***AAWC Fall Weekend***

**Summary Overview from September 23-25, 2022
Including Reunion 2023 Planning and Class Giving**

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Office Transitions
There are office and staff transitions taking place as we gear up for the “We Rise” Campaign. The phone and email are listed above. Marybeth Famulare is still serving as director until a replacement is hired and trained.

Lunch Speakers
Those in attendance in person heard brief remarks from President Fugate and student speakers regarding summer internship experiences. Watch your email for additional opportunities for alum townhalls or virtual events. Any alums interested in presenting a virtual event in our virtual travel or author series, please contact the office. If you are not receiving details about all the event opportunities, check your email spam filters or contact us. Any sessions that are recorded are available online at <https://www.wilson.edu/videos-and-links-alums> or the current Common Hour Series information at <https://www.wilson.edu/common-hour>.

Additional Sessions
Several Marketing/Communications staff shared aspects of their work and answered questions focused on the magazine and various social media outlets. The feedback was immediately positive, and we have asked them to do a repeat session at another time virtually to reach more alums. We also heard from Professor, Chris Mayer ’07 regarding the campus Monarch Waystation. We invite you to visit and experience site personally.

Volunteer Handbook
The Volunteer Handbook was last updated in Fall of 2019. There remains pertinent information and samples including officer position descriptions and annual reminders. Hardcopies are still available to be mailed from alumni relations or reference online at <https://www.wilson.edu/volunteer-opportunities-0>

Class Officers/Class Representatives
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. Class lists are only for use in volunteer efforts directly related to Wilson College. Lists are not to be shared in any manner. 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 lists have coding sections of active, inactive or lost, deceased or do not contact. It is our experience that do not contact is frequently misunderstood from do not solicit while others meant no to college but yes to class. Our system does not separate or code separately class from overall college. Do not contact translates to no mailings, no emails and no magazine. If people wish to change their coding, they must contact alumni relations directly.

Staff are available for assistance with mailings, group emails, sample letters, reunion planning timelines etc. It is not our intent to change your class message and any suggested change or tweak will be confirmed before final and sent out the door. All general reunion inquiries should be directed to alumni relations.

Reunion class committees will have an assigned staff person to serve as point of contact for class giving planning. In most cases, we suggest a class committee Zoom or conversation to review tasks, divide responsibilities and allow your reunion planning committee to ask questions and hear answers all together. You are not alone in this process! Members of 1973 should watch for details regarding their 50th yearbook submission timeline coming soon.

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). Most classes have dues of $25 per reunion (or $5 per year). It is common that the 50th class charges a higher amount of $50 to cover additional 50th year expenses such as the 50th yearbook. It is very important that you include purpose of dues, class gift, Wilson Fund or “We Rise” Campaign on the memo line. If you need assistance to understand the differences of accounts, please do not hesitate to contact staff.

Also available and relatively new is Wilson’s Giving Every Month Society (G.E.M.S.). This is an easy and convenient way to budget your giving. Many alums, friends, parents, faculty/staff and even a handful of students participate and support Wilson in this manner of reoccurring gift. <https://www.wilson.edu/giving-wilson> . When you join, you receive a pair of Wilson socks!

Some reunion classes make decisions about class gift designation to allow for specific outreach and fundraising while other classes raise funds to decide at a later date or at reunion. All gifts of any amount are appreciated. Staff are available to discuss and review giving options as needed or desired. We respect and understand the need for the process and determination to be meaningful to your specific class members.

Class Notes
Class news and updates may be submitted to your class correspondent listed in the Wilson Magazine or directly to classnotes@wilson.edu. The next deadline is January 13, 2023.

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.  Alums volunteer as “Aunts or Uncles” and students sign up to be “nieces or nephews”. Each year there are over 100 pairings and your participation in this long-standing tradition is appreciated. Find additional details at <https://www.wilson.edu/aunt-sarah-program>.

Pen Pal Program
The Alumni Relations Office, in partnership with the Alumnae Association of Wilson College, offers 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 traditional 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 2023 – SAVE THE DATE – June 2-4!

Theme focused on “Honoring the past, Embracing the future”.Past year details may be viewed at <https://www.wilson.edu/reunion-weekend>

This past June, having three cycles of reunion years presented opportunities to celebrate with sister classes, as well as challenges given space and resources. As more spaces on campus are converted for specific student use, open and available space for separate class gatherings becomes more and more challenging. The Reunion 2022 feedback was overwhelmingly positive to mix and mingle with other reunion class years. The 50th class (1973) will have priority to select Saturday dinner space. Other classes will be under the tent or 40’s and 50’s in a space for accessibility. We will plan to once again utilize the dining hall as universal lounge space open approximately 6 am - 10 pm throughout the weekend with a variety of hot and cold beverages available and special afternoon snack provided. One suggestion from last year was to have improved signage regarding the afternoon snack and placed in a more center location not off to the side where some folks missed out.

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 2023.

* An updated local lodging list is on the Reunion and Fall Weekend webpage. We encourage class representatives to consider a block of rooms and ask about lounge space. Campus residence hall lodging will also be available. NOTE: campus lodging includes linens, backet and towel but we suggest bringing an extra blanket and towel (and toiletries) of your own. It is a residence hall, so the experience is more sentimental than about comfort!
* Suggestions for sessions, speakers or activities are encouraged to be submitted to your class officers or alumni relations ASAP.
* The feedback on the Saturday luncheon as buffet was positive and will continue. This allows more choice and flexibility in menu. Increased food and labor costs will translate to slight increases by the AAWC for reunion registration fees. Please keep in mind that both Friday and Saturday evening meals include beer and wine.
* AAWC Award nomination forms have been updated and are available on the reunion webpage.

The deadline is Nov. 15th. Nominations from previous years are maintained and considered as appropriate for each category.

* Class photos - given technology, more photos are added online to download and less are purchased. Assigned volunteers will go around to assigned class meeting locations on Saturday afternoon for group pictures. Campus candids are also taken throughout the weekend. Assigned 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. Purchased photos are mailed within the two weeks following reunion.
* 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. Table space is FREE. This is a terrific way to highlight your work and talents and it allows alums to support alum businesses.

* 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.
* AAWC Award recipients and slate for board are announced in the spring.

If you need additional information, please contact alumni relations.
Please consider joining us on campus for Homecoming/Family Weekend October 21-12, 2022!