Join Us for Reunion 2017!

Next June might feel like a long time from now, but Reunion 2017 will be here before we know it. I had such an enjoyable time at my first Middlebury reunion last summer, and I’m ready to hear more alumni stories, recollections, insights, and ideas about the future. I love learning how passionately Middlebury alumni feel about the College—and sharing how passionately I’ve come to feel about Middlebury, too.

If you’ve attended reunion before, you know what it’s like to celebrate your commonality with more than 70 years of Middlebury graduates. If you haven’t yet come, I hope we can inspire you to make your plans. I’m certain that you and your classmates will be delighted by what’s in store. We’re creating a weekend filled with social, recreational, athletic, cultural, and academic events and working with volunteers from your class to make sure your time is memorable.

So, please learn about what’s to come for Reunion 2017 in these pages and then connect with your classmates and friends and let them know how much you’d like them to join you next June. We’d love to have a record turnout—and for you to be part of it.

Warmest regards,

Laurie L. Patton, President
The Celebration Starts Now

A number of your classmates have volunteered to help plan a fabulous reunion celebration and they’ve come up with great ideas. But they still need your help! It’s not too late to get involved. Suggest activities and events and volunteer to organize them. Call your classmates and encourage them to attend and to consider making a gift in honor of this reunion. Get the word out: help generate class connections using your class’s Facebook page and your own social media to build buzz. And mark the dates—June 9–11—on your calendar!

**FAQ CONTINUED**

College has to offer. However, there are many other lodging options. Visit addisoncounty.com and vermontinns.com for more information.

Q. What counts toward our class gift and participation goals?
A. Gifts of any size count toward the class gift totals and the class participation goal. We encourage you to consider stretching your gift this year beyond what you might normally give in a nonreunion year. To learn more, please be in touch with a reunion committee member or your staff liaison.

Q. Does the cost of attending reunion count as a reunion gift?
A. It doesn’t. Middlebury actually subsidizes a good portion of the weekend for alumni. The cost of reunion includes housing, events, six meals, open bars on Friday and Saturday nights, and entertainment. Prices will be posted in January.

Q. I’m concerned I’ll find the hilly campus a challenge. Will transportation be available?
A. Our goal is to make getting around easy for all. Shuttles will be running on a schedule to take people around the campus and to events. Golf carts and vans will be available to transport individuals and groups.

Q. How should we dress for the weekend?
A. Vermont casual. You’ll find people wearing everything from shorts to skirts during the day. People tend to dress up a little more for the Saturday evening dinner under the tents, but there are no formal events. It does get cool—bring layers!

Q. What is the 1800 Society?
A. The 1800 Society recognizes donors who support Middlebury at a leadership level, beginning with annual gifts of $2,500. Members of the society are invited to a reception during Reunion Weekend.
A Weekend to Remember

The post-50th reunion classes are a special group, and we look forward to welcoming you back to campus June 9–11.

We have lots of events planned for you. Come back and spend time with friends in the place you love. See how the campus has changed and how it’s stayed the same.

We are always happy to hear from you. Please be in touch with your social-planning or fundraising liaison with any questions or suggestions.

CLASS QUIZ

1. What two buildings that changed the way students lived and learned were constructed during the Class of 1942’s time at Middlebury?
2. What popular club boasted “an enthusiastic membership numbering more than half the student body,” according to the 1947 yearbook?
3. Carr Hall was built in 1951 on the north side of Route 125. What was its function?
4. Middlebury College published a separate academic catalog for women through what year?
5. What dean made “border security” a top priority between the men’s and women’s campuses for nearly 20 years?
6. Name three restaurants popular for date nights in the 1950s.
7. What dormitories completed during the sesquicentennial in 1950 were joined together in 1955 and have remained largely unchanged ever since?
8. In 1954, student wages increased by 9.5 cents an hour to what amount?
9. What new dormitory opened adjacent to the graveyard in 1956?
10. Name the three campus publications that were designed to give readers “campus life in microcosm, a projection of the activities, ideas, and talents of the students,” according to the 1957 yearbook.
11. What building replaced the student union, which was demolished in 1960?
12. What renowned jazz musician performed at Winter Carnival in 1962?
13. The construction of what structure made earplugs for studying a good idea before it opened in the spring of 1962?

(Answers on other side)
When you walk with your class from Old Chapel to Mead Chapel for Convocation on Reunion Weekend, you’ll be part of a living tradition—one that goes back more than 150 years.

In 1850, the year of the College’s 50th anniversary, graduates with a known address received an invitation to what appears to have been the first organized gathering for all alumni. For the next 88 years, alumni joined graduating seniors in marching from Old Chapel to the Congregational Church in Middlebury for Commencement. In 1938 the popular parade changed its destination to Mead Chapel.

Even as Commencement moved to the Memorial Field House in 1950, alumni continued to march with the graduates. The first year reunion became a separate event was 1978. Each year since then, alumni have paraded from Old Chapel into Mead, lining up from youngest to oldest, with the 50th reunion class marching in last to wild applause.

