Preliminary

2019 Reunion General Program

Please Note:
Vassar is a smoke-free campus.
All bathrooms are gender-neutral, unless otherwise noted.
Loop available in 1951 Reading Room and Rockefeller Hall, 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

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 and Class HQs (Residence Hall Lobbies)
Student Guest Services coordinators will be supporting all classes throughout Reunion weekend. They are responsible for distributing and collecting room keys (for those staying in Residence Halls) and arranging golf cart service for those who need a little extra assistance getting around campus. They also have access to extra linens and clothes-hangers, and have been trained to find answers to your questions about all things Reunion. Please note their locations and telephone numbers below.

1969: Davison House, 845-451-3004
1984 & 1989: Noyes House, TBD
1994: Cushing House, 845-437-7098
1999: TAA, TBD
2004: Lathrop House, 845-437-7116
2009: TH50, 845-437-5018
2014: Josselyn House, 845-451-3908

DAILY SCHEDULE -- FRIDAY, JUNE 7

6am-7:30pm Athletic and Fitness Center is open

9am-10pm Reunion Information Center is open, Main Building Lobby
9am-10pm  **Residence Halls are Open for Check-In** (see Class HQ List)

10am-5pm  **A. Scott Warthin Museum of Geology & Natural History** is open, *Ely Hall*

10am-7pm  **Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center** is open

1:30-2:30pm  **Alumnae/i College Session 1**

*Tour the Ivan Turgenov Exhibition*

Explore the exhibition of works by Ivan Turgenov (1818-1883), Russian novelist, poet, playwright, translator, and popularizer of Russian literature in the Western hemisphere. A substantial portion of Turgenov’s own library was donated to Vassar in the early 20th century by the Class of 1882. A catalogue with essays by Vassar faculty will be available. Tour led by Head of Special Collections and Adjunct Associate Professor of History Ron Patkus. This tour is limited to 25 people.

*Meet in the front lobby of the Thompson Library*

*Trustonomics*

What can behavioral economic models and experiments tell us about trust? Associate Professor of Economics Benjamin Ho will trace the history of trust in the economy. He will also report on a recent experiment he ran with 1.5 million Uber customers, showing how apologies can restore trust when your ride is late.

*Rockefeller Hall, Room 203*

1pm-3pm  **Rebound: How do you respond to change in your life?**

Workshop participants will creatively explore how they have learned to respond to change in their lives. They will reflect on ways they have rebounded and/or are rebounding from adversity and unexpected shifts, and the resulting skillset and mindset that they’ve turned into assets. Participants will be guided through creative exercises to develop visual reflections and micro-oral histories (audio recordings) of their story, with the intention that these recordings will be compiled and shared with the broader Vassar community. Attendance is limited to 20 people.

Curated by Design Thinking strategists Natalie Nixon '91 and Suzi Hamill '92 and sponsored by the AAVC Career Networking Committee.

*The Barn at Vassar Ecological Preserve and Environmental Cooperative*

2:30-4:00pm  **Tours**
Walkway Over the Hudson
Take a bus from campus to the renovated Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, now the longest elevated pedestrian walkway (1.28 miles) in the world.
*Bus departs from Main Circle*

Vassar Ecological Preserve and Environmental Cooperative
Conservation, sustainability and an exploration of the natural world are all core values at Vassar. Explore one of the College’s greatest gems on this guided walking tour (weather permitting). Sensible shoes and long pants are strongly suggested.
*Shuttles depart from Main Circle*

3-4pm  **Alumnae/i College Session 2**

The ’60s, - Fifty Years On
Professors Katherine Hite (Political Science), William Hoynes (Sociology), and Quincy Mills (History) 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 Life at Vassar
Liz Aeschlimann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life, and Jewish Studies faculty
Presentation about Vassar’s flourishing Jewish life, both in the Bayit and in the classroom, followed by Q&A.
*Rockefeller Hall, Room 210*

Age Smart - Steps to Insure that Happens
Panelists: Sara Moody Allen ’64, Marietta Balint Joseph ’59, 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*

4-5pm  **Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center (FLLAC) Members Only “Curator’s Choice”**
*Art Center Pavillion, Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center*

4-5pm  **Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings**
*President’s Conference Room, 2nd Floor Main Building*
4-6pm  **Dorm Hospitality Bars Open**  

