50TH REUNION PROGRAM
June 6–9, 2019
Vassar
Dear Classmates,

Half a century later, we’re back where it all started, where our adult lives began—except that in June 1969 we were going out Taylor Gate and in June 2019 we’re coming in.

This reunion is the culmination of five years of work. What means the most to us is that this effort resulted in the rekindling of old friendships and the lighting up of new ones on a scale we never imagined. The two of us are perfect examples: We hardly knew each other at the beginning. We thought that all we had in common were odd nicknames and a love of dogs, until organizing the reunion tossed us into the fire together and we quickly became the first newly forged pair of pals in the class.

To quote Paul McCartney, who with the rest of the Beatles supplied so much of the soundtrack of our college years, it’s been a “long and winding road.” The minis, our 69th and 70th birthday parties, A Classmate’s Journey, the massive Outreach campaign, Tip-a-Hat-to-Matt get-togethers, the class survey, the 1965–69 timeline, and 215 reunion book essays were some of the things that brought us together. None of it would have happened without the work of 115 volunteers (the husbands of 10 of them!) and the sainted reunion staff at the college: Diana Jedlicka, Alexas Orcutt, Willa Vincitore, and Darcie Giansante. Our gratitude is not enough, but it’s all we have. Thank you, and thank you again.

We have shattered Vassar’s attendance record with this reunion, so make a lot of noise! We hope that you have as much fun celebrating it as we did planning it.

Cage Ames and Gig Babson
Co-Chairs

CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION
GENERAL INFORMATION

Go Mobile. Get Social!
Connect to Vassar Public Wi-Fi.
No password required.

Go to the Reunion mobile site for updates and information: m.reunion.vassar.edu

Share your Reunion joy on Twitter:
#VCReunion19

Welcome Committee
Classmates who are identified by pink and gray WELCOME COMMITTEE pins will greet you at our class events and are available to answer questions and concerns. They are present to serve as a friendly face and be of general assistance and as guides throughout the weekend.

Also Important to Know
Vassar is a smoke-free campus.
All bathrooms are gender-neutral, unless otherwise noted.

Loop technology for hearing assistance is available in the 1951 Reading Room in Thompson Library and Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300.

In Case of Emergency
For non-medical emergencies, call Vassar Security: 845-437-7333. Medical emergencies, dial 911. Poughkeepsie Hospitals: Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital
**DAILY SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

1-10pm  **Registration**  
Davison Lobby

1-10pm  **Reunion Information Center**  
Main Building Lobby

2-3:30pm  **Lecture on Matthew Vassar and a Virtual Architectural Tour of the Campus**  
James Russiello ’06, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission staff  
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300

2-3:30pm  **The Evolution of Science Facilities at Vassar**  
Tour the extraordinary Bridge for Laboratory Sciences and other spaces—in the indoor and outdoor—that have been renovated to enhance the teaching and learning of science at Vassar. Led by Joseph Tanski ’95, Professor and Chair of Chemistry on the Matthew Vassar Jr. Chair, and Marianne Begemann ’79, Dean of Strategic Planning and Academic Resources and Associate Professor of Chemistry.  
Meet in North Atrium of the Bridge Building

4:30-6pm  **Meet and Greet: A 2019 Vassar Mixer**  
Remember those mixers from our Vassar days? In the era of speed dating, members of the Incredible Class of 1969 are invited to a new kind of mixer, one with no expectations for campus walks in the moonlight or road trips for homecoming weekends. After we greet old friends, we’ll meet new ones. A good time to be had by all (never a guarantee at those mixers back in the day)! Light refreshments.  
Thompson Library, Class of 1951 Reading Room, 2nd Floor  
Transportation available from the Library and Davison to Alumnae House at 6:15pm.

