

Dear Classmates,

As I write this, our 50th Reunion is just four months away - May 17-20, in Walla Walla, of course! I am making my plea to inspire you to attend!

My experience at Whitman was that of a small, close family AND a challenging curriculum. In spite of being required to wear dresses to class (or a long coat over short pajamas), I wouldn't trade the Whitman experience for the world. I was thrilled when our youngest daughter Emily decided to go there in 2001 (she didn't have to wear dresses to class)!

Class of 1968

Reunion Co-Chairs

Ann Hunter-Welborn

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Steve MacRostie

Bob Niemann

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Ed Carr

Chuck Cusack

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The look of the College and the town of Walla Walla has changed from the '60's, but the family atmosphere and excellent professors and curriculum remain the same. I wish I could do it all over again now! At the reunion, we'll have a chance to meet some of those excellent professors, and explore Walla Walla and the Walla Walla Valley wineries. I think it's the wineries that have made the town itself more inviting. In any case, it will be a full, inspiring and FUN event, and at our age, FUN is required.

Our 50th Reunion is also an opportunity for us to give back to Whitman by raising funds for two very important projects: The **Access Whitman Initiative**, which provides scholarship and student aid for immediate student need, and the **Class of '68 Scholarship Endowment**, which provides need-based scholarships to current students. Tuition with room and board is now close to \$64,000, an astonishing number, which many worthy students simply cannot afford. In order to increase the diversity and provide opportunity for a bright future to each qualified applicant, access to aid is crucial. Whitman provides aid, in some form, to 78% of its students. Gifts for the reunion and to the endowment will be our legacy to the school.

We're on a roll! We've almost reached our goal of \$500,000 with gifts totaling \$465,000, and we are halfway to our participation goal of 68% with gifts from 35% of our class. Thanks to everyone who has already participated. If you have not donated yet, I encourage you to do so soon. Please join me with a multi-year pledge. You can pledge a gift amount each year for up to five years and the total of the pledges will be counted as part of our class gift. This is a great way of increasing our gift to Whitman. A gift form is enclosed or you can make your gift online at whitman.edu/1968.

50 years!! Do you remember when we were students and we looked at the people coming to reunions and thought "Wow! Those guys are really old!?" Well, it's our turn now to be old for all the vibrant young students on campus. We'll show them how much fun "old people" have. If you haven't RSVP'd, I encourage you to say YES, and make your arrangements now. In March, you will receive the registration form and will need to sign up for the events you will attend.

I hope to see you there!!

Ann Hunter-Welborn

P.S. Whether you are able to come or not, please send information for the reunion booklet. The questions are very thought-provoking and memory-stirring. Perusing the questions has definitely made me look back on my time at Whitman, and my life since. We want to hear YOUR thoughts and stories.

Dear Classmates,

Reunion, reunion, reunion!! Come one, come all, it will be a grand time. We have a wonderful committee representing the various living groups, who will make sure everyone is treated special.

We have had an amazing 50 years – from JFK, the moon landing, Vietnam, inflation, recession, varied careers, failures and successes, kids and grandkids, marriages, financial meltdowns, counting chads, to our current dilemma in the middle east and those are just a few of the events shaping our lives. We have gone to cellphones and emails for staying in touch. Some of us have moved into texting, Facebook and maybe a few into Twitter. We have moved from an analog world into a digital world without missing a step or maybe missing a half-step. Where does it end? Simply amazing.

Any reunion, but especially the 50th's first priority is to get everyone to attend. Another priority is for our class to consider making meaningful gifts to honor the contribution Whitman has made in our lives. So here we are, hat in hand, asking you to make a gift or a pledge to support Whitman College. Multiple year pledges count towards our class gift.

Besides writing a check, there are many ways to say thanks and support Whitman's future work. A percentage in your will is a great way to give back. Say 5% or a number that won't have to be funded until your train leaves the station. Another great way is a Charitable Gift Annuity. With interest rates low and looking like they may stay there a while, consider a \$10,000 or more Charitable Gift Annuity. A portion of the gift is treated as a charitable contribution, a portion of the income, about 80%, is treated as tax-free, and you don't pay a commission or on-going expenses like traditional annuities. Our numbers are close but not exact. The payout, depending on one or two lives, is in the 4.5% - 5.5% range but we can get more specific if this interests you. Whitman has an expert, Jamie Kennedy, Director of Gift Planning, who can detail what this would look like for you. He is a "no-pressure" resource who will be sending additional information, which covers various giving options. You will find more information on the web at www.whitman.edu/content/giving/gp or you can contact him at 509-527-5989 or email kennedjj@whitman.edu.

