Join us for Reunion 2016!

We are still six months away from Reunion 2016, but I hope that you already have it in your minds and on your calendars. This will be my first reunion as president of Middlebury and my first opportunity to meet many of the members of the Class of 1991 as you celebrate your 25th reunion. I look forward to hearing your recollections, insights, and suggestions as you reacquaint yourself with our beautiful campus, rekindle old friendships, and make some new ones.

The 25th reunion is a milestone—in your lives and in the life of the College. The Advancement staff is already working with volunteers from your class to plan a program of events—social, recreational, athletic, cultural, and academic—that will appeal to every interest and will honor your time at Middlebury.

If you haven’t already decided to attend your 25th reunion, I hope this newsletter will inspire you to come. Reach out to your Middlebury classmates and friends and tell them how much you would like to see them. We hope to have a record turnout for Reunion 2016, and we need you here to make it a complete success.

Warmly yours,

Laurie L. Patton, President
The Celebration Starts Early

You don’t have to wait to celebrate your milestone 25th! Reunion committee members are planning several mini-reunions this winter and spring. Join us in New York, Boston, and at other locations yet to be determined. If you’d like to host a mini-reunion in your area, please contact our social-planning liaison, Lori Mackey, at lori@middlebury.edu or 802-443-5447. Please update your contact information at www.middlebury.edu/alumni/update to make sure you hear about reunions in your region. We don’t want you to miss out!

FAQ CONTINUED

Q. Can I stay off campus?
A. We encourage alumni to stay on campus, so you can easily meet up with friends and explore all that the College has to offer. But there are many lodging options in Middlebury and the surrounding towns. Visit addisoncounty.com and vermontinns.com for more information.

Q. Will there be programming for children?
A. On Saturday afternoon and evening, we will have a robust schedule of child and teen activities, including a bouncy house, face painting, a children’s musician, teen movie night, and other kid-friendly options. We do not have child care for children under five years of age.

Q. How should we dress for the weekend?
A. Vermont casual. You’ll find people wearing everything from shorts and jeans to sundresses 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. Is there a way to connect with classmates before reunion?
A. Yes, check out your class Facebook page go.middlebury.edu/fb91 where you can post photos, start a conversation, plan a mini-reunion, and find friends. You can also find contact information for classmates at Middlebury’s online community go.middlebury.edu/moc.

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, seven meals, open bars on Friday and Saturday nights, and entertainment. Prices will be posted in January.

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY
• Early check-in for 25th reunion class
• Class of 1991 25th reunion welcome reception

FRIDAY
• College admissions workshop, information session, and tour
• Class of 1991 25th reunion activities
• Class of 1991 25th reunion golf scramble
• Cane Society luncheon (by invitation)
• 1800 Society and volunteer reception (by invitation)
• 25th reunion dinner and entertainment

SATURDAY
• Class of 1991 25th reunion activities
• Children’s games and festivities
• Conversation with President Laurie L. Patton
• Reunion parade and Convocation in Mead Chapel
• All-class reception, dinner, dancing, and fireworks

SUNDAY
• Farewell breakfast
FAQ CONTINUED

Q. What is the 1800 Society?
A. The 1800 Society recognizes donors who support Middlebury at a leadership level, with annual gifts of $2,500 or more for alumni who graduated 10 or more years ago. 1800 Society members are invited to a special reception during Reunion Weekend. To learn more, visit go.middlebury.edu/The1800society.

Q. How can I join the Cane Society?
A. The Cane Society recognizes alumni and friends who provide for Middlebury in their estate plans. If you have made Middlebury a beneficiary—through a will, retirement account, life insurance, or a planned gift—please let us know, and we will enroll you as a member. Members are invited to a special luncheon during Reunion Weekend.

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’s also a chance to make that experience available to the next generation of students through a gift in honor of your reunion.

Here are two key ways you can help:

The Annual Fund
Gifts to the Annual Fund create the Middlebury experience. They provide opportunities for learning and discovery. They give the College the flexibility to take advantage of unexpected opportunities and fresh ideas and the ability to respond to immediate needs. Because Annual Fund gifts can be directed to the College’s highest priorities and can be spent as they come in, they make an immediate difference in the lives of students and faculty.

Scholarship Support
We know that students learn best when they come together with others from different backgrounds and experiences to explore complex issues or tackle difficult projects. Scholarships enable us to create a community as diverse as the country and world we live in, so we can prepare all students to be tomorrow’s leaders and change makers.

Each class sets a participation goal. Gifts of any size count. In fact, last year gifts under $250 amounted to $843,759. It’s easy to make your gift online at go.middlebury.edu/give. Or call 888-367-6443, or mail your gift to Office of Advancement, 700 Exchange St., Middlebury, VT 05753.

DID YOU KNOW that it’s easier to become a member of the 1800 Society with a gift of $2,500 or more, or to stretch your giving to make the biggest impact for reunion, than you might think? Here are some ways to plan your giving this year:

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A REUNION TOP FIVE
The alumni band The Grift has been playing the Saturday night dance since 2004. Here are five songs that really get the crowd dancing.

