

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES Sponsored by the 2014 Major Reunion Classes and the APGA

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Demonstrating ongoing alumni commitment to "Princeton in the Nation's Service and in the Service of All Nations," many major reunion classes and the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA) have organized Community Service and Engagement Initiatives leading up to and during Reunions 2014:

- The Class of 2009 is partnering with Princeton Nursery School, a local school that
 focuses on early childhood literacy for underprivileged families. On the Friday of
 Reunions, classmates will read to kids, paint an outdoor mural, landscape and help with
 various office jobs, such as planning healthy lunch menus. Classmates can also purchase
 much needed books for the school from an Amazon wish list.
- The Class of 1994 is helping orphans around the world by participating in the 2014 TD Five Boro Bike Tour on behalf of the Worldwide Orphans Foundation (WWO) an organization working in five countries around the world to transform the lives of orphaned children to help them become healthy, independent and productive members of their home communities. On May 4, 2014, several riders from the class will bike 40 miles across New York City to raise money and awareness for the WWO. Each rider will raise money independently, and classmates also have the opportunity to sponsor the riders and help them achieve their goals. Additionally, the class riders will carry a light sabre to promote the Star Wars theme of their 20th Reunion.
- In honor or their **25**th **Reunion**, the **Class of 1989** has invited the entire campus community to participate in two projects benefitting Kids Against Hunger Coalition (KAHC). Join the Class on Friday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to help assemble 50,000 nutritionally-complete meals, to be distributed to local, national and international families in need. Donations are also welcome a mere \$28 will pay for 100 meals. Sign up or donate on the <u>Class of 1989 website</u>.
 - Saturday morning, join members of the Class of 1989, other classes, families and friends for the 4th Annual Princeton University Reunions Run (PURR). All proceeds from this 5K run/walk will benefit the KAHC community service project. Register on the <u>Class of 1989 website</u> (register before May 1 to receive a PURR t-shirt!)
- For their 30th Reunion, the Class of 1984 will visit the Carolyn Stokes Preschool, a Trenton-area preschool serving disadvantaged three and four year olds for over 80 years. On the Friday morning of Reunions Weekend, the Class of 1984 will be mulching and beautifying a new playground, painting and repairing an outdoor playground equipment storage shed, painting and improving an interior hallway and reading aloud



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and talking to the kids in the school. The project will end with a lunch shared with students, staff and parents. For classmates who cannot participate directly, the class will be holding a book drive to provide the school with age-appropriate books.

- The Class of 1979 is calling on classmates to help the Dillon Youth Basketball League!
 The League, in which Princeton students volunteer as basketball coaches for local youth, was established over 40 years ago and is an invaluable town-gown partnership.
 Classmates are encouraged to donate basketballs or, if they prefer, gift cards from Dick's Sporting Goods, to help replace some of the League's aging equipment.
- The Class of 1974 will be bringing back books for children and teenagers who participate in programs at Anchor House in Trenton. Abused, neglected and homeless youth will gain access to literature, information and inspiration that can help them obtain a good education and go on to lead productive lives. To build awareness and support, the 40th Reunion classmates are sharing input from people who work with Anchor House, including a student volunteer coordinator in the Class of 2016.
- As part of this year's Reunions celebration, the APGA has partnered with the Princeton Young Achievers (PYA) after-school program and is collecting chapter books for school aged readers K-5. PYA is a unique after-school program that helps children from low-and moderate-income neighborhoods improve their school performance and English language skills. Drop off your book donation at APGA Headquarters.