and our class endowed gift the Class of 1994 Fund for Career Exploration.
- The Reconnect Committee, headed by Paul Held and Genny Mann Morris, and assisted by over 40 Reconnect Ambassadors, have been hard at work connecting with classmates around the world with one goal in mind: encouraging everyone to attend our 25th Reunion. If you haven't heard from one of them, you surely will in the coming weeks. And if you're planning to attend reunion, then help our Reconnect team reach out to your friends and make sure they're coming to reunion, too!
- The **Reunion Weekend Committee** with its many sub-committees has organized a series of special events for reunion weekend. We are grateful for the work and dedication of all our sub-committee leaders and their teams. We could not have done it without you!

Weekend Highlights

Thursday, June 6

• 25th Reunion Welcome Dinner for Class of '94 and their families (6:00pm – 10:00pm) '62 Center for Theatre and Dance, 2nd Floor Dance Studio

Friday, June 7

• 25th Reunion Alumni Seminar

(Begins at 1:30pm)

Privacy and Civil Rights in the Digital Age. The panel will feature classmates Andrew Ferguson '94, Juliet Hooker '94, Josh Kussman '94 and Chris Roosenraad '94 and will be moderated by Liz Randolph Rappaport '94

• Class of '94 BBQ in the Berkshires

(Begins at 5:30pm)

Relaxed, family-friendly BBQ under the tent for the whole class. Activity Counselors (current Williams students) will lead games and facilitate activities on Poker Flats lawn for kids of all ages. We'll also have a DJ for fun and dancing.

Saturday, June 8

• Class of '94 Buffet Breakfast, Mission Dining Hall

(6:30am - 9:45am)

• Parade of Classes & Alumni Society Meeting

(Gather at 9:30am)

Wear your purple reunion long-sleeve hooded t-shirt. As a milestone reunion, we will be marching at the front of the parade, right after the 50th Reunion class. Our class will also be front and center at the Society of Alumni meeting to represent the Great Class of 1994!

• Class of '94 Cocktail Reception

(6:00pm - 7:30pm)

We will kick-off the evening with cocktails and canapes at the Faculty House

• Class of '94 Reunion Party – Celebrate under the Stars

(7:30pm - midnight)

This is our chance to party like it's 1999 (or '94)! We have locally-sourced food by Wheelhouse, cool beats by DJ Kenneth from Williams*burg* (Brooklyn) and many other surprises. A separate children's program will be provided at the Williamstown Youth Center (see below).

Sunday, June 9

• Class of '94 Farewell Brunch, Mission Dining Hall

(7:30am - 11:00am)

• Dorm Checkout

(By 1:00pm)

25th Reunion Costs

We've worked hard to keep costs as low as possible and still provide a festive and memorable weekend. Registration pricing will be as follows (excluding housing):

- \$315 per '94 alum
- \$265 per adult guest (aka a non-'94 Eph spouse, partner, friend, etc.)
- \$80 per child (ages 5-17)
- Free for children 4 and under **and** for babysitters

If any of these costs pose a hardship or prevent you from attending, please call the 25th Reunion Office at (413) 597-4208 or email 25th.Reunion@williams.edu. The office will find a way to make it happen, while holding your inquiry in strict confidence.

Sponsor-A-Classmate Program: If you would like to help financially strapped classmates attend reunion, there is a line on the registration form for a gift to help offset their attendance costs. This is completely optional (and <u>not</u> tax-deductible).

Additional Important Information

- Reunion Headquarters: Our class headquarters will be in Mission Park. We will also have a class tent behind Mission, on Poker Flats. This will give us a central location with space for activities and lots of parking. When you arrive, please check-in at Mission, where you will receive your '94 swag and reunion information package.
- Accommodations: On-campus lodging in Mission for alumni, families and their guests is an additional \$80 per bed for the entire weekend (see yellow registration form). It's a bargain plus a great location! If your dorm days are behind you, the reunion packet contains a list of area accommodations (light green sheet).
- **Childcare:** Reunion is a family affair and the college offers activities for children on Friday evening and all-day Saturday. Meanwhile, here are some highlights regarding evening childcare:
 - o **Friday Evening:** Our class will have dedicated Activity Counselors (current Williams students) who will lead games and facilitate activities on Poker Flats lawn for kids of all ages.
 - O Saturday Evening: The Class of 1994 will offer a Kids' Program at the Williamstown Youth Center, 66 School Street which is close to Mission. (This is included in the kids' registration fees.) In addition, teens/tweens ages 11+ will have the chance to take an evening field trip to a local high ropes course (additional fee of \$30; for details see enclosed pink sheets).
 - o **Toddlers and infants:** The college offers *Eph Kids Night Out* childcare on Saturday evening for an additional fee to all classes. If you are bringing a child age four or younger, you may want to consider this option for Saturday evening.
 - Please see the turquoise 25th Reunion Kids' Program info sheet and sign up form in this
 packet for full details regarding children's activities. For further questions, call the 25th
 Reunion Program at (413) 597-4208.

We look forward to seeing you in June.

Warm regards,

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