Class of 1972 - 50th Reunion Schedule (tentative)

Note: All times are given in Eastern time.

Proof of vaccination, including a booster shot, is required to attend Reunion. All attendees must wear masks while indoors in public spaces.

**Thursday, June 2**

2:00pm-9:00pm  Registration and Check in  
*Davison lobby*

4:00pm  Tentative class program  
*Davison Multi-purpose Room*

6:00pm  Cocktail Reception  
*Alumnae House Terrace*

6:30pm  Celebrating the Institute with President Bradley  
*Alumnae House Front Circle*

7:00pm  Class Dinner  
*Alumnae House Dining and Living Rooms*

9:00pm  Hospitality  
*Davison Multi-purpose Room*

**Friday, June 3**

10:00am  Class-specific Program  
*Location TBD*

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12:30pm  Private Class Lunch
         *Sunset Lake (Commencement Hill)*

2:00-4:30pm  Alumnae/i College Lectures

6:30-9:00pm  Cocktails and Dinner Reception
             *Bridge Building Terrace and Lobby*

9:15pm  Fireworks over Sunset Lake

10:00pm  Hospitality
         *Davison Multi-purpose Room*

**Saturday, June 4**

9:30am  Line up and prepare for parade
        *Outside of Chapel/President’s House*

10:30-11:30am  Celebrate Vassar
                *Athletic and Fitness Center*

11:45am  Private Class Lunch and Class Meeting
         *Sunset Lake (Commencement Hill)*

1:00pm  An Hour with the President in the Chapel

2:00pm  Class Memorial Service
        *Class tree near Rockefeller Hall*

2:30-5:00pm  Alumnae/i College Lectures

6:30pm  Cocktails Reception
        *Rose Parlor in Main Building*

7:15pm  Class Dinner
        *Villard Room in Main Building*

8:30pm-10:30pm  Dance Party and Hospitality Bar
                 *Villard Room and Rose Parlor in Main Building*

**Sunday, June 5**
10:00am  Service of Remembrance for all Reunion classes
         Chapel

1:00pm  Reunion Adjourns/Check-Out
         Please return room keys to Guest Services Coordinators in Davison Lobby.
         NYC Charter Bus Departs from Main Circle
Dear Classmates,

Fifty years since graduation!!! We came of age in the turbulent late 60’s and early 70’s! Now - creative and spirited as ever - we think our class logo, “STILL MAKING HISTORY” perfectly encapsulates the spirit of our class from college days through to the present!

Our Class Officer Team has worked these past five years scheduling regional events and Zoom calls, fundraising, and planning our upcoming 50th Reunion on June 2-5, 2022! This newsletter contains information on the weekend schedule, our special class gift to the new Institute for the Liberal Arts, and an update on our total 50th Reunion gift totals.

While COVID still lingers in the background, as of this month, we expect to be on campus in June. Proof of vaccination will be required. You will be able to enjoy some sessions virtually, but we hope most of you will elect to travel to Poughkeepsie. So much of the fun of Reunions is meals together, dancing, and late-night schmoozing! Get in touch with your friends to encourage them to join you on campus in June.

Please be sure the college has your current contact information. We’ve been sending both emails and snail mail to keep you up to date. If you are not seeing these messages, please contact Jolee DuBois, Assistant Director of Reunion and Class Programs (jdubois@vassar.edu or 845-437-5442) to confirm the college records are current. We also have a FaceBook page.

Your personal copy of our Reunion Book should arrive in your mailbox at the end of March, another reason to be sure your address on file is correct. The Registration brochure will arrive a week or two later.

Davison will be our Reunion headquarters. The cost to stay on campus for any part of the weekend in the dorm will be $150 per bed. For those who prefer, we have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express on Rte. 9 (call 845-473-1151, and mention Code VRW). We are doing our best to manage reunion costs and some funds have been set aside for classmates’ “scholarship assistance.” Contact Diana Jedlicka, Associate Director of Alumnae/i Engagement (d Jedlicka@vassar.edu or 845-437-5398) for more information.

Also, a huge thank you to Diana Jedlicka, Jolee DuBois, Deb Vanecek and Alexas Orcutt at the Vassar Office of Advancement for their amazing support and guidance.

Stay safe and we look forward to celebrating with you in June!

Salve!

Katrin Peck & Grace Yang

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The weekend will be packed with fun. Please note the Thursday start with a very special evening with President Bradley (more detail on the adjacent page). Some programs will be just for our class; others will be presented by the college. Here’s a glimpse of what to expect:

- **Thursday**
  - Afternoon registration, music and conversation in Davison
  - Cocktails and dinner at Alumnae House (more detail on the next page)
  - Hospitality in Davison with a couple of informal conversation groups on topics such as aging minds and bodies, how to talk about politics, etc.