There are lots of ideas to fill up your time when you come here in May. First, plan on staying Sunday so you can march in the commencement procession. There will be a time to share books, listen to students, and lectures from professors and if you have an extra minute or two, there's wine tasting. We hope you have had time to fill out the Class of 1963 survey recently mailed to you. Fill out as close to the truth as you remember and it will be fun to share the results.

It will be a grand time. Looking forward to seeing you in Walla Walla.

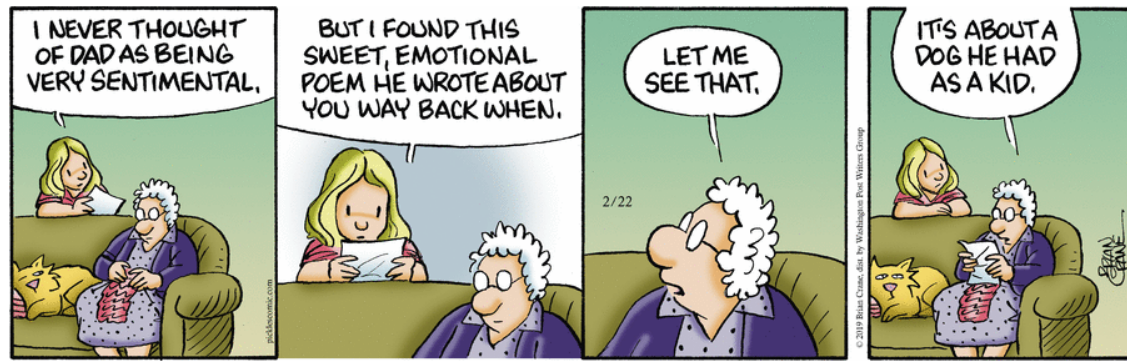
Regards,

The 1963 Reunion Fund Co-Chairs.

Class of 1954

Class Representative

Dick Fike



Classmates, can you believe it is SPRING?

April 2019

We're always sorry to report the loss of a classmate. Ann Dunifer passed away last December.

Keep your balance! Don't fall! I'm taking Physical Therapy for balance. It is slow progress. But it is progress!

I recently received the following:

"Never forget your friends," a father advised his newly-wed son. "They will become more important as you get older. Regardless of how much you love your family, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally (if possible), but keep in contact with them somehow."

"What strange advice!" thought the young man. "I just entered the married world. I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need." Yet he obeyed his father, kept in touch with his friends and increased their number.

Over the years, he became aware that his father knew what he was talking about. Time passes. Life goes on. Children grow up, cease to be children and become independent. Jobs/careers come and go. Illusions, desires, attraction, sex.... weakens. People can't do what they did physically when they were young. Parents die, but you move on. Colleagues forget the favors you did. The race to achieve slows.

But true friends are always there no matter how long or how many miles away they are.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other. Love your parents, take care of your family, but keep a group of good friends. Stay in touch with them.

This is a good message I'm sending to my grandchildren. For many of us the friends made at Whitman are lasting friendships. That's another reason for sending your 2019 gift to Whitman BEFORE the first week in June. You're paying it forward in many ways. You bless scholarship recipients as well as yourself! I thank you! I appreciate you. And so will unknown young people who will be leaders in coming years.

Warm regards,

Dick

February 14, 2019

Dear Classmates of 1984:

Somewhere I lost you. I miss you. I want you back. As donors to the Annual Fund, that is. At the highpoint of 2005 – 2006, 115 of you contributed to Whitman College. Last year that number was 74. You give generously – total donations last year were more than four times the total of that highpoint for participation.