6:30-10:30pm  **Reception and Buffet Dinner at Alumnae House**  
A casual evening with old and new friends. A buffet dinner will be offered from 6:30-9:30pm, and wine, beer, and soft drinks will continue to be served until 10:30pm. President Bradley will join us for part of the evening.  
Transportation available from Alumnae House to Davison 9:30-11pm.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

7:30-8:15am  **Moving 105, yoga with Leslie Friedman ’69**  
Raymond Multipurpose Room

9am-10pm  **Registration is open**  
Davison Lobby

9:45am  **An Era of Opportunity: Three Decades of Art Acquisitions**  
Remarks by James Mundy ’74, P’13, The Anne Hendricks Bass Director, Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, followed by a viewing of works of art donated by members of 1969.  
Taylor Hall, Auditorium 102

10-11:45am  **Focusing on Our Future, Building on Our Past**  
What matters to us? The program begins with reflections by Professor Emeritus Glen Johnson followed by a panel discussion with classmates Deborah Boldt, Felicity Hannay, Ann Randtke Kennedy, and Judy Miller. Then, in small facilitated discussion groups, we will talk about what has mattered to each of us since graduation and what matters to us moving forward. Directed by Wendy Tocher Kohler ’69.  
Session begins in Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300.  
Transportation available from Rockefeller Hall and Davison to Sunset Hill at 12 pm.

12:15pm  **Multi-course Farm Feast on Sunset Hill**  
Curated by Diane Wiles Elliot ’69, owner of the acclaimed locavore restaurant Local Roots, a farm-to-table restaurant in Roanoke, VA (named one of USA Today’s Top Ten Sustainable Restaurants). The Feast showcases exclusively Hudson Valley local, organic, sustainably produced fare in season.  
Tent on Sunset Hill

2:15-2:45pm  **Class Memorial Service**  
Rev. Fran Wise Grenley ’69 officiating  
Tent on Sunset Hill and the 1969 Class Tree
3-4:00pm  
Alumnae/i College Programs  
See page 12-14 for detailed descriptions.

The '60s — Fifty Years On  
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300

Age Smart — Steps to Ensure That Happens  
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 200

Jewish and Muslim Life at Vassar  
Rockefeller Hall, Room 212

3:30-5pm  Class of 1969 Men's Beer Tasting  
Plan Bee Farm Brewery. Poughkeepsie Host: Bob Wilcox, husband of Leah Johnson Wilcox '69  
Shuttle leaves from Davison.

5-6pm  Matthew Vassar Legacy Society Reception  (by invitation)  
With gratitude for and in recognition of those who have provided for the college's future through a planned gift or estate commitment.  
The President's House

6-7pm  Shakespeare Garden Dedication and Champagne Toast  
Host: President Elizabeth Howe Bradley  
Come celebrate the dedication of the Shakespeare Garden, renewed, reconfigured, and replanted, thanks to an anonymous gift by a member of the Class of 1969.

FLLAC Tours and Receptions

Friday

4:5pm  Curator’s Choice: Tour of Photography on View  
Led by Mary-Kay Lombino, the Emily Hargroves Fisher ’57 and Richard B. Fisher Curator and Assistant Director for Strategic Planning

5:7pm  All-Class Welcome Reception  
Refreshments served.

Saturday

2-4pm  Hildegarde Krause Baker, Class of 1911, Sculpture Garden  
Enjoy afternoon iced tea and refreshments.

2-3pm  An Era of Opportunity: Three Decades of Acquisitions  
Led by James Mundy ’74, The Anne Hendricks Bass Director

2-3pm  Hudson River School Collection Tour  
Led by Patricia Phagan, The Philip and Lynn Straus Curator of Prints and Drawings

3-4pm  An Era of Opportunity: Three Decades of Acquisitions  
Led by James Mundy ’74, The Anne Hendricks Bass Director

3-4pm  Hudson River School Collection Tour  
Led by Patricia Phagan, The Philip and Lynn Straus Curator of Prints and Drawings
7-9:30pm  **Dinner: Grazing and Gazing at the Bridge for Laboratory Sciences**
A variety of stations serving an assortment of small plates will let you navigate the Bridge while engaging with friends. Enjoy conversation, food, and drink both indoors and on the patio, culminating with fireworks, visible from the building.

9:15pm  **Fireworks over Sunset Lake**  
(Viewable from the Bridge Building)  
Transportation from the Bridge Building to Davison will be provided at 9:30pm.

9:30-11:30pm  **Dorm Hospitality Bar**  
Davison Multipurpose Room

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

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7-9am  **Breakfast**  
Coffee Service in Davison Multipurpose Room  
Gordon Commons (formerly ACDC). Pay at the door.

