Alumni Day Recap, Upcoming Events, and More!

Did You Know...
As early as 1833, seven years after the Alumni Association was formed, written records note the presence of returning alumni at commencement exercises. A half century later, when the nation's centennial of 1876 was celebrated, and again in 1896 at the sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of the College, alumni marched in the parades that commemorated those historic events, which served as a precursor of the current P-rades of Reunions.

Alumni Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Alumni Day
Over 1,100 Alumni and their families took part in the two day 100th Anniversary of Alumni Day Celebration. On Friday, alumni enjoyed an opening session that highlighted a variety of campus participants, from students to professors, who engaged in lively presentations of how language interfaced with their respective disciplines. From there, the festivities moved to the Frick Chemistry Building Atrium for a reception with entertainment by student musicians and dancers. Alumni were treated to a gift of 100th Anniversary Prosecco and a special chocolate.

On Saturday, along with keynotes by Madison Medalist, Martin Eakes and Woodrow Wilson Award recipient, Her Majesty Queen Noor ’73, both of whom spoke at Richardson Auditorium, alumni enjoyed several stimulating lectures. Following those talks, the Pyne Prize and Jacobus Fellowships were presented at the annual Alumni Day Luncheon. Immediately following the luncheon, alumni gathered for the always moving Service of Remembrance.

For Alumni Day highlights and video recordings go to http://alumni.princeton.edu/goinback/alumniday/2015/.

Decade of the 1980’s Dinner
Even the snow couldn't deter the hardy members of the classes in the 1980’s from getting together after the Service of Remembrance. The classes of 1980-1989 gathered for a festive dinner at the 1942 Lounge and the James S. Hall Memorial Gallery in Butler College. Over 78 classmates registered to attend and almost all of them braved the snowy evening to put a festive end to the 100th Anniversary of Alumni Day. The idea came about at the suggestion of the Vice Chair of the Class Affairs Committee, Maria Kourepenos ’85. She noticed that there were few class gatherings or dinners at Alumni Day for the decade of the 80’s. Maria worked with the Class Affairs team at the Office of the Alumni Affairs to put together a menu and venue for this fun gathering which will definitely continue to be a part of Alumni Day next year.

Be on the lookout for a Decade Dinner of the 1990’s and 2000’s for next year’s Alumni Day celebration.

Class Officer Elections: It’s that time of year!
Major reunion classes should be sending out ballots to elect new class officers, in order to have your successors in place for presentation to the class at reunions. Check your class constitution to see the parameters you need to follow. Some classes appoint new officers, some hold elections, and some put forth a proposed slate of officers to be ratified at one of your major reunion meals. Whatever procedure your class uses for officer succession, it is important to have the rules documented in your class constitution and by-laws.

If you have not updated your class by-laws, now is a good time to do so. Be sure to look at some of the sample constitutions that other classes have put in place. Follow this link for some examples: https://alumni.princeton.edu/volunteer/resources/class-volunteers/class-constitutions/samples.xml. Remember no detail is too small to include if it is important to your class executive committee.
Princeton Reunions are a unique and wonderful tradition for Princeton’s alumni and their families, as well as for all members of the senior class, who are invited as guests of the Alumni Association, free of charge, as a way of welcoming them into the alumni body. Given the rapid and remarkable increase in Reunions attendance over recent years, the University has reviewed and made changes to the Reunions guest policy for seniors and satellite alumni in order to preserve the spirit and fun of Reunions. Going forward, members of the senior class will be invited to register and obtain a wristband for one guest allowing them access to events requiring wristbands, while alumni from non-major reunion classes (satellite classes) will be able to register and obtain wristbands for one adult guest free of charge as well as their minor and adult children and grandchildren for free.

Of course, there are many Reunions events that are free and open to all, including the P-rade and the lawn concert and fireworks. It is only the frequently crowded headquarters sites to which access will be limited to those with wristbands.

Satellite Registration and Wristbanding
It is never an off year at Princeton Reunions! Alumni from the satellite classes and their families are welcome back. In an effort to improve customer service for all alumni and guests returning to Reunions and provide more security for wristband distribution, the University created a wristbanding location for select satellite classes during Reunions 2014. For Reunions 2015, additional wristbanding locations will be available for all satellite classes from the 5th-55th Reunions.

For more information about satellite registration and wristbanding, please visit: [https://alumni.princeton.edu/goinback/reunions/2015/satellites/](https://alumni.princeton.edu/goinback/reunions/2015/satellites/).

