



To Our Middlebury '72 Classmates,



It seems like just yesterday we were students racing to class or down the Allen trail at the Snow Bowl. What a time that was!

And now, we somehow have fast-forwarded through five decades and are soon going to celebrate our 50th Reunion. And what a time that will be!

Beginning on June 9, we will have four days together to reconnect with old friends, revisit our campus, reminisce together over meals and music, and remember classmates we've lost.

It won't be a true Reunion without you! Right now, over 50 classmates are working to make our 50th Reunion a memorable one. So we hope you're making plans to attend. We have a few ways to help us get reconnected before then. We'll all receive our new *Class of 1972 Reunion Yearbook* this winter. We'll also have some fun Zoom group chats about all kinds of topics over the next eight months. Please join us!

To make sure you get all the details about what's being planned between now and June, we need to know how to connect. Please confirm that we have your current contact information (see the URL below). Most Reunion communication will be by email, and we don't want you to miss out.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you next June 9-12!

—Janet Halstead Franklin and George Cady

Update contact information: go.middlebury.edu/update



Our last Reunion gathering: the Class of 1972 at our 45th Reunion in June 2017.

We're looking forward to celebrating our time together at Middlebury—starting now. Sign up for Zoom webinars with favorite faculty members, take an online wine class with a friend, attend Class of 1972 virtual gatherings. Reconnect all year long!

Questions? Contact us at 50threunion@middlebury.edu.

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Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs

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Class of 1972, We Need You!

Greet your classmates! Have some fun! Volunteer to help greet your classmates on the Thursday morning of Reunion. Of course, you won't recognize everyone, and they may not recognize you, but all you need to know is your own name! This is a great opportunity to meet and greet. You'll be assigned to a mutually agreed-upon time slot and get first dibs on Judy McCormack's anticipated cookies. Contact Lyn DeGraff at ldegraff@middlebury.edu.

Share your art! Artists, writers, poets, quilters, photographers, and other creative types are invited to share their creativity. Larry Grob, Rick Brownell, and Dave Furney will be organizing a 1972 Reunion Art Sharing with your help. Amateurs and professionals alike are encouraged to participate!

Musicians are needed to help lift our spirits during our memorial service. The Reverend Andrew Staley and the Reverend Barbara Melosh will help organize this special and meaningful gathering of our classmates on Friday morning, June 10, 2022.

Help spread the word! Last but certainly not least, we are calling on all who have any social media expertise, talent, or inclination to help with our outreach. Volunteer to get the word out so we can ensure a fun and inclusive weekend.

Contact Kathy Mulligan Lord at kml10025@gmail.com or Paul Lehman at paul@paullehman.net.

Thank You for Your Middlebury Moments!

It's been 50 years since graduation, but it's clear that the memories are still fresh. Our request for "Middlebury moments" inspired over 100 members of the Class of 1972 to share their memories this past fall. Each email received prompted fun, funny, and poignant memories of shared and individual experiences from our years at Midd. Thanks to all who joined in the conversation. We hope you'll enjoy reading these Midd moments in our Reunion yearbook (details below).

Fiftieth Reunion Yearbook Update

The 50th Reunion Yearbook Committee has met via Zoom, written hundreds of emails, traveled to Middlebury in July for research, and returned to campus in October for the yearbook's assembly and first proofreading.

It seems we are building a Swiss watch with its precision parts! We are gathering all manner of material around the 50th Reunion theme of "And What a Time It Was" from "Old Friends/Bookends" by Simon and Garfunkel.

Thank you to Larry Grob for creating the cover art; Jennifer Hamlin Church and Evey Zmudsky Lamont for organizing Middlebury moments and essays; Judy McCormack for gathering photos from 35 classmates, adding them to the 1972 collection, and preparing them for use in the yearbook and slideshow; Daniel Suman for writing the timeline; and Cynthia Bear for researching and writing about the lives of our 61 deceased classmates. And thank you to the 54 percent of the class who responded to our request for memories; our classmate autobiographies are the heart of the yearbook.



