Class of 1992 25th Reunion

Our 25th Reunion in June 2017 is a special milestone. We share memories of our time at Williams, renew friendships, visit familiar places and forge new connections. It is a defining moment for the Class of 1992 as we create a lasting legacy by presenting the college with our 25th Reunion Class Gift.

While we reflect on what a Williams education means to us, we have the opportunity to ensure the future for generations of students to come. This year our 25th Reunion Class Gift is also part of the Williams Teach It Forward campaign and supports the most important priorities of the college.

Our gift has two parts: the Alumni Fund and the Class of 1992 Tutorial. We ask that you help us make this milestone reunion a success by making a gift to the Alumni Fund and to the Class of 1992 Tutorial. Be it a one-time gift or a five-year pledge, the 25th Reunion is one of the times when we join together to express our appreciation to Williams as a collective class. Our 25th Reunion Class Gift is transformative for students and is our investment in the future of intellectual life at Williams.

The Alumni Fund

The 25th Reunion class is the cornerstone of the Alumni Fund. We owe Williams’ existence and its excellence to the support of alumni and parents. Our time at Williams was supported by the generations of alumni who came before us, and now it is our turn to support the students of today and tomorrow, ensuring that the best and brightest students have access to a world-class Williams education. Together, our collective influence will help shape the Williams of the 21st century.

Gifts to the alumni and parents funds may be unrestricted—and used to help Williams meet its highest priorities—or designated specifically to support academic excellence, the arts, athletics, financial aid, student life, or sustainability.

The Class of 1992 Tutorial

Williams has always been a dynamic educational community that provides remarkable freedom and resources for all of its students, thanks to the generosity of alumni. The relationship between students and faculty is the foundation of the Williams liberal arts education, which is marked by deep commitments to excellence, exploration and rigor and provides students with the finest preparation for career and life.

Tutorials have proven to be an extremely valuable and unique learning opportunity at Williams, one of the only institutions to offer an intensive and self-directed learning experience like this. Students in a
tutorial take turns developing independent work—an essay, a report on lab results, a piece of art—and critiquing it each week. This peer-to-peer interaction of two students and one professor gives students extensive experience speaking before their peers and a professor, learning how to craft an argument and engaging in intellectual debate. Almost two-thirds of Williams students have participated in a tutorial and many have cited it as their most important class at Williams.

The Class of 1992 Tutorial will give first-year students greater access to these transformational classes as early as possible in their Williams career—nearly replicating Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other—and thereby enhancing their entire educational experience at Williams.

“A tutorial does far more than simply allow you to explore a fascinating subject in greater depth than a normal class, it allows you to develop a relationship, both intellectual and personal, that simply cannot be forged in any other environment.” – Mike Needham ’04

“In my tutorial] time and time again I saw that there was no right answer and that most problems—like how to curb the development of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis—are multi-faceted, nuanced, and absolutely enormous)… In this course, I felt like I was able to take ownership of my learning and education like never before.” – Anna Harleen ’18

How You Can Help

Please help by supporting this initiative in honor of our 25th Reunion. In the upcoming weeks, one of our 25th Reunion class volunteers will call to ask for your generous support of our 25th Reunion Class Gift.

Reunion is a chance to reconnect with what we value most about Williams. It is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to ensure the things we appreciate as Ephs are extended to the rising generation.

We need your help to achieve this worthy goal. Please respond generously when called upon by your classmates.

Your Reunion Fund Committee Chairs:

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