Alumni Day, Upcoming Events, and More!

Interesting to Know...

Have you seen what Princeton has planned for a sustainable campus?

Take a look at Princeton’s Sustainability Plan at: http://sustain.princeton.edu/progress to see how what is happening now and in the future.

Alumni Day is Saturday, February 20, 2016

Now is the time to get the word out to your classmates. Every opportunity to gather as a class is important to strengthening your class and its relationship to Princeton.

Alumni have the opportunity to hear from two esteemed Princetonians who will be honored with the Madison Medal and the Woodrow Wilson Award. The day will also include exciting lectures and the always moving Service of Remembrance after the Alumni Day luncheon. See Save the Date on page 3.

After the main activities have occurred, many classes host their own dinners. If your class is hosting one, please be sure to let the Office of Alumni Affairs know. Several classes from the 1980’s hosted a very successful Decade of the 80’s dinner after Alumni Day last year. Over 70 members of those classes attended a dinner in Butler College. This year the Decade of the 90’s is joining the group. So far the classes of 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 have joined for the Decade of the 80’s and 1995, 1996 and 1998 have committed for the Decade of the 90’s.

Hosting dinners with several classes is a great way to encourage classmates to come back to Old Nassau and be sure that they will be a part of a group of people with whom they are familiar.

L’Chaim! To Life: Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Life at Princeton

Princeton University cordially invites you to come back to campus for a University conference held in celebration of 100 years of Jewish life at Princeton.

Join President Christopher L. Eisgruber ’83, fellow alumni, senior administrators, faculty and students this April for conversation, connections, fellowship and fun.

For more information, visit our website at: http://alumni.princeton.edu/goinback/conferences

Important Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 20: Class Treasurer Conference Call
Feb. 9: Welcome President Eisgruber ’83 - San Fransisco
Feb. 11: Welcome President Eisgruber ’83 - San Diego
Feb. 20: Alumni Day
Feb. 25: Welcome President Eisgruber ’83 - Nashville
March 13: Welcome President Eisgruber ’83 - Mumbai
April 14-16: L’Chaim! To Life - Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Life at Princeton
May 26: Annual Class Officer Luncheon
May 26-29: Reunions

For more upcoming events: Click the Calendar or visit: alumni.princeton.edu/calendar

On Campus Space Requests

Contact Victoria Cox at vcox@princeton.edu with your request including location, date, time, and number of people you’re expecting.

Be sure to submit an event form every time you host an event, so that we can keep track in our records! Access the form by clicking here. Email completed forms to ClassAff@princeton.edu.
Princetoniana “Take It or Leave It” Tent

The “Take It or Leave It” Tent is on the books for Reunions 2016. Encourage your classmates and friends to bring all of their Princeton collectibles and apparel that they no longer want back to the “Take It or Leave It” Tent at Reunions 2016. There were many treasures that were up for grabs last year and a number of lucky alumni went home with treasures. Start collecting your orange and black or tiger treasures and bring them back with you to share!

A Princeton Sampler: Class Academic Mini-Reunions on campus October 2 & 3, 2015

This fall several classes returned to campus for an academic mini reunion and a chance to experience Princeton as undergraduates experience it every day. This included the experience of running to class in some really rainy weather. Kudos go to the Class of 1952 who had over 40 classmates registered and trudged through the torrents of rain to enjoy the full program. The academic portion included a lecture on stereotypes based on themes from the Princeton Pre-Read selection Whistling Vivaldi with Susan Fiske, Eugene Higgins Professor of Psychology; Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs; an interactive lecture on DNA analysis on From the Human Genome Project to Personalized Medicine with Heather Thieringer, Senior Lecturer in Molecular Biology; a lecture on Sailing the Wa-

ter’s Edge: The Domestic Politics of American Foreign Policy by Helen Milner, B.C. Forbes Professor of Public Affairs; Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School; Director, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance and a lecture on The Renewable Energy Challenge: Keeping the Lights On While Managing Variability and Uncertainty Warren Powell, Professor, Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering.