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*

5-7pm  **Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Welcome Reception**  
*All are Welcome*

5:30-7pm  **Night Owls Rehearsal**  
Join fellow returning Night Owls for a fun rehearsal and run through for the Saturday Reunion Mini-Concert, with a reception.  
*Rockefeller Hall, 200*

5:45-7pm  **Shabbat Services at The Bayit** *(51 Collegeview Avenue, North Gate)*  
Led by Liz Aeschlimann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life

5-6pm  **Organ Concert by John Wolfe ’09**  
Experience music of Bach and Mendelssohn, as well as rarely-heard music from the Renaissance and early Baroque eras, on the 2003 Paul Fritts Pipe Organ at Skinner Hall, which incorporates 2,418 pipes and approximates 17th and 18th century German and Dutch organs.  
With Introductions and reflections on the life and legacy of Belle Skinner, VC 1887, by [Name and Title of Music Faculty]  
*Mary Anna Fox Martel Recital Hall, Skinner Hall*

7-9pm  **Picnic Dinner**  on *Noyes Circle*  

7-9pm  **Private Class Dinners**  
Classes of 1944, 1954 & 1959, *Alumnae House*  
Class of 1964, *The Aula*  
Class of 1969, *The Bridge for Laboratory Sciences*

9:30pm  **Fireworks**  over *Sunset Lake*

10pm- Midnight  **Dorm Hospitality Bars Open**  
10pm-1am  **The Mug** is Open (*College Center Basement, Entrance on Retreat Side*)
*Everyone 21 and Older is Welcome; Cash Bar, DJ and Dancing*

**DAILY SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

6am-5:30pm  **Athletic and Fitness Center** is open

7-9am  **Breakfast** is Available at *Gordon Commons* (formerly ACDC)
*Pay at the Door ($10 cash or credit/debit)*

Alumnae House Guests
*Continental Breakfast in the Dining Room*

Classes of 1954, 1959 and 1964
Coffee Service and Muffins/fruit
*Jewett Parlor and Multipurpose Rooms*

730-8:45am  **Class Volunteer Recognition Breakfast** (by Invitation)
*Villard Room, 2nd Floor Main*

9am-5pm  **Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center** is open

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

10:15am  **Line Up for Parade of Classes** (*From Chapel to Sunset Hill*)
Beginning with the eldest classes by the Chapel (*Look for Your Class Banner*)

10:30am  **Parade of Classes**

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 Stephen Hankins ’85, AAVC President, and Stephanie Hyacinth ’84, Vassar Fund Committee Chair
*Athletic and Fitness Center*

12-1:30pm  **Lunch at Gordon Commons** (formerly ACDC)

12-1:30pm  **Private Class Luncheons**
Classes of 1944 & 1954, *The Aula*
Class of 1959, Fitness Center MPR (2nd Floor)
Class of 1964, Alumnae House
Class of 1969, Sunset Hill Tent

1:30-3:30pm  **Family-Friendly Activities** (open to all)

- **Admissions Session & Tour** for Teens (*Kautz Admission House*)
- **Bouncy Castles & Face Painting** (*Quad; Rain Location: Noyes Tents*)
- **Sack Races & Tug of War, 4s against 9s** (*Josselyn Beach*)
- **Soccer Clinic** (*Noyes Circle*)
- **Ultimate Frisbee Clinic** (*Quad, Near Rocky*)

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

1:45-2:45pm  **Alumnae/i College Sessions**

**John McAndrew's Modernist Vision: The Color Palette of the Vassar College Art Library**
Talk by author Mardges Bacon, with introduction by Susan Kuretsky ’63, Professor Emerita of Art
The vivid colors of the Art Library interior, designed by John McAndrew (1935-37), offered a radical alternative to the neutral palette of the International Style as Philip Johnson and Henry-Russell Hitchcock had constructed that movement in 1932 for their Museum of Modern Art exhibition and accompanying book. Together we will examine how McAndrew challenged International Style orthodoxy through his deployment of color and thereby created new spatial relationships in Vassar's Art Library.
*Taylor 203*

**Social Justice Work**
Christine Robinson ’79, Lawler Kang ’89, Thomas Szymanski ’09, and Rebecca Edwards, Professor of History on the Eloise Ellery Chair, share inspiring insights from the frontlines of social justice work.
*Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 300*