7:30-8:15am  **Qigong with Ellie Anthony ’69**  
Raymond Multipurpose Room

9-10am  **President’s Hour**  
Remarks by Vassar’s 11th President, Elizabeth Howe Bradley  
The Chapel

9:15am  **Men’s Golf**  
First tee time is 9:15am. Host: Tom Baker, husband of Connie Hoffman Baker ’69  
Vassar’s Nine-Hole Golf Course—north of the Athletic and Fitness Center

10:15am  **Line Up for Parade of Classes**  
Susan DeBevoise Wright ’69, Class Parade Marshall

10:30am  **Parade of Classes**  
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11am-Noon  **Celebrate Vassar**  
Alumnae/i, guests, and children gather together from the 5th to the 75th reunions to celebrate extraordinary volunteers and gifts and our shared Vassar legacy. Remarks by AAVC President Stephen Hankins ’85, P’13, ’17, President Elizabeth Bradley, and Vassar Fund Committee Chair Stephanie Hyacinth ’84.  
Athletic and Fitness Center  
Transportation available from the Athletic and Fitness Center to Sunset Hill Tent, 12pm.

12:15-1:30pm  **Lunch and Class Meeting**  
Sunset Hill Tent

1:30-4pm  **Vassar Devil & Angel Ice Cream Tent**  
Library Lawn
Department and Affinity Receptions

Saturday 3-5pm

AAAVC, hosted by co-chairs Tracy Elise Poole ’82 and Dennis Slade, Jr. ’91, ALANA Center

Art History, Taylor Hall, Jade Room

Athletics & Physical Education, AFC Lobby

Dance, Kenyon Lobby and Frances Daly Fergusson Dance Theater. Reception beginning at 3pm. Brief talks by Professor John Meehan and videos of VRDT performances at 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

Drama, Reception and Historic Costume Exhibit, Vogelstein 015 (lower Costume Shop)

Education, Maria Mitchell Observatory

English, Sanders Classroom, 111

History, Swift Hall, 1st floor

International Alumnae/i, College Center 237 (International Student Center)

LGBTQ+, hosted by Eric Wilson ’76, Lisa Malachowsky ’83, and AC Dumlao ’13, College Center, LGBTQ+ Center, Room 213.

Muslim Prayer Space, ground level of Old Laundry building; use north-side entrance. Meet Nora Zaki, Advisor for Muslim Student Life. Please note, this is a shoeless space.

Neuroscience, Olmsted Foyer, entrance closest to Sanders Building

Physics and Astronomy, Sanders Physics, 1st floor. Join faculty, current students, and fellow alums and take a tour of the renovated Sanders Physics Building.

Political Science, Rockefeller, Room 203

Urban Studies/Sociology, Main Building, Gold Parlor

WV KR radio station, College Center, 3rd Floor

John McAndrew’s Modernist Vision: The Color Palette of the Vassar College Art Library
Taylor Hall, Room 203

Social Justice Work
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300

Learning How to Bounce Back
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 200

The Evolution of Science Facilities at Vassar, A Tour
Meet in North Atrium of the Bridge Building

1:45-2:45 pm
Alumnae/i College Programs
See page 12-14 for detailed descriptions.

3:40pm Changing Channels: Rebecca Eaton ’69 and Gerry Bond Laybourne ’69, P’93 discuss their pioneering roles in television.
Moderator: Katrine Ames ’69.
Taylor Hall, Auditorium 102

2:30-4:30pm Alumnae/i Authors Meet and Greet
Vassar College Store (aka, the Juliet), Raymond Avenue

3:40pm Ninth Annual Ferry House Mini-Reunion at Reunion
Calling all Ferries for an informal reception with light refreshments. Outdoor patio (weather permitting)

4:30-6pm President’s Reception (by invitation)
With gratitude for and in recognition of a vital group of donors who have demonstrated that Vassar is among their highest philanthropic priorities.
Thompson Memorial Library, Cornaro Room

6-7pm Cocktail Reception
Gather in the space where we got our mail back in the day and enjoy drinks and passed hors d’oeuvres.
Main Building, College Center Atrium, 1st Floor
7:30-9:30pm **Dinner**  
Head upstairs to the Rose Parlor, where we matriculated, and to the Villard Room, where we ate senior year. The food will definitely be better, with wine and a choice of Hudson Valley-sourced entrées. There will also be some surprises in this newly festive setting.  
Main Building, Rose Parlor and Villard Room, 2nd Floor  
Transportation available back to Davison.

