



REUNION '69: CELEBRATE, CONNECT, COMMENCE

In June, we will gather on campus for our 50th Reunion to **Connect, Celebrate, and Commence!** The Reunion planning committee is hoping to see everyone who can possibly make it to this momentous occasion. It wouldn't be the same without you! Here are some of the events you'll want to take part in.

THE GOLDEN SCOTS INDUCTION FOR THE WHOLE CLASS OF 1969

(No, it's not an athletic event.)

Our 50th Reunion's first whole-class event will be the Golden Scots Induction on Friday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m. in Weyerhaeuser Chapel. Make your travel plans now to arrive on campus by early Friday morning. For this induction the Macalester Pipers will pipe us into the chapel, just as they ushered us into graduation. There will be an invocation by classmate Jon Walton, a roll call of classmates who have passed away, music, remarks by President Rosenberg and others, along with each of us being called forward to receive our golden medallion.



Why are we making such a big deal out of this event, and urging you to attend? Many from the Class of 1968 noted this occasion as their Reunion highlight:

"The Golden Scots Ceremony at the chapel was so very meaningful! It was a great way to start the weekend!"

"While I enjoyed every part of Reunion immensely—reconnecting with friends, reminiscing and making new connections, the Golden Scots ceremony was the highlight."

"Being piped into the Golden Scots ceremony still brings tears to my eyes."

Our Reunion co-chairs, Jane Reister Conard and Linda Karrer Trout, also have experienced the Golden Scots ceremony and share these comments:

"At our 25th Reunion, Jane Reister Conard and I stayed in Doty Hall. As we rode the elevator to the fifth floor, we were joined by three alumnae, each with a gold medallion on a blue ribbon around her neck. We congratulated them on celebrating this milestone. They beamed and exclaimed about how meaningful the Golden Scots ceremony had been for them.

At the next reunion, I decided to attend the Golden Scots Induction. I was moved to tears by the ceremony: the remembrance of classmates who had died, the recognition of friendships that had lasted more than 50 years, and the celebration of challenges and accomplishments of the lives present in Weyerhaeuser Chapel. The ceremony so touched me that I have made it a priority to attend the Golden Scots Induction at each Reunion I have attended since.

As we completed that elevator ride 25 years ago, I said to the others, "I can't wait until we are Golden Scots!"

—Linda Karrer Trout

"I attended my first Golden Scots ceremony last June as part of my preparation to co-chair our Class of 1969 50th Reunion. I was reminded of a convocation from our student days, with some serious moments but bathed in warmth, nostalgia, and bonhomie. It is a unique Macalester achievement, a rite of passage to become a Golden Scot. I'm looking forward to it."

—Jane Reister Conard

Mark those calendars to join your classmates on Friday morning in the chapel so you won't be saying, "Great Scot—I missed it!"



PROGRAM SNEAK PEEK

Friday Night: Join us for fun at our Macalester Memories Night. There will be trivia questions from our four years together as well as shared memories from classmates (please write them down and send to Linda Nelson lindainminn@yahoo.com), and a few nostalgic songs to sing together. Pete Steiner will be our master of ceremonies, so prepare for a wonderful time together.

Saturday Night: Reunion co-chairs Linda, Jane, and class president John Gnagy are preparing another fun, festive evening for our classmates. There will be humor as well as serious commencement themes to think about, interspersed with two special songs—“Somewhere” from *West Side Story* and “One Time, One Place,” an original composition from our own Clyde Thompson—sung by an octet of our friends.

—Katha Chamberlain

Yoga with our own Judy Rhodes

Briggs House: Briggs House, which we knew as the President’s house, is set aside just for us and will be the happening place for our class. There are rumors of an ongoing slideshow, informal affinity group gatherings, and, of course, quiet nooks to meet and visit with friends as we **Celebrate, Connect, and Commence.**

Revisiting the Past Through Literature: Remember the reading assignments we did for *Man and His World*? You will have an opportunity to attend a discussion about one of those books, *Invisible Man*, by Ralph Ellison. Visit the Class of 1969 Reunion page (at [LINK](#)) for a description of this session, as well as an invitation and instructions for writing a reflection prior to the discussion.

—Linda Thain

More program details will be posted on macalester.edu/reunion/50yearreunion as they are finished, so be sure to visit the website.

CLASS GIFT PROGRESS

I attended the Big Questions campaign event on campus February 6. Accessibility to theater by people of color, not just as audiences or in isolated acting roles, but in key tech, writing, directing, and administrative roles was the topic. Macalester’s Theater and Dance Department, which was great when we were there, is even better now. My friend Robert Rosen teaches part-time in the department. He said that the classroom he uses is so well-suited to doing real work that he’d like to live in the room. Many of the new studio-classrooms are set up to allow practice on lighting, on mixing live action and projection, on sound, costumes (pictured below), and so on. Mac’s increasingly diverse student body can get a level of experience in theater that’s rarely available at a college the size of Mac.

This is just one of the many things our class’s generosity can support. And, as I learned in my own work at a nonprofit, the higher percentage of people who give donations of any size, the more money flows from the largest donors. People who give large grants and donations look for buy-in from a nonprofit’s community. We are Macalester’s community. Our class is at 45 percent donors. Our goal is 69 percent. Let’s do this!

—Sara Kemp Graffunder

WOMEN’S RETREAT: THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

Judy Allen Kim and Judy Vicars of the Class of 1968 originated the first Women’s Retreat for their 25th Reunion. Because the event received such positive feedback, Katha Ukena Chamberlain and Janet Peterson Lee decided to borrow the concept for their 25th Reunion. Eighteen women attended and spent the evening sharing experiences in a fun and intimate environment. What each person took away was a feeling of camaraderie and inspiration—a great way to begin mixing and meeting old friends for the rest of the weekend.

The Women’s Retreat has been held at each of the subsequent significant reunions with the number of attendees growing gradually. At our 45th Reunion, 27 attended.

The 2019 gathering will take place on Thursday afternoon, June 6. Each attendee should bring one item to share that represents a special Macalester memory. Everyone is also encouraged (optional) to reflect on the following topics: 1) Your greatest challenge in the last 25 years, and 2) unfinished business. Note: No matter how many people sign-up, the discussion groups will be broken up into small groups of 15.

—Janet Peterson Lee

