

AAWC Fall Weekend ~ Summary Overview from September 24-26, 2021

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Announcement Honoring Nancy Adams Besch '48 and Elisabeth Hudnut Clarkson '47

Through the generosity of Susan Breakefield Fulton '61, the Chaplain position at Wilson College, currently held by Rev. Derek Wadlington, was renamed the Nancy A. Besch '48 and Elisabeth Clarkson '47 Chaplain of Wilson College and Director of the Curran Bonner Leader Program. All three of these amazing Wilson women played significant roles in keeping the College open in 1979 and provided steadfast leadership in the years that followed.

As part of the weekend, a service, led by Wilson Chaplain Rev. Derek Wadlington, was held at the historic Rocky Spring Church followed by brunch in Jensen Dining Hall. Remarks were shared from Susan, President Fugate, AAWC President Lynne DiStasio '74 and President Emerita, Mary-Linda Sorber Merriam Armacost, Honorary '91.

AAWC Name Discussion

In the spirit of inclusivity and diversity, should the association change its name to something more representative of all Wilson alums? An ad-hoc committee of the AAWC has investigated alternatives to the current Association's name. After countless hours of research and investigation into gender-equitable names, the committee has proposed the name be changed to Alumni Association of Wilson College. Alumni is Latin plural form, referring to multiple women and men graduates or past attendees of an institution. Between now and December 1, 2021, you can submit your thoughts and suggestions to an online form

<https://www.wilson.edu/aawc-feedback-form>

Class Officers

Work to maintain an accurate master list of all class officers is ongoing. All active class officers must have a signed WC confidentiality form on file to receive class lists. We routinely email officers with information and hardcopy those without email on file. Please notify alumni relations if you no longer consider yourself a class representative.

Class Notes

Class news and updates may be submitted to your class correspondent listed in the Wilson Magazine or directly to classnotes@wilson.edu. Upcoming deadlines are October 8, 2021 and January 14, 2022.

Aunt Sarah/Uncle Wilson Program

Volunteers always WELCOME!

At Wilson College, alumni have the unique opportunity to adopt a new relative by participating in the Aunt/Uncle Program, named in honor of our namesake Sarah Wilson. Alumni volunteer as "Aunts or Uncles" and students sign up to be "nieces or nephews". <https://www.wilson.edu/aunt-sarah-program>

Pen Pal Program

The Alumni Relations Office, in partnership with the Alumnae Association of Wilson College, is offering to connect those without technology and those who desire to connect with another Wilson alum through participation in our Pen Pal Program. Similar to our long-standing tradition of the Aunt Sarah Program that connects students with alums, the WC Pen Pal will be in contact through a letter, phone call or an occasional small package to brighten your day. Volunteers may sign up online <https://www.wilson.edu/wilson-college-pen-pal-program>. Please help us check in with your

classmates or older Wilson friends to see if they might need a Wilson Connection. Give the office a call if you would like to request a Pen Pal!

Reunion

One WILSON... One Grand Reunion

~ Together in 2022 ~ June 1-5

<https://www.wilson.edu/reunion-weekend>

Excitement builds to finally gather on campus and celebrate with friends. Having three cycles of reunion years presents opportunities to celebrate with sister classes, as well as challenges given space and resources. This year will look different, but all efforts will be made to work in conjunction with class officers and keep communication flowing in the decision/planning process. Most activities will be scheduled Friday through Sunday with a few events offered earlier. The schedule will need to be finalized in the fall to go to the printer and the brochure mailed no later than early February. There will be an incentive for early registration, before April 1, 2022.

The staff are available for assistance with class lists, mailings, sample letters etc. Class gift inquiries or assistance should be made to Denise McDowell, Director of Development. All general reunion inquiries should be directed to Marybeth Famulare, Director Alumni Relations. Class dues for most classes are payable to AAWC and class gifts are payable to Wilson College (a few classes hold private accounts with different arrangements).

- 50th classes 1970, 1971 and 1972 will hold a large celebration in Laird. Pipe and drape will be added to make the space festive. There will ongoing discussion with class committees regarding menu, music, decorations, and program. 1970 and 1971 have completed their 50th yearbooks. Members of 1972 should watch for details coming soon.
- Due to space limitations this year, classes will need to share dinner and lounge areas.
- An updated local lodging list is on the reunion webpage. We encourage class representatives to consider a block of rooms and ask about lounge space. Campus residence hall lodging will also be available.
- Suggestions for sessions, speakers or activities are encouraged to be submitted soon.
- Options for class photography are still being discussed. Given technology, more photos are added online to download and less are purchased. Campus photographers do not go to off-campus locations – separate arrangements should be made. *If your class is going off campus for the Saturday dinner, we need to know in the fall to make the brochure timeline.
- The office keeps a running list of those that may need travel assistance or those willing to provide transportation. While we cannot guarantee a ride, all efforts will be made to assist. Please be patient as details frequently depend on incoming registrations.
- Are you an alum who owns a business, are you an author, photographer, or have a craft to sell? There will be a showcase for alums to set-up a “booth/table” for the weekend.
- Nominate your friends, classmates for an AAWC Award – deadline is December 31, 2021.
<https://www.wilson.edu/sites/default/files/uploaded/Edited%202019%20%20AAWC%20Awards%20Nomination%20Form.pdf>
- The AAWC will again hold a round-robin reunion raffle. Donations of a merchant gift card, themed basket, Wilson memorabilia (in good condition) or an item tied to your business, hobby or art are being accepted.
- The group heard from President Fugate over lunch. Watch for details of President Wes travel and events coming to your area.
- If you need additional information, please contact alumni relations.

Please consider joining us on campus for Homecoming/Family Weekend October 22 – 24, 2021

<https://www.wilson.edu/homecoming-and-family-weekend-2021>