

Greetings 1976 Macalester Classmates!

What a “rush” it is to think back on the fall of 1975 and that it has been 50 years! We had moved in our dorm room or off campus house for our senior year and getting settled in for the year ahead. We were excited (anxious) about our classes, maybe calculating graduation requirements, planning a fall break trip ... getting reacquainted with classmates.

50 years later we find ourselves living not in the Snelling and Grand neighborhood of St. Paul, Minnesota, but cast across the country and beyond. What are you doing this fall? Retired, continuing working, volunteering, traveling?

Well, some of us have begun the planning for our 50th Reunion and we want you to be there. Save the date for Reunion, June 4-7, 2026.

Our Reunion Theme and Logo



At our first meeting, the 50th Reunion Committee had many reflections of our Macalester years and found ourselves focusing on the many changes taking place ... within us personally, in our society, nation, changes on the Mac campus and to the College. We acknowledged that the issues

of race, gender and sexual orientation were challenging and affected us in many ways.

All of these challenges have continued through our lives, but many were central to our lives as undergraduate students. As a committee we believe as 1976 graduates, we are indeed, rooted in change and that, in part, has made us the persons we are today.

Reflect, reminisce on the part of your life that was at Macalester! Consider, no please plan, to return to campus and RENEW your memories, RECONNECT with your classmates ... be a part of REUNION!



Meet the 50th Reunion Committee Members

The Committee has met in May, August, and November, making great progress on the program planning and class gift. The overall Reunion committee is chaired by Lisa Hackel Percivel and Jerry Woelfel. The Gift Committee is chaired by Steve Cox and members include Laura Batzer, Rolf Bolstad, Leslie Malone and Mark Stanton. The Engagement Committee is co-chaired by Mark Dickinson and Roberto Ochoa and members include Sue Abderholden, Pamila Brown, Mark Gwin, Steve Larsen, Ruth Mandernach, Ray Piirainen, Andrea Stack, Chris Ward and Mary Bell Wolff.

Reunion Gift Committee is At Work

To the Class of '76,

Our 50th reunion is a great opportunity for us, as stewards of the college, to demonstrate our loyalty and love for Macalester. One of the many ways we can do this is through gift giving. In doing so, we show our commitment to Macalester's status as a preeminent liberal arts college, its sustainability for years to come, and its mission emphasizing internationalism, multiculturalism, and service to society. More importantly, our milestone reunion comes at a very challenging time for colleges and universities across the country. Many are facing challenges that threaten even their existence. We need to let Macalester know that not only do we honor its mission but also acknowledge the external threats present to higher education with robust gift giving as one more way to celebrate our 50th. So I ask, given these challenging times, how do we want to be remembered?

With this question in mind I want you to first think of your Macalester student experience and its personal value to you. Even though it was just a life chapter of four years, was it one that provided a foundation for developing critical thinking skills that contributed to personal growth and success after graduation? It certainly did for me. Macalester came into my life at just the right time as the "perfect fit" and allowed me the honor of learning from top-notch professors, feeling right at home on the Macalester campus,

and making life-long friends and acquaintances. After graduation so many "doors of opportunity" opened thanks to Macalester. Here's the bottom line: We all want generations of Macalester students to share these and similar joys today, tomorrow, and for years to come! We want them to embrace the values of our Macalester to help make the world a better place, despite the challenges that may exist.

To advance these ideals, I encourage you to show your financial support this year and help us reach three gift giving goals: 1) raise \$5.5 million in dollars (we're already at \$2.5M), 2) have 55% class participation (gifts of any amount count toward this goal) and, 3) add 18 new members to the James Wallace Society, those who include Macalester in their estate plans (in addition to the 12 classmates who have already done so). There is also the option to pledge your annual gifts over 5 years! Your participation is crucial to who we are as the Class of '76. Please keep in mind that every gift is a big gift.

We want to be remembered as the Class of '76 who stepped-up in this challenging time to not only meet, but exceed our giving goals because we believe in Macalester, its values, and its mission.

Please join me in this special opportunity.

GO MAC!