Yearbook Chairs Cynthia Bear and Judy McCormack.

Look for the yearbook in your mailbox in February 2022. Stay tuned to the Class of 1972 Facebook page. Watch for the spring 2022 letter and email with logistics for Reunion—currently on track to be held in person at Middlebury!

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM OCTOBER 28-31

Your 1972/50th Reunion Committees Hard at Work





MIDDLEBURY AT A GLANCE 2021

11,908 APPLICATIONS

1,875 ADMITTED STUDENTS

700 CLASS SIZE
(600 SEPTEMBER, 100 FEBRUARY)

45 STATES + D.C. and
PUERTO RICO REPRESENTED

66 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

13% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

35% U.S. STUDENTS OF COLOR

17.5% FIRST GENERATION
TO ATTEND COLLEGE

51% STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID

\$57,078 AVERAGE FINANCIAL
AID AWARD

MIDDLEBURY MADE A BIG IMPACT on our lives. Let's return the favor and make a big impact on Middlebury with our Class of 1972 Reunion gift.

No matter what size gift you make, your participation will help provide meaningful support to today's students.

WHY DOES YOUR GIFT MATTER?

More than 50 percent of the Class of 2025 receives need-based financial support from Middlebury, with an average College grant of \$57,000. Your Reunion gift can help support these students and those who will follow in their footsteps.

We hope all of our classmates will be able to be a part of this class effort, whether in a big or small way—it all makes a difference.

THANK YOU!

The Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund

Please consider directing a portion, or the total, of your Reunion gift to the Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund, which is now part of the College's permanent endowment. The fund will help open the door to Middlebury College for generations of deserving students. You can direct a gift of any size or type to the fund.

Our Office of Gift Planning can help you fulfill your philanthropic and financial goals.

CONTACT our 50th Reunion Class of 1972 liaison, Tiffany Stowe, associate director of gift planning.

email: tjstowe@middlebury.edu

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web: go.middlebury.edu/50thgiving



Class of 1972 Giving Challenge

Janet Halstead Franklin, George Cady, Ingrid Stanlis, and George Kuckel aim to inspire classmates to join them as leadership donors in celebration of our 50th Reunion. If 20 classmates will make leadership commitments, they each will add \$50,000 to gifts they have already made. To qualify, gifts or pledges should be of and above \$10,000. The challenge has already received an enthusiastic response with 11 classmates making gift commitments at this level! Contact Tiffany Stowe or one of the challenge sponsors to learn how you can be a part of this special effort.

Here are some ways to participate:

IMMEDIATE GIFT

Give by credit card at go.middlebury.edu/give, call 888-367-6433, or mail a check to Middlebury Advancement, 700 Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT 05753.

MULTIYEAR PLEDGE

Pledge your support for the Giving Challenge over up to five years. The total amount will be counted in your 50th Reunion class gift.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Transfer appreciated securities to Middlebury to receive gift credit and tax benefits.

IRA ROLLOVER

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have a traditional IRA, you can make a gift directly from your IRA to Middlebury without owing federal income tax on the amount transferred.

GIFTS THAT RETURN AN INCOME

Donate cash or appreciated securities to fund a life-income gift and receive an income for your or a loved one's lifetime.

ESTATE GIFTS

Include Middlebury as one of the beneficiaries of your will, retirement account, trust, or other accounts and we will include the documented amount in the 50th Reunion class gift.

DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Make a charitable contribution to Middlebury directly from your donor-advised fund.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies even match gifts made by retirees or employees' spouses. The matching gift counts not only toward your total giving but also your class's Reunion total.

Contact Tiffany Stowe, associate director of gift planning, to discuss which plan is right for you.
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CLASS OF 1972 ON FACEBOOK

Connect with the **Middlebury College Class of 1972** on Facebook for Reunion updates!

CLASSMATE OUTREACH

This is a great time to reach out to friends in our class—send them a letter or email, make a call, or invite them to a small group virtual gathering. Start the conversation!

CONTACT UPDATES

Update your contact information to ensure you receive Reunion news and information. Go to go.middlebury.edu/update.

