



## Alumni Engagement this Fall

As fall gives way to colder temperatures, Clark's Alumni and Friends Engagement team has some exciting events and other plans to keep our connections strong.

### Passport to Life After Clark

On Wednesday, November 16, as part of International Education Week on campus, current international students will learn how to navigate career paths through a panel discussion and networking reception with international alumni. "Passport to Life After Clark" is co-sponsored by the International Center, the School of Professional Studies (SPS), the Career Connections Center, and Alumni and Friends Engagement. International alumni are welcome to attend. Please email us at [alumni@clarku.edu](mailto:alumni@clarku.edu) by Friday, November 11.

### Job Shadow Program

The Career Connections Center is seeking alumni hosts for this winter's ClarkCONNECT [Alumni Job Shadow Program](#)! Connect with Clark undergraduates whose career interests align with yours and share your insight, expertise, and experiences. To view full program details and sign up, create a [ClarkCONNECT](#) account or log into your already existing one. The deadline for alumni hosts to join the program is November 14. ***Learn more or join the program.***

### Assassins at the Newly Renovated Little Center

Come join us on November 10th for Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*, the first show in the new and improved, refurbished and rebuilt Little Center! After the show, enjoy an opening night party with the cast, crew, and Theatre Program Director Professor Gino Dilorio, who will take you around the building for a guided tour. ***Reserve your tickets.***

### **Night Lights at Tower Hill**

Clark alumni will also have an opportunity to join us for an enchanting evening at the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill on the evening of Thursday, December 1. Spectacular lights on the garden grounds, awe-inspiring plants, and other winter wonderments will be coupled with a private event for Clark alumni with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beverages, sweet treats, and a hot cocoa bar. Space is limited with a four-ticket limit per family. We hope you'll join us for what's become a holiday season favorite for area Clarkies. Tickets are selling fast, grab yours before they're gone! ***Register here.***

Check out our upcoming events section below for more opportunities to engage with Clark this winter, both in-person and virtually.

Want to suggest an alumni gathering or event in a major city near you – or are you willing to host one? Email us at [alumni@clarku.edu](mailto:alumni@clarku.edu).



## **Cougar Challenge Success!**

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to the Clark's 4th Cougar Challenge!

Over 1,500 donors helped us to smash our goal of raising \$150,000 to unlock a \$100,000 match for Clark Athletics. In total, over \$317,000 was raised to support our teams, student-athletes, and

Clark Athletics between October 19 and October 21.

Since 2019, Clark's Cougar Challenge has provided essential funding to Clark's varsity teams, student-athletes, and coaches. The generosity of Cougar Challenge supporters allows coaches to purchase new gear and equipment, fund training trips, and so much more to help our athletes improve in practice and in play.

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## Affinity Group Updates

After successful in-person events this past August and September, both the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) are focusing on expanding their planning groups to maximize their impact moving forward. If you are interested in joining, please email [alumni@clarku.edu](mailto:alumni@clarku.edu) or fill out this [brief form](#) to sign up for a mailing list.

Both groups are also collaborating with departments across Clark's campus, including the [Office of Identity, Student Engagement, and Access \(ISEA\)](#), [Clark Libraries](#), [Community Engagement and Volunteering](#), and [Career Connections Center](#) to plan some wonderful events moving forward. Check out the "upcoming events" section below for information on CBAA's virtual holiday cocktail hour!

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## Fall Events Recap

Clark's [Alumni Council](#) and [Graduates of the Last Decade \(GOLD\) Council](#) were on campus for an annual meeting to reconnect with fellow alumni volunteers, conduct committee work, and plan upcoming projects and initiatives. Alumni had the opportunity to connect and work side-by-side with student leaders on campus, including our [Student Alumni Relations Committee \(SARC\)](#). Thank you to our alumni who made the trip back to Worcester and who regularly dedicate their time to give back to their alma mater. Check out photos from the weekend [here](#).

In September, Clark's GOLD Council hosted "Welcome to the City" events to celebrate and connect with young alumni in their communities. [D.C. Clarkies](#) reconnected over apps and beers at Lucky Buns before enjoying the Adams Morgan Day festival, one of the city's biggest festivals. [Boston Clarkies](#) braved the traffic to meet up for a tour of Harpoon Brewery and then feasted on giant pretzels. And [GOLDies in NYC](#) snapped the most gram-worthy selfies at The Color Factory.

The Alumni and Friends Engagement team provided opportunities for alumni to experience immersive art in Boston, Denver, and Chicago, as well as a virtual panel discussion ([view recording here](#)) featuring faculty and alumni from the Becker School of Design and Technology (BSDT). Plus, alumni families and friends enjoyed fall fun and incredible ice cream at [Kimball Farm](#) in Westford, MA.

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## More Upcoming Events

**Clark Men's Basketball at Bates College (Nov. 12):** Cougar fans throughout Maine are invited to cheer on Men's Basketball at Bates College. Jonathan Burton '92 (University Advancement) will greet and rally Clark's cheering section! Tip-off is at 2:00 p.m. in [Alumni Gymnasium](#) on Bates Campus. Following the game, stay for light refreshments and the opportunity to meet Clark players and Coach Tyler Simms in the Bates Dining Commons (2nd Floor Conference Rooms 221/222). **No advance RSVP required.**

**Presidential Regional Receptions (Various dates):** Join President David B. Fithian '87 for a reception celebrating Clark. [Boston](#) - Nov. 30; [Los Angeles](#) - Dec. 11; [San Francisco](#) - Dec. 14.

**Black Men in White Coats (Nov. 30):** Come back to campus for this panel discussion and film screening of *Black Men in White Coats* in Atwood Hall.

**Cocktails & Conversation with the Clark Black Alumni Association (Dec. 15):** Grab your favorite cocktail or mocktail and join us for a virtual holiday happy hour. Mingle with alumni and build fellowship over conversation and fun.

### **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!

**Help Plan Reunion Activities** – If your undergraduate degree year ends in 3 or 8, you're headed for a milestone Reunion at Clark! Help plan your celebration by volunteering on a reunion committee, encouraging classmates to come back to campus for Reunion Weekend (May 19-21, 2023), and assisting with class-specific programming.

**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** – Make Clark a stronger university and exceptional community for our students. Choose to give to the area that matters most to you!

## 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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