9:30-11:30pm **Dorm Hospitality Bar**  
Davison Multipurpose Room

10pm-1am **All-Class After-Party on Noyes Circle**  
Cash bar, DJ, and dancing to multigenerational playlist.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

7am-Noon **Breakfast/Brunch**  
Gordon Commons  Pay at the door.

9am **Fun Run with Cross-Country Coach Ron Stonitsch**  
Meet in front of the Athletic and Fitness Center.

10am **Service of Remembrance: An Interreligious Memorial Service Celebrating the Lives of Vassar Alumnae and Alumni**  
An interreligious service drawing upon religious and humanist traditions to honor and celebrate the women and men of our reuning classes who have died since last reunions, as well as faculty, administrators, and staff who have died in the past year. This year’s speaker is Rev. Dr. Zachary Moon ’04 PhD, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary. Moon was raised in the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Alumnae/i Choir will sing, directed by Gail Archer, College Organist.  
The Chapel

1pm **Reunion Adjourns/Check-Out**  
Please return room keys to Guest Services Coordinators in Davison Lobby.

1pm **Charter bus to NYC departs from Main Circle.**
Friday 3-4pm

The ’60s—Fifty Years On
Professors Katherine Hite (Political Science) and Quincy Mills (History), and Jonathan Bix ’14, Executive Director and Co-founder of Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson, will reflect on the historical, political, and cultural movements that characterized the “Sixties Generation” both in the United States and internationally, as well as how much or how little the movements of the 1960s help us understand today’s struggles for peace and social justice.
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300

Jewish and Muslim Life at Vassar
Meet Elizabeth Aeschlimann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life, and Nora Zaki, Advisor for Muslim Student life, to learn about their work and current student experiences in both the Bayit and the recently opened Muslim Prayer Space.
Rockefeller Hall, Room 212

Age Smart—Steps to Ensure That Happens
Panelists: Sara Moody Allen ’64, Nan Askin Rothschild-Cooper ’59, and Peter J. Strauss (spouse of Joan Goldberg Strauss ’59). Panelists will share important advice regarding advance planning and practical insights for health and well-being as we age.
Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 200

Saturday 3-4pm

Changing Channels
Panelists: Rebecca Eaton ’69 and Gerry Bond Laybourne ’69, P’93 discuss their pioneering roles in television. Eaton (Masterpiece, PBS) helped turn so-called educational TV into an extraordinary platform for drama and other arts. Laybourne (Nickelodeon, Oxygen Media) revolutionized children’s programming and was one of the first to understand the power of cable. Moderator: Katrine Ames ’69
Taylor Hall, Auditorium 102
Need Assistance?

Reunion Information Center
(Main Building Lobby) Need a parking pass or campus map? Have a question about the schedule? Need to register a guest or classmate? Lost or found something? Stop by the Reunion Information Center for all your Reunion questions. Or call: 845-437-7601.

Guest Services Coordinators
(Davison Lobby, 845-451-3004) Student Guest Services coordinators will be supporting your class throughout Reunion weekend. They are responsible for distributing and collecting room keys (for those staying in Davison) and arranging golf cart service. They also have access to extra linens, clothes hangers, soap, and a limited number of window fans. They have been trained to find answers to your questions about all things Reunion.

Staff Liaisons and Class Assistants
Professional Staff Liaisons and student Class Assistants have been assigned to serve as your cruise directors and support team throughout the weekend. They will partner with your Class Reunion volunteers, manage your registration tables, and ensure that you have plenty of helpers to negotiate the robust schedule of activities for your 50th Reunion Celebration.