Class of 1984

Class Representative

Brady Jensen

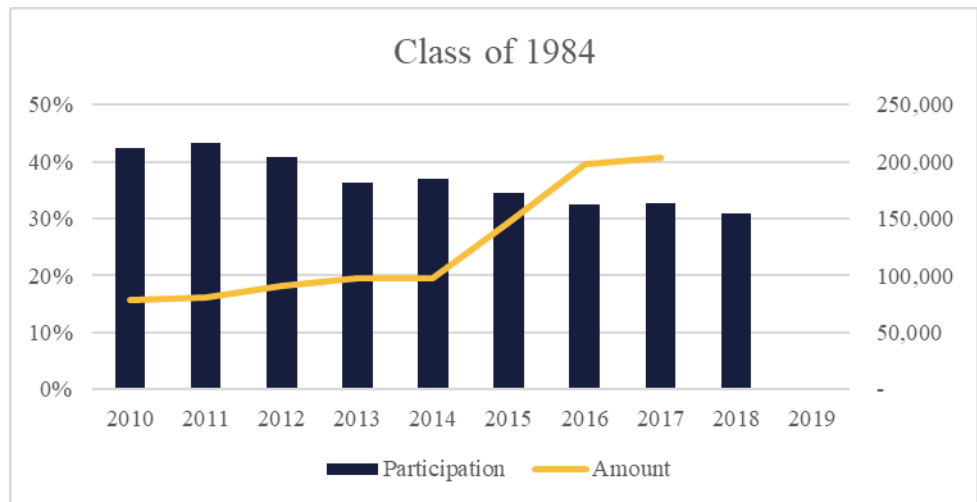
Associate Class Representatives

John Eskew

Maria Miller Groen

Carol Howarth

Don Reynolds



Now I know it's not me – this trend is consistent across virtually all classes. I understand that you have many causes you support in your communities, and there are literally thousands and thousands of organizations deserving of our support. Can you make Whitman one of them?

Whitman played a vital role in our lives, and it continues to shape and influence the leaders of tomorrow. This year the College will admit the Class of 2023, who will join the Whitman community about the same time we gather for our 35th year Reunion. Some of you may even have children entering in this Class. Whitman was a good college when we attended, but it is a great one now, the result of alumni leadership in supporting the expanding academic programs, an outstanding faculty, and a far more diverse student body.

So come back to Whitman – join us in the fall at the Reunion, and join us in contributing to the future of the College. Make your gift online, use the enclosed gift form, or call (509) 527-5189 to make a credit card gift. Think about making giving easy – you can establish an automatic gift for each year, quarter, or month – a small regular gift adds up to a significant contribution and impact.

I hope to see you soon.

Brady

Spring 2019

Dear [first name],

We hope you've been well and that if you are or have been in the path of any number of natural disasters that have befallen various regions of our country and beyond, you and your loved ones have been staying safe!

Class of 2004

Class Representative

Jackie Wong

Associate Class Representatives

Laura Keane Ayers

Samantha Howell Barnhart

Anna Batie

Sara Campbell Bliss

Andrew McLean

Darrell Miller

Nancy Sanchez

As this message is being written, one of the largest snowstorms in recent memory is about to descend upon the Pacific Northwest, creating new challenges for those of all demographics as well as new instances for us to help our friends and neighbors and those we'd never considered helping before.



In instances like these and others, annual [Memorial Building circa 1928. Where does the time go?](#) gifts from Whitman alumni help students weather the financial setbacks that natural disasters and other unforeseen hardships could have on Whitman students and their families. **If you haven't yet given for the 2018-19 fiscal year, please join us in doing so!** And if you aren't sure if you've given or not this year, there's always extra kudos for giving again or setting up a recurring gift, pledge or corporate gift match! Visit whitman.edu/give to easily check this off your to-do list!



[Rendering of Cleveland Commons Dining Hall](#)

In other news, our **'03-'04-'05 Cluster Reunion is around the corner, this September 19-22, 2019!** Not only will you get a chance to see us, but you'll also get to see the major brand new buildings that have just been completed, including Stanton Hall and Cleveland Commons!

Since a number of folks in our cohort are wondering what to do with the kiddies, Whitman offers childcare for children 7-14 years old on Friday and Saturday evenings so that you don't have to take them to any adults-only activities. Saturday night's event is family-friendly and open to kids of all ages as are all other events except the Friday night event. So if you have kids under the age of 7, we recommend coming but skipping the crazy Friday night party in Reid Center.

In any event, we hope the stars align favorably for you and that we can see you at the reunion! And in the meantime, please join us in supporting our alma mater with an annual gift (or two)!

With many well wishes and much Whitman love,

Jackie

& your Class of 2004 Representatives

February 2018

Dear Classmates,

Happy 2018 fellow Whitties! We've officially entered the 10th year since our graduation from Whitman, which is pretty hard to believe.