• “Like a Prayer” —Madonna
• “I Saw Her Standing There” —The Beatles
• “Mr. Brightside” —The Killers
• “Boogie On Reggae Woman” —Stevie Wonder
• “Runaround Sue” —Dion
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March: Online registration opens for reunion

Late May: Deadline for reunion registration

June 9–12: Reunion Weekend

REUNION BY THE NUMBERS

1,949 | Alumni and friends attended in 2015

329 | Reunion volunteers

61 | Student reunion hosts

1,500 cups | Lu-lu ice cream served before the reunion parade

132 gallons | Coffee consumed

64 percent | Alumni in reunion years who made a gift

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Check out Middlebury’s social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. A great way to reconnect before reunion is to join the Class of 1991 Facebook group at go.middlebury.edu/fb91 and share your stories and photos.

FACEBOOK

• Like Midd Alum, the alumni office page at http://facebook.com/middalum.
• Like Middlebury College, the official Midd page at http://facebook.com/middleburycollege

TWITTER

• Follow middalumni and middleburycollege.

INSTAGRAM

• Check out the scene at https://instagram.com/middleburycollege

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

We can’t wait to see you back at Midd June 9–12 for our 25th reunion!

We’ve heard reports from other 25th reunion classes that this reunion is amazing. To make ours the best it can be, we need you! We’ve set a goal of having 35 percent of our class at reunion, and we hope to exceed it.

Because our 25th is such an important milestone, we get an extra night on campus and will have time for special 25th reunion events on Thursday afternoon/evening and Friday, as well as Saturday. We’ve gotten off to a great start on planning those events, but we still need your help and ideas to make this reunion magical. If you have a suggestion and/or would like to organize an event—from a hike to a talk to a concert—let us or Lori Mackey know.

Don’t miss out on the chance to reconnect before reunion through our mini-reunions and class Facebook page (go.middlebury.edu/fb91). You’ll be receiving invitations to the regional mini-reunions as they are scheduled.

Participation Chair Kristen Gustavson has been doing a great job of sharing stories and photos on the Facebook page. She’s also posted a photo of us from 1988, all our reunion class pics, and New Faces. Check out how young we look—and the hair! Please help Kristen by posting your own photos from our time at Midd as well as updates on what you’re up to and photos of your life today.

In addition to planning activities, the reunion committee has set donor participation and dollar goals for our class. They are to achieve 70 percent participation and to raise more than $two million. We want to make a strong showing in both areas consistent with the classes that have preceded us. Our past history of giving has averaged around 55 percent participation, so we have work to do. Every gift is important. We’re off to a great start and are grateful to classmates who’ve already made their gifts. Let’s keep the momentum going!

Warm regards,

Your 25th reunion co-chairs:

Suhail Shaikh ’91  Saba Shaikh ’91  Ray Strong ’91

CLASS OF 1991 QUIZ

1. How many people served as president during our time at Midd? Can you name them?
2. What famous person spoke at Middlebury in 1990?
3. What now ubiquitous company opened its first store in 1988 and changed the way we live?
4. Protests in what square in 1989 led to a declaration of martial law?
5. What significant event triggered massive changes in Europe in 1989?
6. What was the best-selling book in the U.S. in 1990?
7. What song was number one on the charts in 1991?
8. What movie won the Oscar for Best Picture in March 1991?

(Answers on other side)

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Be a Part of History

When we walk with our class from Old Chapel to Mead Chapel for Convocation on Reunion Weekend, we’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, every graduate with a known address received a mailed invitation to what appears to have been the first organized gathering for all alumni. “Probably the largest assemblage of graduates of the College, which has ever met, was gathered on the morning of Commencement day at the College Chapel,” reports the official record of that reunion.

For the next 83 years, alumni joined graduating seniors, faculty, trustees, and administration in marching from Old Chapel to the Congregational Church in Middlebury village for Commencement. In 1938, the popular parade shifted to go from Old Chapel up to Mead.

Even as Commencement moved to Memorial Field House in 1950, alumni continued to march that weekend 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 Ian McCray ’95, 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!”

THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY
Meet a Middlebury Student

Name: Chuyou “Chelsea” Wang ’16
Hometown: Shenyang, China
Majors: Art history and German
Community service: Community Friends mentor to a local fifth-grader

A MiddSTART International Student Scholar, Chelsea was drawn to Middlebury by its reputation as a supportive community with challenging academics—but the College has also opened her up to the wider world. An art history and German major, she studied dance in Trinidad with the Middlebury Dance Company, then spent 2014–15 at the Free University of Berlin, where, in addition to doing her coursework, she interned with a local fashion brand. Reunion gifts enrich the experience of all students and prepare them to engage the world.

“I hope to utilize the intercultural competence I’ve gained at Middlebury in both professional and daily spheres. I want to help people from different parts of the world to understand one another better.”