Alumni also had the opportunity to participate in precepts led by graduate students, tour the new construction campus and visit the Andlinger Center. A rained-out tree tour by Merc Morris ’72 was held at Maclean House. Hardy alumni walked down to Frick Chemistry Atrium for a campus update with Robert K. Durkee ’69 and looked for some of the varieties of trees covered in Merc’s talk. Even the rain couldn’t stop the hardiest of Princetonians from watch-
ing the Tigers defeat Colgate. Saturday included a student sampler where alumni heard about current student life and some of the E-lab projects that current undergraduate and graduate students are working on at Princeton. Invitation for the fall Mini Reunion 2016 will be sent out in mid-spring.
Homecoming Tiger Tailgate
Since a picture is worth 1000 words, here are a few highlights of this years’ tailgate. Over 1200 alumni and guests registered to attend. They were treated to a smorgasbord of delectable tailgate fare, a fun photo booth and the Tiger Band. The only thing that could have made the day better was a Tiger win against Yale! There is always next year. To find more pictures on social media, just search the hashtag #PrincetonTailgate

A New Class Officer Handbook will be ready for you in early 2016
The Class Affairs Committee has produced an updated version of the Class Officer Handbook which they hope will be helpful to you. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities that correspond to your office which are essential to the running of a healthy class.

A New Approach to Class Gatherings—A Throwback to Lawn Parties
As I wrote in our Fall 2014 Class Exchange, gatherings are a great way to engage classmates and keep spirits high throughout the year. I coined the term “tiger”-backing to describe the art of piggybacking off official Princeton-sanctioned events around the globe from classic football tailgates to President Eisgruber’s gatherings around the globe are effective and efficient ways to keep your Class connected to the larger Tiger community. Think post-game huddles at a local waterhole or a nightcap after a Princeton panel.

Another fun way to promote engagement is to call on your classmates to “tiger”-back off relevant happenings in their specific cities and regions. Any festive event—reminiscent of their time at Princeton—are sure to be a hit. Offentimes, I think back and smile as I recollect getting ready for Princeton Lawn Parties with my roommates, walking across campus where we’d stop and take pictures at Prospect Gardens before enjoying a festive spring afternoon listening to bands as they played country, rock-n-roll and pop music on the front yards of every Eating Club.

In an effort to recapture our glory days, Princeton Class of 1998 staged a mini reunion in Austin this past October, generously hosted by Texas-based classmate Temp Keller, who has a passion for music and even performed at Lawn Parties while we were at Princeton.

Timed to coincide with the Austin City Limits (ACL) Festival, we reached out to classmates near and far, inviting them to join for the festivities. Our classmates enjoyed drinks at the famed Hotel San Jose Lounge, watched Leon Bridges tape a phenomenal show for Austin City Limits that aired on PBS and enjoyed an evening of music that evoked our time on campus.

Our recent mini was such a success that our class is already anticipating holding another gathering this coming spring around South by Southwest® (SXSW®). Typically well-attended by Tigers, we are anticipating a nice turnout and look forward to once again channeling Lawn Parties at SXSW, which brings together music, independent films, and emerging technologies.

Whenever there’s an opportunity to coordinate a Class gathering around a fun event that already brings together a contingent of Tigers and reminds you of the fun had at Lawn Parties, go for it!

Beth Brett ’98
Class President

#Hashtag Everything
A great way to connect your classmates across the country and the world is to come up with a catchy hashtag for your classmates to use so that all of their pictures and comments are accessible when you look for that hashtag.

Also, be sure to follow us on social media so you can keep up with all our hashtags!
Community Service during the month of January

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Pace Center for Civic Engagement will sponsor a month of service in January 2016. The month of service provides multiple opportunities for Princeton University students, faculty, staff and alumni to participate in and showcase direct service and service learning activities.

This year’s theme is Community Matters.