**Learning How to Bounce Back**
Resilience and healthy coping mechanisms are one key to happiness in life. Vassar Professor of Psychological Science Michele Tugade ’95 has spent most of her professional life studying and examining how people confront and respond to stressful situations. She will spend this hour sharing what she’s learned through studies that spanned from NASA astronauts to Vassar students.
*Rockefeller Hall, Auditorium 200*
The Evolution of Science Facilities at Vassar
Tour the Bridge for Laboratory Sciences and other spaces, indoor and out, that have been renovated to enhance the teaching and learning of science at Vassar. Led by Professor of Chemistry, Joseph Tanski '95.
Meet in North Atrium of the Bridge Building

2-4pm  A. Scott Warthin Museum of Geology & Natural History is open, Ely Hall

2:30-4:30  Alumnae/i Author Meet and Greet
College Store (Juliet), Raymond Avenue

2pm-4pm  Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Curatorial Tours
Location: Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center

3-4pm  Changing Channels
Panelists: Rebecca Eaton '69 and Gerry Bond Laybourne '69 discuss their pioneering roles in television. Eaton (PBS Masterpiece) 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: Linda Fairstein '69--former head of the Manhattan district attorney's sex crimes unit and author of the best-selling series of Alex Cooper crime novels--is one of the inspirations for NBC's long-running "Law & Order: SVU."
Taylor Auditorium 102

9th Annual Ferry House Mini-Reunion at Reunion
Calling all Ferries for an informal reception with light refreshments.
Outdoor patio (weather permitting)

3-5pm  Department and Affinity Receptions

- AAAVC, 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 3:00; brief talks by Prof. John Meehan and videos of VRDT performances at 3:30 and 4:30.
- Drama Reception and Historic Costume exhibit, Vogelstein 015 (lower costume shop)
- Economics, TBD
- Education, Maria Mitchell Observatory
- English, Sanders Classroom, Room 111
- History, Swift Hall, first floor
- International Services, College Center 237
- LGBTQ+, CC 213 (LGBTQ+ Center)
- Neuroscience, Olmsted Foyer, entrance closest to Sanders Bldg
- Physics and Astronomy, Sanders Physics, first floor. Join faculty, current students, and fellow alums and take a tour of the renovated Sanders Physics Building.
- Political Science, TBD
- Urban Studies/Sociology, Gold Parlor, Main Building
- WVKR, Radio station, 3rd Floor College Center

4-5pm  Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Meeting  
        President’s Conference Room, 2nd Floor Main Building

4-6pm  Dorm Hospitality Bars Open  

4:30-6pm  Donor Societies Reception (by Invitation)  
           With gratitude for and in recognition of a vital group of donors who have included Vassar among their highest annual giving priorities.  
           Thompson Memorial Library, Cornaro Room

5-6pm  Night Owls Reunion Concert  
        Taylor Auditorium 102

6:15-9:30pm  Class Receptions and Dinners

1944 & 1954: Alumnae House Dining Room
1959: FLLAC Sculpture Garden and Thompson Library Room 133
1964: Class of 1951 Reading Room, 2nd Floor, Thompson Library
1969: College Center Atrium, Villard Room and Rose Parlor
1974: Alumnae House Lobby and Living Room
1979: Aula Lawn (weather permitting) and Aula, Ely Hall
1984: Chapel Lawn Tent
1989: Bridge for Laboratory Sciences Atrium
1994: Cushing Parlor and 2nd Floor Gordon Commons
1999: Ballantine Tent
2004: Sunset Hill Tent
2009: Town-House Circle Tent
2014: Noyes Circle Tent

8:00PM  Movie under the Stars
        Ballentine Field
10pm- Midnight  **Dorm Hospitality Bars** open

Classes of 1964, 1979

10pm-1am  **All Class After Party** on Noyes Circle
Cash Bar, DJ, and Dancing to Multigenerational Playlist

**DAILY SCHEDULE -- SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

6am-5:30pm  **Athletic and Fitness Center** is open

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

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

9am-5pm  **Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center** is open

10-11am  **Service of Remembrance** (All Classes)
*The Chapel*

1pm  **Reunion Adjourns/Check-Out**
*Please return room keys to Guest Services Coordinators in Residence Halls*

**NYC Charter Bus Departs** from *Main Circle*