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FROM OUR
CLASS PRESIDENT

Dear Class Members,

The healing potential of the spring season is undeniable. Many believe increased sunlight improves mood and stimulates hope. Hope is the belief that our future can be better than our past, and that we have a role to play in making that future a reality.

The parallels between many of the conflicts of the '70s and the challenges we are experiencing today are disheartening. Putin's invasion of Ukraine ignites memories of the Soviet Union's 1979 invasion of Afghanistan. In the U.S. marginalized citizens continue to suffer the impacts of inequality. Democracy is under assault, both here and abroad. Like many, I long for healing around the globe and cling to the belief that we must remain hopeful and do whatever we can to ensure this world will see a brighter future.

In preparation for our 50th reunion, each of us can play a role in shaping the future for Smith. We can serve as role models for future generations of Smithies through the camaraderie and inclusiveness exemplified by our strong and diverse class community. We can deliver life changing educational opportunities for Smith students through support of The Smith Fund, the Class of 1974 Scholarship Fund, and/or Planned Gifts.

I remain hopeful we will continue to support class efforts to reconnect and celebrate our Smith relationships. I remain hopeful we will provide support to the college ensuring our class plays a role in strengthening access and affordability for exceptional young women who dream of the reality of a Smith education. I remain hopeful the Class of '74 will help make Smith even better than it is today and that we will leave a lasting impact on Smith's future. Please join me in making these hopes a reality.

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KEEP IN TOUCH & STAY INFORMED

Smith is excited to share a website created just for alums at smith.edu/alum. It's packed with information about programs and events as well as meaningful ways you can connect with classmates and the college.

Bookmark the site and visit often to do things like watch webinars, join the Book Club, find a book written by a Smithie and get updates from campus. Page highlights include:

- The Alums & Your Impact page, where you can read about fellow Smithies and explore ways to network with one another
- The Events & Programs page, where you can learn about all the great programming Smith has in store for you
- The Volunteer Opportunities page, which lists ways to get involved with the college
- The Classes, Clubs & Groups page, which offers fun ways to connect with Smith

While you're on the site, you can update your info in the Alum Directory so you can find friends, meet other Smithies and choose how you want to receive news from the college.

The college hopes you enjoy this online home for alums!

REUNION UPDATE



Your 50th Reunion Chairs are keeping busy! We recently met in Florida and had a chance to connect with a few classmates there. This year we plan to hold other informal get-togethers with classmates in various locations—we'll keep you posted! Stay in touch by joining the Smith College Class of 1974 Facebook group, following Smith Class of 1974 on Instagram, and/or visiting our class website at smith.edu. Many of you have recently retired and/or moved so to be sure we can reach you please confirm your current contact info by emailing smithierecords@smith.edu. Many thanks to the 30 classmates who have joined our Reunion team by volunteering as House Reps! Reps are still needed for Comstock, Dawes, Gardiner, Lamont, Morrow, Parsons, Scales and Wilson. If you lived in one of these houses (or even if you didn't!) please let us know if you're willing to help out.

ENJOY A BURST OF SPRING AT SMITH



SUBMIT YOUR CLASS NOTES!

When you receive your *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*, we bet that among the first things you do is look for 1974 Class Notes to see the news from your classmates.

Now, in 2022, we are only two years away from our 50th reunion. So, there will be only eight more issues of the SAQ before we gather in Northampton to celebrate our milestone.



Let's fill those eight issues! Send us your news! And, by "news," we don't mean just astounding accomplishments and well-deserved honors—though, we do like to hear of those. We also like to hear your thoughts about what Smith means to you, what activities you enjoy, even what has kept you sane during the pandemic. When you receive the email from Smith asking for news, please respond! We, and all your classmates, hope to hear from you.



Spring Floral Tour Video

The 2022 Spring Bulb Show is in full bloom with tulips, narcissus and hyacinths filling the Lyman Conservatory with color. The Botanic Garden welcomes you to join Chlo Gold '25 and greenhouse horticulturist Lily Carone on this video tour, where they point out the highlights of this year's show: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_3GkKlyZd8.

PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

Alums who have included Smith in their estate plans through a will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or life income gift are eligible to join Smith's Grécourt Society. Planned gifts of *any* amount qualify for membership. To learn more, contact your Planned Giving Chair or visit the College's gift planning website at <https://smith.plannedgiving.org>.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our class is holding steady with giving. We are at 25% participation this year versus 26% at this time last year. Our overall participation rate in 2021 was 35%. The College has set our new participation goal at 50% but we know **'74 CAN DO MUCH MORE!** So, we are issuing a challenge to everyone who has not given this year to do so to help us exceed our new participation goal. A gift of any size counts. Thank you!

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