- **Friday**
  - Campus Art at Vassar with Bart Thurber, Director of the Loeb Art Center
  - Social Activism: Then and Now (1972 Panel)
  - Lunch at Sunset Lake
  - College programming
  - Reception and Dinner at the Bridge (Lab Science Building opened in January 2016)
  - Fireworks
  - Hospitality with additional facilitated conversation

- **Saturday**
  - PARADE to the Field House where we CELEBRATE VASSAR — tradition calls for the 50th Reunion class to wear white — we will have SWAG for you that reflects the fashions of our time on campus
  - Lunch and Class Meeting on Sunset Hill
  - Class Memorial Service by our tree
  - President Bradley’s remarks in the Chapel
  - College programming
  - Reception, dinner, and dancing in Main (Rose Parlor and Villard Room). Music selected by your classmates. And, a return of the popular Photo Booth!

- **Sunday**
  - Campus wide Chapel service and check out

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**SHOWCASE ’72**

We’re planning to expand the Writers’ Table display we’ve had at past Reunions to more inclusive displays showcasing the Class of 1972’s interests, passions, and talents in a wide variety of endeavors. Of course, if you’re an author and you’d enjoy sharing your book(s), we’d love to see your work. But maybe, instead of a book, you’ve created spectacular jewelry, painted a masterpiece, written a libretto or a Supreme Court *amicus brief* or poetry or short stories or a play/musical. Come on down and share your talents in Davison’s multipurpose room.

Bridget (Rigsby) Weber is Committee Chairperson for the Showcase ’72. She’ll be happy to answer any questions you have (starting now). Write to [Showcase.VC72@gmail.com](mailto:Showcase.VC72@gmail.com).
In February of 2019, Vassar’s Trustees approved the establishment of an Institute for the Liberal Arts and construction of an affiliated Inn on College Avenue, below Alumnae House. President Bradley noted, “at a time when liberal arts education is under fire, Vassar is committed to demonstrating its relevance and value as a key underpinning to a pluralistic, open, and equitable society. The Institute and Inn will allow Vassar to play an important role in fostering dialogue about higher education and contemporary challenges in the US and globally.” Although construction has been delayed, the faculty has already delivered virtual symposia each of the last two summers:

- “Art and Public Space at Vassar and in Poughkeepsie” (2021)

As part of our 50th gift, we have established The Class of 1972 Institute for the Liberal Arts Program Fund. Income from this permanent fund will be allocated to support programming at the Institute including lectures, symposia, classes, and intellectual or academic offerings for the Vassar community. Early gifts have helped us achieve endowment status. We welcome additional contributions at any time this spring or in future years. You can find information on how to give under Class Special Projects on Vassar’s Giving page at give.vassar.edu.

President Betsy Bradley and Dean of the Faculty Bill Hoynes will offer a champagne toast to thank us for the establishment of this special Fund. We will gather in front of Alumnae House, overlooking the site of the new Institute and Inn, and proceed to dinner in Alumnae House immediately after.
CLASS OF 1972 GIVING

’72 for 72%
We are very close to reaching 72% class participation for our 50th Reunion gift total. We’re looking for 60 classmates who have not given since our 45th reunion to make a gift or pledge before June. With just 4 months until our Reunion, we can do it!

We Are Generation Vassar
Generation Vassar is a fundraising initiative throughout the entire month of February that encourages some friendly competition between classes within each decade. We’ll be up against the rest of the 70’s classes for the highest percentage of donors to the Vassar Fund! Any gift, at any level, will increase our participation total, and we hope that #GenVC will inspire us all to see the importance of standing together as a class, and supporting Vassar year after year. If you’ve already made your gift to the Vassar Fund, you are already included. We won Generation Vassar last year for the 70’s decade; let’s do it again this year and prove that the class of ’72 is still making history!

What Counts for the 50th Reunion?
EVERYTHING since our 45th reunion!
- Annual gifts to the Vassar Fund and its subsidiary designations
- Gifts and pledges for special restricted purposes, like the Class of ’72 Institute for the Liberal Arts Program Fund
- Gifts-in-kind, like artwork or real estate
- Planned gift arrangements that provide income (like a charitable gift annuity)
- Plus, estate gift commitments. If you’ve planned for Vassar in your will, trust, or retirement account, we can count that gift for our 50th Reunion.

We have already raised over $9 million for Vassar in honor of our Reunion. If you have already made a gift or commitment, THANK YOU.

So Many Ways to Give
There are many ways to support Vassar.
- Mail a check payable to Vassar College Office of Advancement, 161 College Ave, Box 725, Poughkeepsie NY 12603.
- Give online via credit card, Venmo, Paypal, or Google Pay.
- Transfer appreciated securities and avoid capital gain tax and get an income tax deduction.
- Are you or your spouse over 70 ½ and have an IRA? You can make a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution to Vassar.
- Make a gift and get a lifetime stream of income and immediate tax benefits.
- Include the college in your estate planning and create a lasting legacy.

For more information, visit give.vassar.edu and select Ways to Give. For information about Gift Planning opportunities visit vassar.giftplans.org or contact Alexas Orcutt, Director of Gift Planning and Strategic Initiatives at (845) 437-7773 or giftplanning@vassar.edu.