

# reunion

## CARLETON

Hello from your Carleton College 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion committee! I hope you have already marked next year's June 19-21 Reunion dates on your calendar.

Up until my recent retirement, work commitments had not allowed me to attend previous Reunions, but this year, I decided to lend a hand and join the Reunion committee, including a Reunion planning gathering at Carleton in August. I had not even been back to Carleton for all these years, and I was amazed at the changes on campus since 1981. The campus has expanded and there are many new buildings, but it remains an eclectically beautiful place committed to educate and support its students. For example, the new Class of 1974 Center houses the Student Health and Counseling Services, the first time that that office has had a space built specifically for its services. You can view photos of the new building at [go.carleton.edu/1981](http://go.carleton.edu/1981), our class website.

We look forward to seeing you at Reunion next year! We've come up with some fun ideas for our class activities; not to give too much away, but there just might be music and dancing. There will definitely be lots of time to see and catch up with old friends and new. You can also connect with classmates ahead of Reunion by joining our Facebook group—just search Facebook for “Carleton Class of 1981”.

Class Reunions, in addition to allowing us to reconnect with old friends and visit old haunts, provide a chance for us to show our commitment to the future of this institution. As this will be our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion, the Reunion committee set an ambitious financial goal to raise a class gift of \$450,000. We further recognized that engagement through donations is a very important metric that demonstrates alumni support, regardless of the size of the donation. Therefore we also set an ambitious goal to have 45% of the Class of 1981 participate, at some level (any level!) in reaching our class gift.

And it's not too late; we encourage you to join us on the Reunion committee! It's not a lot of work and it's fun. If you are interested, reach out to me or any of the committee members listed below and we'll include you in future communications.

Marjorie Phillips

On behalf of the Class of '81 45th Reunion committee: James Alexander, Susan Ebner, John Friedhoff, Susan Gerstner, Lynne Hanson, Sarah Kelly, Patti Korn, Kristin Larson, Bob Lingner, Nathan Markowitz, Mia Nosanow, Joan Ostergren, Sara Patterson, Marjorie Phillips, Barbara Pitkin, Debra Ponce de Leon, Nicholas Puzak, Mark Reid, Jeffrey Stewart, Wes Sundquist, Linda Tedford, Michael Tobin, Gary Walvatne, and Stanley Watowich