Now that we're getting closer to the reunion (it's only seven months away!), we need to talk logistics. The first is for you to RSVP to the event so others in our class can see who's attending. We all know that we're more likely to go to an event if we see our friends will be there, so RSVP in case your name is the one a classmate is waiting to see. Visit www.whitman.edu/reunions to RSVP, plus you'll find information on lodging and activities. Spread the word to your friends, too! Give them a call, send a text/email/tweet/snapchat/instagram meme — whatever it takes to let them know you hope to see them in Walla Walla come September.

Class of 2008

Reunion Co-Chairs

Ashley Gevaart-Durkin
Haley Albertine

Reunion Committee Members

Sara Gore
Luke Hagel
Lauren Helgeson
Sylvia Imbrock
Alana Kaholokula
Phillip Lundquist
Anjuli Martin
Erin Pettersen
Sally Sorte
Matt Stenovec
Cate van Oppen
Maile Plan
Kaitlin Rieck
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We also mustn't forget about our fundraising goals. As a reminder, the goals for our 10th Reunion are 75% attendance and participation in the class gift, with overall giving of \$25,000. We need everyone's generosity, especially yours, to meet these targets! If you haven't made a gift before, take this challenge as an opportunity to make your first donation (ANY amount counts and makes a difference, even if it's just \$5). Want more bang for your buck? You can make a recurring annual pledge and the total amount will be applied to our fundraising goal. For example, if you make a five year pledge of \$100 a year, then \$500 will go towards our goal. And best of all? It's an automated withdrawal, so for the next five years your donation to Whitman will be taken care of for you. Contributions will go to the 10th Reunion Scholarship Endowment (a need based scholarship fund) and Access Whitman (scholarship and student aid for current funding), so we appreciate your help in supporting future Whitties. Visit www.whitman.edu/2008 to make your gift today.

While some of your 2018 new year's resolutions may have already fallen by the wayside, we suggest you add "Attend my 10th Reunion" to the list — and make sure it's one you keep. The Reunion Committee is already busy planning a fun and memorable event, but it just won't be the same without you there. Head on over to register your RSVP, and make sure **September 28-30, 2018** is blocked off on your calendar.

On behalf of your Reunion Committee members, we can't wait to see you back on campus this fall!

Ashley and Haley
2008 Reunion Co-Chairs

P.S. If you're anything like us, you may also want to get a jump on your Walla Walla restaurant plan of attack. It'll take some serious scheduling (and stomach capacity) to fit Graze, Sweet Basil, Ice-Burg, Whitehouse Crawford, Taqueria Yungapeti, Big Cheese Pizza, the Green, and wine tasting all over town into just a few days. But we're confident you're up for the challenge.

Hello Class of 1987:

It's hard to believe, but our 25th reunion is around the corner: September 28 – 30, 2012. Our reunion committee, headed by Cathy Wickwire and Amy Browne Anderson, is planning a wonderful weekend in Walla Walla. Details will follow, but put the date on your calendar and start making plans to see old friends. Pun intended....

Class of 1987

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Our goal is for everyone in our class to contribute to our fund. This is an audacious goal as very few classes achieve 100% participation, and it is significantly greater than our historical participation rates. That said, we know the class of 1987 is unique, and it's time to really set ourselves apart. Every gift counts, no matter the size. We ask those who have not contributed before to reflect on the value of your Whitman education and experience, and make a contribution to help give those benefits to someone else. For those of you who have contributed before – thank you and keep up the good work. We need your generosity more than ever to meet our goal.

We are also setting a dollar goal of \$100,000 for the scholarship from our class. Yes, it's a lot of money, but if we reach our goal, every four years our scholarship will provide two students with \$10,000 in total support while they are at Whitman, perhaps making the difference between their being able to attend or not. Our class has the power of 290 people behind it. Gifts can be pledged over 5 years, and the entire pledge counts towards our goal. If everyone gives \$300, or pledges \$100 for 3 years, we will be close to our dollar goal. For those of you who can give more, we ask your

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Thank you in advance for participating in our class gift. We're looking forward to seeing everyone next fall! It'll be here before we know it.