Princetoniana “Take It or Leave It” Tent
Get your paws on Princeton memorabilia! After a successful inaugural year, the “Take It or Leave It” tent is back for Reunions 2015. Rather than discarding your small Princeton collectibles and apparel, bring them to the “Take It or Leave It” tent at Reunions so that they can be discovered by another alum or guest to treasure.

Sponsored by the Alumni Council Committee on Princetoniana and the Alumni Council Committee on Reunions, come peruse the array of orange and black items anytime Thursday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at East Pyne South Lawn tent.

A Princeton Sampler: Class Academic Mini-Reunions on campus October 2 & 3, 2015
Last year several classes had the opportunity to view Princeton from the vantage point of a current student. Alumni were treated to exclusive lectures by two of Princeton’s revered faculty members. Lectures were followed by precepts where alumni could talk about what they had just learned in lecture. There were presentations by current students, as well as lunch and dinner in the dining halls. Participants were updated on what's new at the University by Vice President and Secretary Bob Durkee ’69.

This year, A Princeton Sampler will be offered on October 2 & 3 and will include a tailgate before the Columbia game. There is room for three or four classes to participate. The Office of Alumni Affairs will take care of classmate registrations and provide an agenda of programming for the weekend. Space is limited so reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Email the Class Affairs team at ClassAff@princeton.edu to let us know if you would like to reserve a space for your class.
Important Note to Secretaries

Please remember to send your death notices and/or memorials to Alumni Records at: alumrecs@princeton.edu or call 609-258-3114.

Sending the information to the PAW is a separate notice and does not guarantee that it gets into University records.

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**Facebook Tips for Alumni Classes** (From the Alumni Council’s Alumni Relations Communications Committee)

Among social media channels, Facebook can be highly effective in reaching and communicating with your alumni class, providing a way to engage and encourage interaction among your members.

Whether you are hoping to generate more engagement among your Facebook group or are just setting one up, here are some basic tips:

**Set up a closed group.** Your Facebook group should be open only to your classmates. A closed group means that you invite people to join it, or they can ask to join, and they are approved. When members of a group know it’s a closed group, it has the effect of encouraging openness and interactivity and helping foster community.

**Assign multiple administrators.** It’s important to share the responsibility for posting and monitoring the site to keep it fresh and relevant. If two or three people are administrators, there will always be someone to monitor the page.

**Encourage your classmates to join.** Actively encourage your audience to join your Facebook group by inviting them via email and other forms of class communications, including print.

**Keep posting consistently.** It’s ideal to have someone post to your group at least once a week—class secretary, president, anyone responsible for technology or communications—to keep the group fresh. Make sure content is engaging or useful—trivial posts will waste the time of classmates and tell them the source isn’t important or useful.

**Use posts to generate comments and good feelings.** Anything that ties back to Princeton and campus—photos of the football bonfire, news stories on the university website, old photos of classmates, class website information—can make great material for class Facebook pages.

**Consider your audience and be inclusive.** Since postings will be seen by all of your classmates, consider whether the item you’re posting is of interest to a majority. Certain items are best posted on a personal page rather than the group page, for example, photos of a dinner party with classmates, unless the event was open to all classmates or all those in the locale or region.

**Establish a review process for content.** To ensure that content reflects the diverse interests of your class and not those of an individual, for example, a class officer, appoint a communications “committee” to log, review, and approve suggested posts in a timely way.

**Adopt a subtle approach when necessary.** Certain life events, for example, the death of a classmate or a classmate’s loved one, should be handled with sensitivity, with deference to the family’s wishes on how it should be communicated.

**What not to post:** Avoid posting items that are overtly commercial. And it may seem obvious, but you should avoid posting anything related to sex, religion, and politics—a basic principle.

Finally, for class secretaries: Monitoring postings on your class Facebook group can be a great way to keep up with the goings-on of classmates and to gather news and material for PAW Class Notes. Just remember to follow Class Notes guidelines as you would when gathering news via other sources.
Hosting a Class Event Can Be Easy

Athletics are always a good way to get a group of people together. Use our talented athletic teams at Princeton as a means to host a class event! It's a fun-filled, easy way to have a great time and meet up with classmates.

For updates and schedules, be sure to visit www.goprincetontigers.com.

Community Service is just one of the Hallmarks of being a great Princetonian!

The Committee on Community Service would love to know what you are doing as a class, a region or personally.

Use this link: http://cs.createsurvey.com/publish/survey?c=ii7RQf to let them know what you are doing so that they can highlight the noble efforts of Princetonians everywhere.

