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.

You and your fellow Class of 1992 alumni are marking your 25th reunion, which is a particularly meaningful time to come back to reconnect on campus. I hope we can inspire you to start making your plans. I’m certain that you and your classmates will be delighted by what’s in store. We’re creating a special weekend for the Class of 1992 filled with social, recreational, athletic, cultural, and academic events and working with volunteers from your class to make sure your time is memorable.

I encourage you to 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 Early

You don’t have to wait to celebrate your milestone 25th! Reunion committee members are planning several mini-reunions this winter and spring. 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!

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY
• Early check-in for 25th reunion class
• Class of 1992 25th reunion welcome reception

FRIDAY
• College admissions information session, workshop, and tour
• Class of 1992 25th reunion activities

SATURDAY
• Class of 1992 25th reunion activities
• Children’s games and festivities

SUNDAY
• Farewell breakfast

FAQ CONTINUED

Q. What counts toward our class gift and toward our class participation goal?
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. Can I stay off campus?
A. We encourage you 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, teen movie night, and other kid-friendly options. We do not have child care for children under five years of age.

Q. Is there a way to connect with classmates before reunion?
A. Yes, check out your class Facebook page, go.middlebury.edu/fb92, 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,
It’s true—our 25th reunion is coming soon!

We are still in shock that it has been 25 years since we were on campus, but we are really excited to relive the glory days and head back to Vermont June 8–11! We hope you’ll join us for this milestone; we need you there to make it a huge success.

Because the 25th is such an important reunion, we get an extra night on campus and will have class events on Thursday, Friday, AND Saturday. We’re planning those events now, but we still need your help. If you have a suggestion and/or would like to organize an event, contact Leslie Cone Pagnotta (leslie.pagnotta@medtronic.com) or staff liaison Lori Mackey (lori@middlebury.edu).

We also hope you’ll take advantage of the chance to reconnect before reunion through our mini-reunions and class Facebook page (go.middlebury.edu/fb92). You’ll receive invitations to regional mini-reunions as they are scheduled. Please post your photos from our time at Midd and of your life today on the Facebook page. We have some photos there now. Check out how young we look—and the hair!

Co-chairs from the two classes ahead of us have said that one of the best parts of their 25th reunion was meeting classmates they didn’t know while on campus or reconnecting with those they didn’t know well. So please don’t hesitate if you haven’t seen any of our classmates in 25 years! It will be well worth it to come back.

Make plans now to return June 8–11—we are looking forward to seeing you!

Best,

Blakely Atherton
Des Havlicek
Jon Owsley
Kashif Zafar

Reunion Co-chairs
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: 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 not to take everything I read at face value—helpful attributes for a career in politics!

THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY
Meet a Middlebury Student

Rockin’ Out at Reunion

“It’s so special to be back for reunion—the vibe is so jubilant,” says Peter Day ’01. He’s got a great vantage point: Day sings and plays bass in the Grift, the crowd-pleasing band of Middlebury alumni that has played the Saturday night dance at Reunion Weekend since 2004.

Choosing songs for a crowd whose ages range widely is “kind of the fun of it, and I think that comes through,” says Day, whose bandmates include guitarist/vocalist Clint Bierman ’97 and drummer/vocalist Jeff Vallone ’98.5. “We want to play songs that excite us, and we want people dancing all the time.”

Quiz answers: 1. Three. Olin Robison, Timothy Light, John McCardell. 2. His Holiness Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama. 3. English, with 710 majors; economics, with 605; and history, with 603. 4. 2,033, including 459 in the senior class. 5. Fall of the Berlin Wall. 6. Massachusetts, with 352 students, and New York, with 350. There were 126 international students that year.
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
Each class sets a reunion fundraising goal. Gifts of every size count toward the goal. 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.

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. Members of the 1800 Society are invited to a special reception during Reunion Weekend. To learn more, visit go.middlebury.edu/the1800society.

Q. What is 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.

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

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March: Online registration opens for reunion

Late May: Deadline for reunion registration

June 8–11: Reunion Weekend

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Check out Middlebury’s social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

FACEBOOK

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

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

• Join your class Facebook group at go.middlebury.edu/fb92.

TWITTER

• Follow @middalumni and @middleburycollege.

INSTAGRAM

• Follow @middalum and @middleburycollege.

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.

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