The Reunion Fund Committee

March 2018

Dear Classmates,

If you haven't blocked off **September 29-30** on your calendars, now is the time to make plans for our 25th reunion. I'm not talking about just writing something on the calendar or booking a room. It's time to make plans for a ROADTRIP! Who else is going? Check out the RSVP list at www.whitman.edu/reunions. How are you getting there? Who are you traveling with? Is someone going to rent a house through Airbnb? Will that house survive the weekend? What are the places you want to visit, things you want to do?

Class of 1993

Reunion Co-Chairs

Paul Bouchey
Mark Metcalf

Reunion Committee Members

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Jessie Schroeder Cadigan
Matt Cadigan
Kate Flexer
Derek Jentzsch
Jamelah MacLean Leddy
Amy Schneider McElfresh
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Give online

The Walla Walla of 2018 has grown up quite a bit from when we were there in the early 90s. Art, restaurants, and wine tasting on every block...it's become a cool destination in its own right. But the real fun will be with our classmates. A BBQ on Ankeny, wine-tasting at Charles Smith Winery, meeting up with favorite professors, checking out the new campus buildings (swanky), talking to current students, and so on. Kids are welcome or you can come solo.

Go on Facebook, join the **Whitman 25th Reunion Class of 1993** group, and start planning the trip with your friends. Our committee has done a lot of organizing to make it fun. It's up to you to make it epic.

It's also time to participate in our class gift. To commemorate this important reunion, we are supporting student scholarships. Our goal is to raise \$125,000. So, we'll need everyone to participate and dig deeper than normal. Hey, it's the 25th reunion. Now is the time to show the love. If you make a gift every year, that's fantastic, but consider a multi-year pledge for up to five years. It's a sign of commitment to the College, and the entire pledge counts toward our goal. You can even set it up on auto-pay with your credit card and earn air miles or reward points too! Go online to www.whitman.edu/1993, and give today.

We will be supporting two projects: first, the **25th Reunion Scholarship Endowment** gives students need-based scholarships to attend Whitman and will provide funding to students *in perpetuity* - this fund grows over time with the generosity of each 25th reunion class; and second, **Access Whitman** provides scholarship and student aid for *current use*. Whether you support scholarship or another Whitman project that's meaningful to you, all gifts count toward our goal.

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The Reunion Fund Committee

March 2012

Dear Classmates of 1972,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the other reunion Co-Chairs, as I have a personal story to relate. It's a short story. Simply put, I could never have attended Whitman without the financial aid made available by those who went before us. My life has been immeasurably richer as a result of the four years I spent there with all of you. I am the oldest of seven children, and we certainly couldn't afford Whitman. The generous contributions of graduates like us made this possible, and I am deeply grateful. There are many other stories like mine.

We have the same opportunity to help the Whitman students of today and tomorrow. Our class has chosen a goal of raising \$100,000 for the Class of 1972 Reunion Fund. So far 25.88 percent of our class has pledged, for a total of \$25,189. As you can see, we have a way to go to achieve our goal. The good news is that you do not have to send your donation immediately. But to count toward our goal, you must pledge before our Reunion in April. If you have made a gift to the reunion fund, thank you, and we ask that you consider pledging this same amount over the next five years to help us reach our goal.

Whether or not you were the beneficiary of this generosity, as I was, you can rest assured that your donation will be well utilized to make a similar difference in the lives of students who are choosing which college to attend. Whitman has a strong history of attracting and enrolling a talented, diverse student body. It is this truly exceptional learning community which makes it the special place we all remember. This year 79% of all Whitman students are receiving financial aid. Whitman has increased scholarship spending by over \$6 million in the last five years (a 37% increase.) Without our help, this level of support cannot continue.

I am confident that I speak for the other reunion chairs when I tell you I hope we can continue this tradition of giving back to the college. It was your influence, as much as anything, which made my experience at Whitman so irreplaceable. Think of some of your closest friends from our time together all those years ago. You may never have met some of them without the generous support of those who preceded us. Now it's our turn. Please pledge today!
(And for heaven's sake, sign up to attend the reunion on the College website!!)

Sincerely yours,

Bob Crabb, Peggy Painter, Ellen Pirie, and Dick and Deb Simon
The Class of '72 40th Reunion Committee Co-chairs

Class of 1972

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Peggy Painter

Ellen Pirie

Dick and Deb Simon

Reunion Networking Committee Members

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Robert Freeman

Kari Glover

Eric Johnson & Kim Whitney Johnson

Gwen Grim Johnson

Jerry Lilly

Phoebe Reinecker

Jan Salisbury

Greg Toy