Looking Ahead to Reunion 2020!

While we’re just halfway through fall, Middlebury is already making plans for next summer. That’s when we’ll welcome you back to campus for your Reunion from June 5 to 7.

I’ve attended four Middlebury Reunions now, and they all were memorable and deeply meaningful. It’s such a powerful feeling to walk in the procession to Mead Chapel for Convocation with more than 1,000 alumni. I so enjoy meeting alumni and their families, and hearing their stories, insights, and ideas about the future. It’s inspiring to see how passionately our alumni care about the College, and how the results of Middlebury’s broad and rigorous liberal arts education have manifested themselves across the generations.

This coming year will be my fifth Reunion, meaning I will have welcomed every Middlebury graduating class back to campus. It’s a milestone I’ll be proud to mark with you and your classmates. If you have never been to a Reunion, I encourage you to make this one your first. If you’ve attended one, or many, before, then you know how enjoyable and well planned the weekend will be.

You’ll find news about Reunion 2020 in these pages. I hope you’ll feel inspired to connect with your classmates and friends as you start planning ahead to next June. I look forward to joining you in conversation, celebration, and our walk together to Mead Chapel.

Warmest regards,

Laurie L. Patton, President
What makes a great Reunion? You do!

We are counting on an exceptional turnout from the post-50th Reunion classes. Lots of events are planned just for this special group, so be sure to come back and catch up with friends in the place you love. See how the campus has changed and how it has stayed the same. Contact your staff liaison (listed on page 4) or one of your class Reunion volunteers to learn more.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. I’m concerned the hilly campus will be a challenge. Will transportation be available?
   A. Absolutely. Shuttles will be running to take people around the campus and to events. Golf carts and vans will be available to transport individuals and groups.

Q. I made a gift in response to mailings received this fall. Does it count toward the class gift?
   A. All gifts—of any size—made between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, count toward Reunion class gift totals and participation. In honor of Reunion, you might consider stretching your gift beyond what you normally give or making a second gift. There are more ways than you might think to do that, including bequest intentions and life-income gifts.

Q: What is the Cane Society? How can I attend the Reunion lunch?
A: The Cane Society recognizes alumni and friends who provide for Middlebury in their estate plans or through a life-income gift. Members attend a special luncheon over Reunion Weekend. If you’re not yet a member and would like to join, contact Tiffany Stowe at 802-443-5169 or giftplanning@middlebury.edu.

Q. With whom should I talk about my gift?
A. Please be in touch with Alyssa Sinclair, staff liaison, at 802-443-2927, or the Office of Gift Planning at 866-496-6433 or giftplanning@middlebury.edu.

Q. I have additional questions. What should I do?
A: Visit go.middlebury.edu/reunionFAQ or call us at 802-443-5183.

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY
- Class-specific activities—panels, memorials, and more
- Cane Society luncheon (by invitation)
- Campus bus tours, open houses, faculty lectures, facility tours
- 1800 Society and volunteer reception (by invitation)
- Individual class dinners

SATURDAY
- Veterans’ gathering
- Conversation with President Laurie L. Patton
- Presentations by Alumni Achievement Award winners
- Class-specific activities and gatherings
- Campus bus tours, open houses, lectures, facility tours
- All-class golf scramble
- LGBTQ gathering
- Ice cream social
- Reunion parade and Convocation
- All-class reception, dinner, concert, dancing, and fireworks
- 1800 Society and volunteer reception (by invitation)
- Individual class dinners

SUNDAY
- Sunday morning Christian worship with Reunion choir
- Hillel light breakfast
- Breakfast at Proctor

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1. More than half of all students belonged to which club in the 1940s?

2. Middlebury published a separate academic catalog for women through what year?

3. Carr Hall was built on the north side of Route 125 in 1951. What was its function?

4. Which dean made “border security” a top priority between the men's and women’s campuses?

5. Name four popular places for date nights or dancing in the '50s and/or '60s.

6. What dormitories, completed in 1950, were joined together in 1955 and have remained unchanged ever since?

7. What building was ravaged by fire in 1952 due to a student prank?

8. In 1954, student wages increased by 9.5 cents an hour to what amount?

9. What new men’s dormitory opened near the graveyard in 1956?

10. What building replaced the student union, which was demolished in 1962?

11. When were Coca-Cola vending machines installed by student demand?

12. What famous folk singer did Chi Psi bring to town in 1960?

13. What exercise craze swept Forest Hall in 1963, causing women to quote Hamlet: “O that this too solid flesh would melt”?

14. How many Middlebury students and professors took part in the civil rights march in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965?

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Quiz answers: 1. Mountain Club, which was founded in 1931 to take advantage of the College’s 31,000-acre mountain campus.
2. The last one was published in 1951.
3. It was the fine arts center until 1968.
4. Elizabeth “Ma” Kelly, who insisted on stern enforcement of regulations during her tenure as dean of women from 1951 to 1970.
5. The Dog Team, the Waybury and Middlebury Inns, and the Alibi.
6. Battell North and South were connected with a central section in 1955.
7. Gifford Hall.
8. The average hourly raise for students increased from 58 to 67.5 cents per hour.
9. Stewart Hall.
10. Proctor Hall.
11. 1954.
12. Pete Seeger.
14. Twenty students and three faculty members.
Class photos from Reunion 2015

The Class of 1945 at their 70th Reunion

The Class of 1950 at their 65th Reunion

The Class of 1955 at their 60th Reunion

The Class of 1960 at their 55th Reunion

The Class of 1965 at their 50th Reunion
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.

Mid-May: Deadline for Reunion registration.

June 5–7: Reunion Weekend.

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 go.middlebury.edu/update.

GET ENGAGED WITH MIDDLEBURY

• Listen to President Laurie Patton’s podcast of ideas, Midd Moment. Visit go.middlebury.edu/middmoment to learn more.

• Join your class Facebook group at go.middlebury.edu/alumnigroups.

• Like Midd Alum, the official alumni page, at facebook.com/middalum.

REUNION by the numbers in 2019

1,830 People attended

56 Student Reunion hosts

2,000 Cups of Sisters of Anarchy ice cream served before the Reunion parade

450 Gallons of coffee consumed

77 Percent of alumni attending Reunion Weekend who made a gift

157 People attending the Cane Society Reunion luncheon