Campus Facilities and Services
Open Hours

Athletic and Fitness Center
Thursday 6am – 7:30pm
   Pool hours 10 – 1 and 3 – 6
Friday 6am – 7:30pm
   Pool hours 10 – 1 and 3 – 6
Saturday 6am – 6pm
   Pool hours 12 – 4
Sunday 7am – 6pm

Thompson Memorial Library and Art Library
Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm
Sunday 9am – 12pm

Music Library
Friday 1pm – 4pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm

Retreat in College Center
Friday 8:30am – 7:30pm
Saturday 8:30am – 7:30pm
Sunday 10am – 2pm
   and 5 – 7:30pm

A. Scott Warthin Museum of Geology & Natural History in Ely Hall
Thursday 10am – 5pm
Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 2 – 4pm

Vassar College Store
Raymond Ave, at
Collegeview Ave.
Friday 10am – 6pm
Saturday 11am – 5pm
Sunday 9am

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings
President’s Conference Room
Main Building 2nd Floor
Friday 4 – 5pm
Saturday 4 – 5pm

Shabbat Service
The Bayit
51 Collegeview Avenue,
across from North Gate
Friday 5:45 – 7pm

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
Thursday 10am – 9pm
Friday 10am – 7pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm
Sunday 9am – 5pm

James W. Palmer III ’90 Gallery
Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 9am – 8pm
Sunday 9am – Noon
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VOLUNTEERS

Lynn Adams
Cage Ames
Ellie Anthony
Joan Arnold
Tina Kabakjian Auclair
Gig Babson
Connie Hoffman Baker
Tom Baker (Husband of Connie Baker)
Arlena Barnes
Barbara Waterfill Beard
Mimi Bender
Louise Levinson Bennett
Deborah Boldt
Sandy Bourgeois
Katherine Bouton
Jane Scheps Bradley
Brenda Westfahl Bright
Susan Mauks Bullock
Susan Harrington Butts
Karen Carmean
Ellen Chesler
Karen Cilman
Judy Bridges Cook
Kathy Crain
Nancy Fryer Croft
Ellen Cronk
Polly Adair Culp
Janey Leftwich Curry
Barbara Blum Dahl
Fran Baker Dickman
Patty Dorsey
Elaine Frost Drakos
Sharyn Cook Duncan
Beth Dunlop
Renee Portman Dunn
Georgia Dzurica
Rebecca Eaton
Diane Wiles Elliot
Pat Smith Esslinger
Linda Fairstein
Leslie Friedman
Nancy Adams Fry
Laura Littner Fulton
Fran Wise Grenley
Judy Guilkey-Amado
Betty Dawson Gullen
Felicity Hannay
Bev Harris
Helen Ziebrowski Hauser
Barbara Hess Hornbach
Clare Dahlberg Horner
Peggy Petersen Hotchkiss
Alexis Greene Hough
Nancy Rice Hudson
Saundra Johnson Hudson
Lynn Carter Hutcheson
Sarah Hardy Jackson
Beth Jay
Donna Nordbeck Jeanloz
Nancy Jensen Johnson
Trinka Johnson
Susan Henshaw Jones
Barbara Bonnema Kaufman
Connie Messerly Kehoe
Ann Randtke Kennedy
Dede Glicksman Kessler
Nancy Hayes Kilgore
Mary Alice Kleinjan
Wendy Tocher Kohler
Kathy Miller Krogh
Sarah Stout Kruger
Ann Young Lafiandra
Gerry Bond Laybourne
Judy Frithsen Lee
Liz Dubben Livingston
Cathy Milner Markatos
Nina Tracy McCampbell
Phoebe Anderson
McCarthy (in memoriam)
Margaret McCray
Liz Tracy McDonald
Pam Cottam McGuire
Anne Hogan McNamara
Cathy Milner Markatos
Anne Mehringer
Jane Pelson Miller
Judy Miller
Kathy Brylawski Miller
Marlene Siskin Miller
Alison Brooks Mix
Laurie Padolf Mokriski
Mary Armstrong Morgan
Linda Morrison
Mardi Sachs Morrow
Molly Nelson-Haber
Rita Nenonen
Betsy Agnew Nichols
Christine Wheeler-Patton
Joan Plastiras
Linda Lane Porch
Lynda Bearup Porter
Alice Palubinskis Purington
Sharon Pattyson Robinson
Barbara Rothstein
Susan Sloane
Sharon Kerman Snyder
Kim Street
Karen Harris Summer
Shari Lehrer Thurer
Virginia Warren
Andrea Giannetti Whitton
Leah Johnson Wilcox
Bob Wilcox (Husband of Leah Wilcox)
Dee Green Wilson
Robin Woodard
Margot Woolley
Susan DeBevoise Wright
Betsy Young
Marty Zemel (Husband of Laura Fulton)