

# Class of 1976 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Newsletter

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**From Cindy Gilbert Clarke, Chair  
'76 50th Reunion Planning Committee**

Fellow Classmates - our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion is now in the books! What a great time it was for everyone who attended. The weather was good, the events were fun, the College's hospitality was outstanding, and the connections and conversations among classmates were wonderful. To those of you who were unable to join us, please know that you were sorely missed - and that we hope to see you at our 55th!

I'm so grateful to the folks on the Reunion Planning Committee who worked hard to make it such a success. The Communications Committee - Cindy (Hill) Valko, Nancy Preston, Karen (Lotz) Orr, Charlie Kerekes and MaryBeth (Campbell) Emmons - did a great job keeping us informed and creating our Class Notes (Bios) Reunion Booklet. The Social Committee - Guy Cooper, Cherie (Dettmar) Stites, Nancy (Nordberg) Glaeser, Diane (Dawson) Lindstrom, Mark Francischetti, and Bruce Erb - put together an outstanding schedule of events that kept us well fed and entertained. And the Legacy Committee - Brad Sterl, Elaine Becker Jones, Sam Sirianni and Steve Holsinger - worked tirelessly to raise a record amount of funds that we presented to the College as our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class Gift. Wow, what a great group of '76ers!

Mark your calendars now for our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion - it will be here before you know it!!!

## **For More Updates, Visit the Class of '76 Website!**

Juniata's Alumni Office created a web page for our Class of 1976: [www.juniata.edu/1976](http://www.juniata.edu/1976) Check this page for updates, resources, and details, including a Photo Gallery of the Reunion, the Class of '76 Memorial Slideshow, our Class Legacy Project, previous Newsletters, and the Class Notes (bios) Reunion Booklet.

**Speaking of the "Bio Book"** – believe it or not, we are keeping this document open for edits, addendums, and additional BIOS since it is on our live web page! Karen says "the bios have been personal and heartfelt. Not all the paths were simple or straightforward. But all had the foundation of their Juniata College experience." We appreciate each of the stories shared. Send a note to Karen if you'd like to add your bio: Karen Orr '76 [bkorr77@gmail.com](mailto:bkorr77@gmail.com).

## 50th Class Reunion Legacy Gift “Reveal”



During the annual All Class Dinner on Friday evening, the Class of 1976 made its mark on our alma mater with a record-breaking 50th Class Reunion legacy gift — **the largest overall class gift in the history of the College!**

Through collective generosity, our class members presented \$13,780,519.76 to support scholarships, academic and athletic programs, capital projects, and the Juniata College gateway signage, which will expand with an addition off Cold Springs Road.



Thank you, Class of 1976, for your incredible commitment to Juniata!

**We're on the Founders Steps!** We reached the 50% participation goal! A participation gift can be as simple as \$5, directed to whatever matters most to you—your favorite team, a scholarship, or any area of the College that feels meaningful. Reaching this goal is about more than a number. It means our class is recognized at the top of the **Founders Steps**, an important symbol of our collective support of the College that helped shape the last 50 years.



**Do you do Facebook?** If yes, join the “Juniata College Class of 1976” group. There are lots of photos from the Reunion there and it’s a good spot to keep in touch.

**Memories from Thursday Night's Welcome & Happy Hour**





## ONE MORE "THEN & NOW"



"THEN" 1986 10<sup>TH</sup> YEAR REUNION



"NOW" 2026 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR REUNION

**BE WELL AND KEEP IN TOUCH**

**SEE YOU IN 2031 FOR THE 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION!**



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