ALUMNI & FRIENDS | March 2024



Join us for REUNION this May!

Registration for Reunion 2024 is open! On May 17-19, class years ending in a 4 or 9 will celebrate milestone Reunion years, but all alumni are welcome to join us back on campus. Check out the full schedule of events. Highlights include: Friday Night Cocktails and Awards Dinner hosted by the Alumni Council; a University Update with President Fithian, the Spree Day BBQ, tours of Clark's newest building, and much more!

This year, Dancing Under the Stars and Through the Decades will feature a live band under our tent on the Main Green. We hope to see you on campus for a weekend of reconnecting with classmates, forging new friendships, and rekindling your Clarkie spirit.



SPREE for CLARK!

Save the Date: Spree for Clark, our 24-hour giving day, returns April 17-18!

Help us reach our goal of 650 donors from noon (EDT) on Wednesday, April 17 to noon (EDT) on Thursday, April 18. No matter the size or what area you choose to support, all gifts to Clark are included. When the goal is reached, Wendi '86 and Stephen Trilling will donate \$25,000 to support The Clark Fund! Every 100 donors who participate will help unlock additional gifts! PLUS - there will be opportunities to double (or even triple) your gift throughout the day.

Learn More >

Visit our website for more info about participating in Spree for Clark and how you can become an Advocate and earn exclusive Clark swag.



GOLD Nuggets

"GOLD Nuggets" will enjoy a new spot in the broader Alumni Newsletter to inform the community of young alumni news, profiles, and events. Learn more about Clark's GOLD Council at our website or contact us at gold_council@clarku.edu.

Introducing GOLD Gives

On March 1, Clark launched its first-ever young alumni giving challenge, GOLD Gives, an opportunity for young alumni to triple their impact. Now through May 31, all gifts made from GOLD alumni will be matched 2-to-1 by Chair of Clark's Board of Trustees Gary Labovich '81 and his wife, Susan. A gift of \$20 will increase to \$60 right away! Each gift, no matter the amount, will help Clark enhance the lives and experiences of current students.

Learn more or make your gift here

Interview with Alex Turgeon '16 MBA '17

GOLD Council member Drashhti Bilimoria '21, MBA '22, sat down with Young Alumni Award winner Alex Turgeon '16, MBA '17, to talk about his life after Clark.

Read more >

Boston Networking Event Recap

More than 40 alumni joined us last Wednesday at the GOLD networking event in Boston. Vice President for University Advancement Joe Manok provided attendees with an update on the University's goals and initiatives, and attendees contributed over \$1,800 to support Clark students by participating in GOLD Gives!

Recent Event Recap

What an incredible semester it's been so far, both on and off campus.

In February, alumni and students gathered for a panel discussion on Interactive Media and Game Design and a tour of the new Center for Media Arts, Computing, and Design (MACD). Others joined us at Wachusett Mountain for a day on the slopes. In celebration of Black History Month, the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and the Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club discussed the graphic novel "Kindred," by Octavia Butler, and the Student Alumni Relations Committee (SARC) helped the Black Student Union host a Black Alumni Panel on campus.

This month, NYC-based alumni celebrated Clark Women in Leadership, and President David Fithian '87 joined D.C. Clarkies for a reception celebrating the University.

Coming Up

The semester isn't over yet! Check out these events coming up next:

Virtual Book Club

Tonight, the Alumni & Friends Book Club will discuss the <u>"Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women who Revolutionized Food in America"</u> by Mayukh Sen.

NYC Reception

Join us on Wednesday, April 10, at SECOND to connect with NYC-area Clarkies and hear from President David Fithian '87.

Pre-registration for this event is closed; if you are interested in attending, call the Office of Stewardship & Donor Relations at 508-798-4364 or email Megan Horvitz at mhorvitz@clarku.edu.

Athletics Hall of Fame

Registration is open for the Athletics Hall of Fame. Join us for a cocktail reception and dinner in honor of six athletes who made a meaningful impact on their team, their sport, and Clark.

Register >

If you would like more information about our events, please email Clark's Alumni & Friends

Engagement Team at <u>alumni@clarku.edu</u> or call (800) 793-6246.

Future Events

Save the Date for our future events. Registration is coming soon!

Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club | May 8: Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson and her team put on an incredible book club where alumni and friends discuss classic, modern, and culturally significant works of both fiction and nonfiction. Next, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the featured book "Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zaune.

WooSox Game | June 8

Start your summer right at a baseball game with friends! Join alumni at Polar Park to watch the Worcester Red Sox face off against Rochester Red Wings.

Juneteenth | June 12

The Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) is celebrating Juneteenth with a private tour of <u>Giants</u>: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys and a reception at the Brooklyn Museum.

Pride Month

The Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA), is celebrating Pride Month with a virtual discussion of Clark professor Elizabeth Blake's book "Edible Arrangements: Modernism's Queer Forms."

More Alumni & Friends Events

Get Involved

Join an alumni affinity group – Sign up for community-specific emails for the alumni affinity groups: the <u>Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA)</u> and/or the <u>Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA)</u>, or suggest a new one!

Share Your Experience from College to Career – The Career Connections Center (CCC) seeks alumni volunteer speakers to participate across various industry-themed weeks. Inspire the next generation of professionals as they begin their career journey and prepare for life after Clark! Email Angela Harris, Senior Associate Director of Employer & Alumni Engagement, at anharris@clarku.edu for more information.

Join ClarkCONNECT – Connect with 7000+ Clark alumni, students, and faculty on the ClarkCONNECT platform. Check out the Internships & Projects Guide, or visit the Career Connections Center website.

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