

ALUMNI & FRIENDS | **March 2023**



## Reunion 2023

Join us May 19-21 for a truly special weekend.

Activities and opportunities to reunite with classmates and celebrate your time at Clark await your return to Worcester.

### Highlights of the weekend include:

- BIPOC Affinity Social
- Spree Day Picnic
- LGBTQ+ Reception
- Campus Tour
- Paint & Sip
- Dancing Under the Stars
- AND MORE!

[Check out the full schedule of Reunion Weekend events.](#)

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## 50th Reunion Yearbook

Class of 1973, this year will be your 50th reunion! Send us your photos, memories, and more to be included in a special digital yearbook!

[Click here to submit your entry.](#)

## Alumni Award Winners

Each year the Awards Committee of Clark's Alumni Council selects alumni to receive awards during Reunion weekend. Honorees are recognized for service to Clark and society at large. Many thanks to Clark alumni who submitted nominations for consideration this year.

The award winners are:

***Distinguished Service Award: Anne McKinnon '83***

***Young Alumni Award: Emilee Cocuzzo '18, MBA '19***

***University Award for Service to Society: Robert (Jay) Ash '83***

***Challenging Convention Award (new in 2023): Etel Haxhijaj '04, M.A. '08***

[Learn more about the achievements of our award winners.](#)



Mark your calendars – Spree for Clark returns April 19-20!

Spree for Clark, our 24-hour giving day, is back, and we need your help to reach our goal! Make a gift to any area at Clark that means the most to you beginning at noon EDT Wednesday, April 19 through noon EDT Thursday, April 20 to help us achieve the goal of 600 donors in 24 hours.

When the goal is reached, Clark Trustee, Wendi Trilling '86 and Stephen Trilling will contribute a gift of \$25,000 to support The Clark Fund!

If you would like to participate in Spree for Clark by offering a matching gift or challenge, please email [clarkfund@clarku.edu](mailto:clarkfund@clarku.edu)



## Winter Events Recap

Clarkies enjoyed sun *and* snow together this winter. On January 11, President David Fithian '87 met up with alumni in Puerto Rico at the La Concha Renaissance San Juan Resort. More than 40 alumni enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and refreshments while reconnecting with each other and getting to know Clark's president and his husband Michael Rodriguez.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, Clarkies enjoyed a Snow Day at Wachusett Mountain on

February 11. Some skied, some snowboarded... but we all had fun. Guests enjoyed discount lift tickets and rentals, and some opted for a beginner's lesson. The entire crew had lunch together in a reserved room at the resort. If you missed it this year, watch for a repeat event in 2024!

Several alumni participated in the "Panel of the Decades," held February 24 during Clark's Black Alumni Homecoming celebration weekend. Facilitated by students, the panel featured Adjoa Aiyetoro '67; Donna Sams '76; Kevin Cherry '81; Hadley Camilus '03; Courtney Thomas '17, MA '18; Chima Egbuzie '19; and Glory Phipps '23. Alumni answered questions about their experiences as Clark students and shared their achievements since graduating. The event was organized by the Black Student Union (BSU), the Office of Identity, Student Engagement and Access (ISEA) and Alumni & Friends Engagement.



Now is the time to send us your nominations for the  
**2024 Clark Athletics Hall of Fame!**

Know someone who displayed prowess while playing for Clark? Someone who led their team to victory? Who was revered for their values of fair play and sportsmanship? Now is your chance to nominate a former teammate or coach to the 2024 Clark Athletics Hall of Fame!

[Nominate a Cougar](#)

***Nominations are due by Friday, May 12, 2023.***

*(The Committee will meet in the fall to select the inductees)*

Input from the Clark community is valuable to selecting inductees who exemplified the best of Clark sports. See a list of [previous inductees here](#).

**Go Cougars!**

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## Upcoming Events

**Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club** | *Thursday, March 23, 7-8 p.m. EST (4-5 p.m. PST)*

Join the Alumni & Friends Book Club on Thursday, March 23, as we honor Women's History Month. Clark's University Librarian, Laura Robinson, will lead us through a discussion about the book *Women Warriors: An Unexpected History* by Pamela D. Toler. [Register Now >](#)

**Washington, D.C. Reception** | *Wednesday, March 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

President David B. Fithian '87 cordially invites you to a Washington, D.C. reception celebrating Clark. [Register Now >](#)

**Graduate School of Geography: Centennial Celebration** | *Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15, Multiple Events*

Clark President Wallace W. Atwood launched the Graduate School of Geography in 1921 to establish an area of graduate research excellence. Today, Clark Geography is a global leader in innovative theory-driven research. On April 13-15, 2023, we invite you to join us as we celebrate 100 years of Clark Geography and the impact our scholars have made on the world. [Register Now >](#)

**Spring Geller Jazz Series** | *April 16-19*

The Visual and Performing Arts Department's annual Geller Jazz Series this spring will feature three events celebrating music with influences from Cuba to New Orleans. [Learn more >](#)

Interested in attending? Alumni enjoy a discount on tickets to individual concerts or the event series by using the code "alumni" in the "Clark ID" field: \$10 to attend the individual concerts and \$12 to attend the series. [Purchase tickets >](#)

**New York City Reception** | *Tuesday, April 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

President David B. Fithian '87 cordially invites you to a New York City reception celebrating Clark.

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[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** – The Alumni Speaker Series reflects Clark's academic strategy focus areas, which help promote Clark as a destination university that provides transformative liberal arts education and pursues research to address real-world problems. [Send us your thoughts, ideas and contacts.](#)

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**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!

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