



## Thank you for a Successful Year!

Our fiscal year closed on May 31, 2022, and we want to thank the thousands of alumni donors who supported The Clark Fund this year! Over 2,700 donors contributed nearly \$2.7 million to support our community, exceeding last year's Clark Fund total by nearly 5%. Your participation in campaigns like the Cougar Challenge, Spree for Clark, and Giving Tuesday, as well as your response to our emails, mailings, and student callers, helped increase our total number of donors by 4.5%.

Your contribution, no matter the amount, makes an impact on current and future Clarkies. Thank you again to those who supported [The Clark Fund](#) this year!

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## Reunion 2022 Recap

Hundreds of Clark alumni joined us back in Worcester for Reunion 2022!

We enjoyed celebrating alumni accomplishments at the [Athletics Hall of Fame](#) Induction Ceremony and the Friday Night Dinner and Awards Presentation. We feasted with friends at the Spree Day Picnic, and danced under the stars together once again.

It was a privilege to welcome so many enthusiastic and fun-loving Clarkies back on campus. Your love for Clark is contagious and we hope you had a great time reconnecting with old friends and hopefully making some new ones!

Please enjoy our [Reunion photo gallery](#) as well as moments shared on social media using the hashtag #ClarkUReunion2022.

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## Affinity Group Updates

In celebration of Pride Month and Juneteenth, both the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) hosted virtual events featuring Clark faculty projects.

Professor Abbie Goldberg presented on her important recent publication, [LGBTQ Family Building: A Guide for Prospective Parents](#), and Professor Toby Sisson discussed her powerful co-curated exhibit: [Us Them We | Race Ethnicity Identity](#), at the Worcester Art Museum.

Both groups are looking forward to the next year with more events and opportunities to engage with fellow alumni in these affinity spaces. If you are interested in signing up for their mailing lists, joining the planning groups, and/or suggesting new affinity groups, please fill out this [brief form](#).

Check out the “upcoming events” section below for information on the in-person gatherings these groups are hosting in the coming months!



## Summer Fun: Clarkie Style

Clark students may be taking the summer off, but our alumni are making the most of the season with in-person gatherings!

Europe-based Clarkies recently gathered in Paris to connect and share memories of their time in Worcester (pictured top left).

The Clark Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Council hosted a Day of Service at [Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary](#) in Worcester, giving young alums a chance to

challenge convention and change our world in our own backyard (pictured top right)!

Clark alumni also came back to Worcester to enjoy a [WooSox game](#) at Polar Park this June (pictured bottom row)!

Check out the “upcoming events” section in each newsletter to see what’s happening next. We hope to see you at one of our in-person or virtual events!

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## **Volunteer on Move-In Day: Thursday, August 25**

Come back to campus and help our first-year families feel welcome and excited to be at Clark!

Move-In Day timing is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the possibility for volunteers to do a shorter shift from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Alumni volunteers will serve as greeters and movers and be treated to lunch with our staff after the event. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about this opportunity, please email [alumni@clarku.edu](mailto:alumni@clarku.edu), or call (800) 793-6246.

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## Clark's Podcast: Challenge. Change.

Since launching earlier this year, “[Challenge. Change.](#)” has featured Professors Ora Szekely and Valerie Sperling on the impacts of the war in Ukraine and Ed Carr on climate adaptation. Becker School of Design & Technology student Ed Greig '23 gave listeners a tour of the PAX East gaming convention. In addition, alumni experts have shared their knowledge, including Peter Langman '84, who researches school shootings, and Jonathan Hack '09, who explained the overturning of Roe v. Wade in the context of judicial decision-making.

Listen on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#). “Challenge. Change.” is produced by Melissa Hanson and Andrew Hart of Clark’s communications team.

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## Upcoming Events

**Company One Theatre and the CBAA Presents: “can i touch it?” (Aug. 11) - [Company One Theatre](#)** (founded by six Clarkies) and the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) invite Clark Alumni to a performance of “can i touch it?” at the Strand Theatre in Boston. Mingle with fellow alumni and meet the Director, Summer L. Williams '01, at a private reception prior to the play.

**Register now!**

**Worcester Pride Week Wine Tasting (Sept. 7)** – During Worcester’s Pride Week, the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) will sponsor a wine and cheese tasting at [Canal District Wines](#), owned by Rachel Scanlon '02, M.A.Ed. '03, and her wife Olivia. **Registration opens early August.**

**Clark Alumni, Friends and Family Day at Kimball Farm Event (Oct. 1)** - Clark alumni, friends, and family are invited to a day at Kimball Farm! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat Great American Barbeque and Ice Cream Buffet, access to 18 Hole Mini Golf, Bumper Boat Pond, 9 Hole Pitch & Putt Course, Bumper Cars, Sand Volleyball, Corn Hole and various field games - plus discounts on even more activities! **Registration coming soon.**

**The Emergence of Immersive Art and Interactive Media (Sept. & Oct.)** - Join Clark’s Alumni & Friends Engagement for an Immersive Experience in Boston, Chicago, or Denver. This series will focus on immersive events and how they intersect with art and the virtual landscape, culminating in a virtual discussion with Professor Terrasa Ulm from Clark’s Becker School of Design and Technology. **Registration coming soon.**

### **More Alumni & Friends Events**

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## **Get Involved**

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

**Join ClarkCONNECT** - You can play an important role in the career and professional development of Clark students by posting internships, jobs, and projects on the ClarkCONNECT platform. Share an opportunity and connect with 7000+ Clark alumni, students, and faculty, check out the [ClarkCONNECT Internships & Projects Guide](#), or reach out to the [Career Connections Center](#) at [clarkconnect@clarku.edu](mailto:clarkconnect@clarku.edu).

**Help us plan alumni events next year and beyond** – The Alumni Council’s Programming Committee will soon convene to plan an Alumni Speaker event series. This series will reflect Clark’s academic strategy focus areas, which promote Clark as a destination university that provides a transformative liberal arts education and pursues research to address real-world

problems. [Read more about Clark's strategy focus areas](#) or [send us your thoughts, ideas and contacts](#).

**Support The Clark Fund** – Making a gift to The Clark Fund helps current students and faculty as well as supporting alumni engagement activities.

## Stay Connected



Make sure your contact information is up to date so you can stay in the know about Clark events, activities, and more!

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