Each week a quote from Dr. King as well as an activity from the Pace Center for Civic Engagement’s Field Guide to Service (to be released soon) will be a connecting thread across the various service projects. It is our hope that class and regional associations will participate with us either locally for alumni who live near Princeton or in their own communities with their own favorite community service projects.

The themes are listed below:

- **January 1st – January 7th:**
  - **Quote:** “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”
  - **Field Guide Activity:** Identifying Your Values

- **January 8th – January 14th:**
  - **Quote:** “Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of love.”
  - **Field Guide Activity:** Entering Community

- **January 15th – January 21st:**
  - **Quote:** “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”
  - **Field Guide Activity:** Purposeful Processing

- **January 22nd – January 31st:**
  - **Quote:** “Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.”
  - **Field Guide Activity:** Be In The Nation’s Service

The goal for all who are interested in participating is to showcase and celebrate Princeton in service of our communities by reporting the service projects that Tigers are doing. #CommunityMatters, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King and in recognition of Princeton University’s Pace Center for Civic Engagement as they celebrate their 15th anniversary.

As part of the month of service, Princeton University and the Pace Center will celebrate #PrincetonUServes and the Pace Center’s 15th Anniversary on January 21, 2016. Get your classmates together to participate in a service project somewhere in the United States or globally.

Hashtag #PrincetonUServes to share your service opportunities with other classes or communities as part of a combined Princeton University’s Pace Center for Civic Engagement as they celebrate their 15th anniversary.

Contact the Pace Center at pace@princeton.edu for more information. A Save the Date will be forthcoming.

Dues Participation

Dues participation is the life blood of your class’s health. Engaging classmates as members with an ask to support your class through dues participation is one of the most important ways to keep your classmates connected outside of Princeton. Each year the Class President makes a dues appeal in the early fall.

The Class Treasurer should follow up with a dues request in November. Both of these requests should be filled with other news about your class that will encourage your classmates to want to pay their dues. Many officers talk about the Princeton Alumni Weekly. While this is one of the reasons to pay your dues, there should be a number of other more engaging reasons to want to be full dues paying members of your class. Class officers should be planning a year of opportunities for classmates to continue their allegiance to their class. Regional Vice Presidents should be hosting events in cities where the class has a large number of classmate.

Communications should be sent out by social media and email. Creative ways to highlight dues payers can be encouraged. Does your class have a dues honor roll? Do you think of ways to encourage multiyear dues payments? Do you send separate emails to classmates who haven’t paid their dues? And most importantly, do you thank classmates who have paid their dues?

Share your ideas on the Class Treasurer’s call in January.

THE CHAIR’S CORNER

This past September, I became the Chair of the Class Affairs Committee (CAC) and I am honored to serve you in this new position. To the many of you who may not know, the Class Affairs Committee is here for you, to answer any questions, help you brainstorm ideas or provide guidance that you may need in your role as a Class Officer. The CAC is made up of ten members who come from a variety of different class volunteer positions and with a wide range of experience and we hope to become a reliable resource for all of you.

Over the past several months, we have been busy writing, revising and editing the new Class Officers Handbook that will be sent to you in the first quarter of 2016. This handbook is a critical tool in understanding the various responsibilities of each Class Officer and how best to execute these responsibilities so that each Officer becomes highly productive in his/her role. Another goal of our Committee is to produce two ClassExchange Newsletters each year. We hope that you find them helpful and even a little entertaining. If there is a subject you would like us to include in our next Newsletter, please let us know.

In addition our Committee will be conducting regional focus groups and training sessions over the next eight months. A key component of this effort is to better understand the vastly changing Alumni body. We want to hear from as many Class Officers as possible, whether they live near Princeton, across the country, or in another part of the world. Hearing from our many fellow class volunteers and listening to their needs and concerns, will enable us to become as effective and productive as possible.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Class Affairs Committee members, who give tirelessly of their own time and make my job very enjoyable. I also want to thank all of you - the cadre of fantastic volunteers who make Princeton University’s alumni body as vibrant and resourceful as it is.

With much appreciation,

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