“Being part of the parade and Convocation is a fantastic, moving experience,” says Beth Connor P’12, ’12, ’14, director of Alumni and Parent Programs. “During Convocation, classes share memories from their time at Middlebury going back 70, 75, or even 80 years. You see your place in the continuum of time and realize how much has changed and how much has stayed the same. Don’t miss it!”

Quiz answers: 1. Gifford Hall, the last building to be constructed at the top of Chapel Hill, was built in 1940 as a dormitory. 2. Munroe Hall, the gift of Charles Munroe, Class of 1896, was built of Weybridge limestone in 1940 to house departments in the humanities and social sciences. 3. Mountain Club, which was founded in 1931 to take advantage of Middlebury’s 31,000-acre mountain campus. 4. It was built to house the infirmary. 5. Elizabeth “Ma” Kelly, who insisted on social conformity and stern enforcement of regulations during her tenure as dean of women from 1951 to 1970. 6. The Dog Team, the Tops, and the Middlebury Inn. 7. Battell Hall North and South were originally separate buildings. They were connected with a central section in 1955. 8. The average hourly wage for students working on campus went from 58 cents to 67.5 cents per hour, still lower than the average of 75 cents for New England colleges. 9. Stewart Hall. 10. Frontiers (literary magazine), the Campus (newspaper), and Kaleidoscope (yearbook). 11. Proctor Hall. 12. Alto saxophonist Cannonball Adderley. 13. The modern glass reading room added to Starr Library between 1959 and 1962. The renovation also included modern card catalog equipment, typing and listening booths, and a smoking area.
Share the Middlebury Experience with Today’s Students

Reunion is an opportunity to celebrate your time at Middlebury and its impact on your life. It also provides a chance to make that experience available to the next generation of students through a gift in honor of your reunion.

There are two key ways you can help.

The Annual Fund: Supporting the Middlebury Experience
Year after year, the Annual Fund plays an important role in helping not only to sustain Middlebury but also to make it thrive, providing essential funding that supports every aspect of the Middlebury experience.

Funding the Future: Supporting Students through Scholarships
Financial aid ensures that a Middlebury education is accessible to the most qualified students from all backgrounds, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Participate in the Class Gift
Gifts of every size count toward the class’s reunion gift. It’s easy to make your gift online at go.middlebury.edu/give. Or you can call 888-647-6433 or mail your gift to Office of Advancement, 700 Exchange St., Middlebury, VT 05753.

THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY
Meet a Middlebury Student

ELLIOTT MILLER ’18

Q: Tell us about yourself.
A: I’m from Coventry in the U.K., a political science major, and a student phonathon manager.

Q: What activities are you participating in at Middlebury?
A: I work with Middlebury’s Mac and Choose truck. It’s a student start-up that got seed funding from MiddSTART (the College’s microphilanthropy site). We provide late night mac ‘n cheese with a choice of toppings. It’s been great to see the business move forward. We’re hoping it continues to expand and offers other students an opportunity to get involved in such an exciting start-up.

Q: Why do you enjoy the phonathon?
A: Alumni and parents have great stories to tell, and it’s always fascinating to hear how Middlebury has changed over the years. As a student receiving significant financial aid, I find it heartwarming to see alumni give back to the College and support the experiences of students like me.

Q: Why Middlebury?
A: I chose Middlebury because I love languages, and I wanted to continue my studies in French while also picking up Chinese. It also seemed like such a beautiful and inviting campus, and that was a big draw for me.

Q: What’s surprised you the most about your experience here?
A: It’s been fantastic to have the opportunity to get to know my professors really well and to sit down with them and talk about the topics that fascinate me—something that I don’t think I’d have gotten elsewhere.

Q: What are your long-term goals?
A: After Middlebury, I’m hoping to work in Washington, D.C., for some sort of political organization. I see myself returning to the U.K. to work in politics in the long term, so working for a think tank in the U.S. first is definitely in the cards.

Q: How has Middlebury prepared you for that?
A: Middlebury’s academic rigor has taught me to think critically, to ask searching questions, and to not take everything I read at face value—helpful attributes for a career in politics!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March: Online registration opens for reunion. You may also register via mail. Printed registration cards will be included with the spring reunion newsletter.

Late May: Deadline for reunion registration

June 9–11: Reunion Weekend

REUNION BY THE NUMBERS

2,116 Alumni and friends who attended in 2016

61 Student reunion hosts

1,500 Cups of lu-lu ice cream served before the reunion parade

350 True Blue Society tattoos distributed

285 Gallons of coffee consumed

81% Alumni attending reunion who made a gift

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Check out Middlebury’s presence on Facebook.

• Like MiddAlum, the Alumni Office page, at facebook.com/middalum.

• Like Middlebury College, the official Midd page, at facebook.com/middleburycollege.

• Reconnect by joining your class Facebook group at go.middlebury.edu/reunion.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Don’t miss out on reunion news. Most information will be provided via email. You can update your contact information at www.middlebury.edu/alumni/update.