Welcome Back to Macalester!

Greetings Class of 1970 Golden Scots,

We may have set a record for all 50th Reunions at Mac. Our Reunion Committee has spent not one, but nearly FOUR years creating a Reunion we can all be proud of! Some of us have named the effort “The ‘Never-ending’ 50th Reunion”, however, we call it that with more than a little gratitude. In these four years, even given our ZOOM adjustments, friendships have grown, new friends found and loyalty to our alma mater increased.

Our vision as we began this journey was “2020: Reflecting on the Past and Looking to the Future.” We hope our in-person reunion will be one of reflection of memorable times past and a renewed commitment by all of us to making our world a better place for all.

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THE CLASSMATES LISTED ABOVE are the original Full Committee members for our 50-Year Class Reunion.

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NGOs, and governments. Consulting with schools, communities, they continue today, with McManus those programs became global, and culturally specific examples. Within five years of their creation, communities using their own words into the trainings who then recreate trainings for their empowering local expertise. Her same approach: encouraging and to complete the first of three master’s degrees. Martha always uses the same approach: encouraging and empowering local expertise. Her approach brings people from the community into the trainings who then recreate trainings for their communities using their own words and culturally specific examples. Within five years of their creation, those programs became global, and they continue today, with McManus consulting with schools, communities, NGOs, and governments.

MARTHA HANSEN MCMANUS
Charles J. Turck Global Citizen Award
Martha sees herself as “… more of a peace-waker than a peacemaker,” as she works to restore communication and resolve conflict in disrupted communities around the world. In 1987, McManus founded the Conflict Resolution and Communication Centre in Calgary, Alberta. A year later, she developed Canada’s first conflict resolution program, before going on to complete the first of three master’s degrees. Martha always uses the same approach: encouraging and empowering local expertise. Her approach brings people from the community into the trainings who then recreate trainings for their communities using their own words and culturally specific examples. Within five years of their creation, those programs became global, and they continue today, with McManus consulting with schools, communities, NGOs, and governments.

Distinguished Citizen Awards

VIRGINIA STRAND
“I was an innovator in my academic career.” Ginny’s 32 years as a professor in the Graduate School of Social Services at Fordham University has been focused on evaluation and treatment of trauma resulting from child abuse and neglect, sexual and domestic abuse. In 1988, she founded the Children and Families Institute for Research, Support and Training (Children FIRST). In 2009, she co-founded the National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development. Both centers continue to thrive and collectively have reached thousands of professionals. Ginny is focused on making change.

JUNE NORONHA
is a former international student who personifies a commitment to international education. A daughter of Indian immigrants to Kenya, she spent most of her career at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. The college named her among the 100 people whose contributions have most influenced the institution in the past century. For more than 25 years, she has been active in NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, the largest organization of international educators in the world. June has been an outspoken leader for fair and just treatment of international students and scholars studying in the U.S. Her leadership on issues of diversity and communicating across cultural barriers has brought awards and accolades from organizations across the spectrum.

EDWARD S. WILSON
has worked diligently for equal justice for more than 30 years, first as a lawyer and then as a Ramsey County District Court judge. “Ed Wilson is a quiet, unassuming judge who is a legal giant in our community,” wrote his fellow judge Michael J. Davis ’69 of the U.S. District Court in Minnesota. “He truly believes in the phrase ‘equal justice under the law.’ As a judge, Ed has been actively involved in bringing about the restorative justice methods to sentence defendants in Ramsey County. He has committed innumerable hours to community service regarding the criminal justice system in our society.” Wilson was one of four Minnesota judges who spent a year serving as international judges in Kosovo under the United Nations Mission. For their work in Kosovo, he and his Minnesota colleagues were named “Judges of the Year” by the state chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

BARBARA WENSTROM SHANK
Barbara was the founding dean of the first joint graduate social work program in the country at the College of St. Catherine and the University of St. Thomas. She enjoys a national reputation for social work curriculum and program development and consults with social work programs across the country. In her life-long career in social work Barbara has had a profound effect in training and eliminating sexual harassment from the service sector to the halls of academe. “Collaborative involvement. Doing the work. Talking about it endlessly doesn’t do anything. It’s social action for social justice.” That’s how Barbara describes her wish for tomorrow’s social workers.
David C. Hodge

After receiving his PhD, David joined the University of Washington faculty and over three decades held several positions including dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. His award for Distinguished Teaching there was a lifetime highlight. In 2006 Dave became the president of Miami University of Ohio. He is a leading researcher in his field publishing dozens of papers, editing a leading journal, and serving as a program director for the National Science Foundation. In his ‘spare’ time David served on the Macalester Board of Trustees and the Alumni Board.

Leah Wortham

First in government and then in legal education, Leah has shown a commitment to social justice and a talent for bringing people together. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Leah worked in poverty law and as legislative aide to US Representative Elizabeth Holzman and assistant to the president of the federal Legal Services Corporation. In 1981 Leah joined the Catholic University of America’s Law School as an associate professor and associate dean. She is a member and past chair of the Legal Ethics Committee of the District of Columbia. “My time at Catholic University constantly reminds me of opportunities that higher education presents for students and how those years can affect the rest of their lives.”

Mary Ackerman

“The most fun I had in my work life was as Macalester’s dean of students.” Mary’s Macalester career spanned 21 years. After graduation Mary became an admissions counselor for Mac and after 5 years she was promoted to director of admissions. She was one of two women in the country, in that role at the time. In 1979, president John B. Davis appointed Mary dean of students where she served until 1991. Her career after Mac included serving as a family mediator, re-branding a coed boarding school and as director of national initiatives at Search Institute, a non-profit organization working in positive youth development across the country and world. After retirement Mary reignited her activist roots and founded the Northern Water Alliance to support issues of clean water in Northern Minnesota.
In Memoriam  (As of April 2022)

David Allen       Marie Pelkola Nelson       Nancy Sturgeon Dynneson
Terry Allen       Stephen Peterson
Bobby Anderson    Gary Ranta
Paul Anderson     Shirley Rask Gimm
Steven Bennett    Susan Rhodes Bye
Jim Berg          Duncan Rose
Michael Best      Serene Schanfield
Linda Betsworth Maro  Betty Schoenfelder Main
David Brucato     Lenardius “Lenny” Simmons
Brian Buss        Rhonda Smith Cox
Margie Campbell Stoup Robert Snell
Yael Daon         James Straka

Names listed: 62