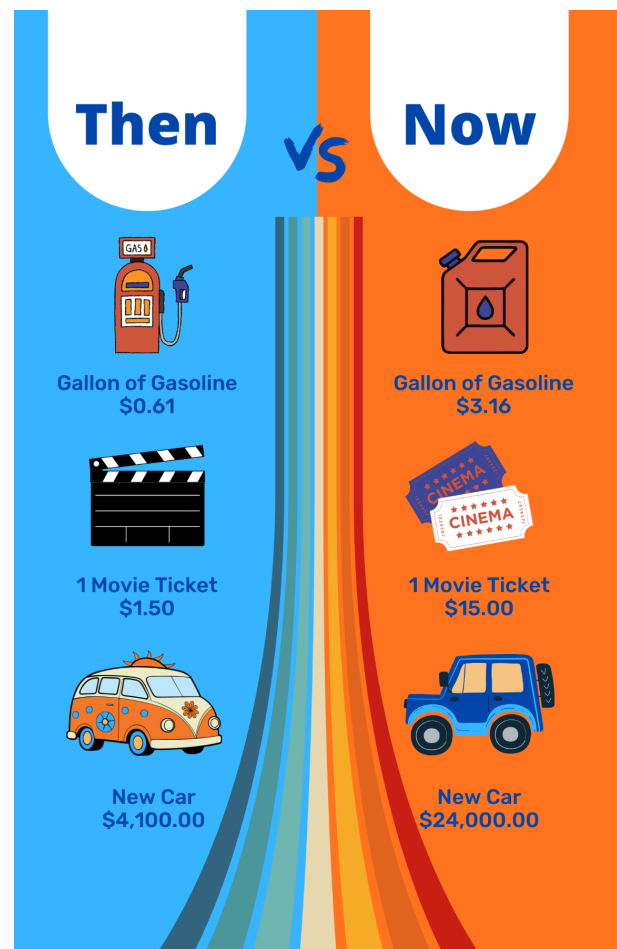
Steve Cox
Gift Committee Co-Chair





What are the Golden Scots?

At our 50th Reunion we will be inducted into the Golden Scots Society. What does this mean? The Golden Scots Society honors all alumni who have achieved their 50th reunion milestone as alumni of the college. The Golden Scots Society represents a rich collection of traditions, friendships, and memories. The college celebrates your membership in the Golden Scots Society and thanks you for your affection, loyalty, and support over the years.



NATIONWIDE TARTAN TRIVIA FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Join your region going head-to-head with other Mac alumni to win bragging rights (and an exclusive sweatshirt)!

Tartan Trivia will consist of five rounds of general-knowledge questions and one Macalester-specific round. Compete with Mac alumni from your region as a team (either virtually in breakout rooms or in person at a previously agreed upon location).



Scan the code to sign up to be a team captain for your area by Dec 1. Reach out to alumnioffice@macalester.edu with questions or in-person location ideas.

*Let's get a 1976 Tartan Trivia
Team together!*

Sign up with the QR code.

Ways to connect

Connect with us virtually leading up to Reunion! There are a few ways you can connect with our classmates:

Connect on BrightCrowd:

BrightCrowd is your online hub to reconnect, reminisce, and get Reunion-ready! Soon, you'll receive a personal invitation link to create your BrightCrowd page and explore what your classmates have shared. Setting up your page takes less than five minutes—just add a few favorite memories, photos, and updates. It's a fun and easy way to start celebrating before we're all back together on campus.



Visit **macalester.brightcrowd.com** or scan the code to get started.

Facebook:

Visit **facebook.com/MacReunion1976** to join our class page. You will have to answer a few simple questions to be added to the group. We'll be sharing fun memories, pictures, and updates leading up to Reunion, and encourage you to share as well!

Macalester website:

Check out our page on the Macalester website at **macalester/reunion**. Learn about the planning committee, our class gift, and more!

Call for Pictures

Do you have photos from your time at Mac? We would love to see your photos of classmates, activities, field trips, campus buildings! If you have individual photos to share, please send them as an attachment to the Macalester College archives at archives@macalester.edu. If you have a number of photos, please contact the college's archivist, Ely Shienfeld at esheinfe@macalester.edu. Ely can assist you with setting up a folder for sharing your photos. You can also share with the class on BrightCrowd.



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