



Hello again, '86 Classmates!

In case you missed Carleton's announcement, there won't be any on-campus Reunion events this year. It's sad news, if not a big surprise. The above logo (thank you, Julia Ramos!) would have been on our class Reunion "identity item." We're rolling it out in these emails instead, for some added inspiration.

We've got fabulous PReunion activities planned for the next few months. We're starting now and rolling on through Reunion weekend. Join us!

**Save the Reunion Dates.**

Keep June 17-20, 2021 on your calendars. We're planning some awesome virtual parties and events that weekend, to add to activities the College is planning.

**"2020 in Historical Perspective" discussion panels.**

We're offering a series of panels with classmates who'll share insightful perspectives on the craziness that was 2020. We're starting off with a spectacular first panel, featuring **TJ Stiles**, **ClaraMary (Vanhorn) Winebrenner**, and **John McConnell**, with a focus (loosely) on politics and government. Don't miss this one: Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 pm CT. You can register [here](#).

For details on all the upcoming panels, check out the [schedule](#) on our class website.

**Other get-togethers.**

We've got other fun activities planned in the next few months. Below are the details we have now, and there is more to come.

- "It's Called Cannabis," hosted by Allison and Rob Blackwell, Friday, March 12, 7:00 pm CT; a talk about the business, medicine, products, and more.
- Cooking with Chef Paige Vandegrift: Potato Gnocchi, Sunday, April 18, 3:00-4:30 pm CT. Recipes will be posted ahead of time; cook along or just watch.
- Jazzercise with Beth Rudiger, schedule TBA.

We also have three "interest groups" scheduled. These will be informal gatherings of classmates with common interests. They'll meet once, with the option to meet regularly if there's interest:

- [Knitters](#): gather on Tuesday, February 16, 8:00 pm CT, to talk all-things-knitting; contact [Janet Yeracaris](#) for details.
- [Sci-fi fans](#): will get together to chat on Wednesday, March 24, 8:00 pm CT; contact [Leah Golden](#) for more information.
- [WTF](#): The world is so very full of WTF. Let's laugh about it. Bring anything that made you say "WTF" recently, and share. [Carl Loeb](#) will host the first meeting on Sunday, March 14, 3:00 pm CT; contact Carl for more information.

Gatherings will be on Zoom, and specifics will be on the [schedule](#) on the class website. **If you want to organize a group around a topic—travel, cooking, music, hobbies, sports, whatever—let us know, and we'll help you set it up.**

**Check out the class website.**

Our [class website](#) is our Reunion hub, with links to the schedule of [what's happening now](#), the [Bio Book](#) (please fill it out—we'd love to hear from you!), our Facebook page, our Zoo Book, and other resources.

If you've never been to Reunion, this is a great year to dip a toe in and reconnect. We're disappointed we can't gather in person, but we're excited about the opportunities we have. It's the end of the world as we know it, and we feel fine!

Janet Taylor Yeracaris and Carl Loeb  
On behalf of the 1986 Reunion Committee



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