Important Upcoming Event Dates to Remember:

May

28-31
• Reunions 2015

August

1
• President’s Letter/Dues Request for major Reunion classes

15
• President’s Letter/Dues Request for non-major Reunion classes
• Financial Reports due

September

7
• Welcome to the Class of 2019 Pre-rade and BBQ on Princeton Campus

October

2 & 3
• Mini-Reunion: A Princeton Sampler

24
• Tiger Tent at the Harvard Football Game

November

1
• 2nd President’s Letter/Dues Request for major Reunion classes

14
• Tiger Tailgate (Yale)

15
• 2nd President’s Letter/Dues Request for non-major Reunion classes
The Class of 2002 Book Club

Looking at the time constraints facing a large number of their classmates and finding it hard to get together in person, the Class of 2002 thought a web-based book club would be a good idea to learn from and hopefully grow. They began by highlighting one of their now published authors/classmates, Chris Beha. Chris Beha’s book, Arts and Entertainments: A Novel, had just been written up in the PAW. He was excited about brainstorming around this initial idea and helped in the planning process. They planned to have the book club live online with an in-person component for people, who had the time to get together and talk about a book with the author at a classmate’s home.

The first such meeting took place in Brooklyn, New York, on April 16, where Chris Beha read from his novel and answered questions. The class enjoyed refreshments and a chance to catch up. As part of the larger project, the class created an email address that allow classmates to ask questions about the book or to provide general feedback. The authors plan to post about the book on the class website, answering questions from their classmates.

The Class Historian is assembling a master list of class authors, from which the next book club selection will be drawn. They are hoping this will continue to grow as an online book club. The Class of 2002 also did some community service in conjunction with their book club by making a donation of children’s books to the Eden Institute in Princeton. In the future they will be asking classmates who are teachers or childcare providers to help them identify charities for book donations.

If you are looking for good summer reading material, the Princeton Pre-read for the Class of 2019 is Whistling Vivaldi by Claude M. Steele.

Pick up a copy and start a conversation with your classmates in the Fall!

For more information about the freshman Pre-read go to: http://www.princeton.edu/president/eisgruber/pre-read/.

And the First Ever Harris Achievement Award Goes To . . .
Class Milestones and Birthdays

Birthdays are always great to celebrate and everyone has one. This year, classes have been very creative in highlighting milestone birthdays and, in general, acknowledging classmate’s birthdays. Gatherings across the country, birthday cards, emails, special Facebook posts, all of these special touches draw your classmates closer to the class, sharing the bond of passing a milestone together! Find a creative classmate like Henry Payne in the Class of 1984, *I got plaid for my birthday. But I look better in stripes*;

or Paul J. Laud in the Class of 1978, *Cruisin’ at 50*, to design a creative and fun birthday card.

The Class of 1987, like many classes before them, invited their classmates to a collective 50th Birthday party at the Princeton Club in New York City.

The Class of 1946 remember their classmates birthdays with a festive card and a cheer.

The Class of 1962 even came up with a nice email through Harris Connect to advertise their 75th birthday.

There are many ways to celebrate, be creative and inclusive! Since we no longer have access to birthdates due to identity-theft protection for alumni, Class Officers can send a birthday card during the month of a classmates birthday.
The Chair’s Corner

For the last two years I have chaired the Class Affairs Committee. We have worked on a number of things, which I hope all of you see as helpful in your volunteer life for Princeton. This summer we will be sending you the new Class Officer Handbook that our committee has updated. We have also done some work to the Dues Incentive Program, which I hope you all will use to encourage your classmates to support your class and all of the hard work you do to keep them engaged by paying their class dues. Remember participation in dues helps to keep classmates connected.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with all of the class officers who serve with me on the Class Affairs Committee. Seeing their dedication and commitment to providing ideas, support and time to guide class officers has been a great experience for me. I hope that all of you continue to bring your classmates together as a class and as members of the great Princeton University alumni body.

Maria Kourepenos ’85 takes over as the new chair of the committee on July 1, 2015. The Class Affairs Committee looks forward to working with her and providing continued support for our volunteers.

Sincerely,

Rick

Rick Klein ’82
Chair, Class Affairs Committee

Annual Class Officer Luncheon
at Chancellor Green Rotunda
May 28, 2015

Attention Class Officers:

Mark your calendar to join us at Reunions from 11:30 am- 1:30 pm for the Annual Class Officer Luncheon on Thursday, May 28, 2015. It is a great opportunity to catch up with class officers and friends. Bring along newly elected class officers to welcome them to the community of class volunteers.

Please email us (ClassAff@princeton.edu) to let us know who your new officers are so that we can include them on our invitation list.
CHANGE is good...The Dues Incentive Program is changing...

Look for an announcement from the CLASS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE in June!

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