



Hello, '86 Classmates!

REM released "[It's the End of the World as We Know It \(And I Feel Fine\)](#)" a year after we graduated. And, while you may not have checked out the lyrics in a while (or ever), they speak profoundly to this moment. Pandemic, race relations, politics—so many forces pull us apart, isolate and separate us. It seems like the world blew up in 2020.

With that in mind: let's talk about Reunion 2021.

This is our 35th Reunion year, and as we start planning, we have a lot of questions. Will we be able to gather in person? What would a virtual reunion look like? Given Carleton's renewed (many would say overdue) focus on inclusion, how can we include more classmates than ever before?

What's your connection to Carleton?

Do you love the place and return to campus every chance you get? Did you leave Carleton without looking back? Are you frustrated and angry with College policies? Each of us had a unique experience at Carleton. Each has a unique relationship to the College now.

What we really want is to bring us all together.

We want to include everyone. We want to help you reconnect with classmates—those you know well and those we hope will become new friends. We invite you to join us, bringing your innovative, curious, and extraordinary individuality. Everyone has something to offer. We want to connect with YOU.

Whether we can gather in person next June is out of our control, but over the coming months, we plan to provide virtual spaces for us to come together, in groups large and small. We'll create opportunities to share our experiences and perspectives, to share memories (good, or not so good) of our time at Carleton, to find common threads in our lives, to make new acquaintances and deepen friendships. How can we reconnect with you?

Let's celebrate all year.

Our [class website](#) is a start. You'll find links there to our class Facebook page, our Zoobook, and other resources. We'll get a Bio Book up and running soon, with specific and entertaining questions to start getting us caught up. Reunion weekend is June 17-20, 2021. Put that on your calendars, but also stay tuned for other opportunities to gather online throughout the year. Plans are afoot.

It's the end of the world as we know it. And we feel fine. Cheers to you, wherever and however this finds you, and cheers to the journey.

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