



GOLD Nuggets - April 2023

Passion for Science-based Solutions How Olivia Barksdale '19 is changing our world (literally)

In the global effort to protect natural land, Olivia Barksdale '19 oversees thousands of acres of conservation land across Massachusetts. Drashhti Bilimoria '21, MBA '22, spoke with Olivia to learn about her Clark experience, what led her to a career in environmental science, and more.

[**Read the Interview**](#)

Olivia will be leading the next GOLD Day of Service on Sunday, June 11 at Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary in Worcester, MA. Save the date to join her and other Clark alumni in supporting Worcester plant and wildlife. Registration coming soon.



Reunion Weekend

Join Clark May 19-21 for Reunion Weekend!

Return to Worcester to reunite with friends and reminisce on campus! Get ready for a fun-packed weekend to celebrate your years at Clark.

Highlights of the weekend include:

GOLD Pub Meet-Up
BIPOC Affinity Social
Spree Day Picnic
LGBTQ+ Reception
Paint & Sip
Dancing Under the Stars
AND MORE!

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

REGISTER NOW

(Registration closes May 8)

Young Alumni Award Winner

In celebration of her years of dedicated leadership, volunteerism, and passion for Clark, the Young Alumni Award will be presented to Gold Council Co-chair Emilee Cocuzzo '18, MBA '19.



Each year, selected Clark alumni are celebrated for their achievements during an Awards Ceremony and Dinner at Reunion weekend. Congratulations to all this year's winners!

[Learn more about the 2023 award winners.](#)



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

Spree for Clark is back, and we need your help to reach our goal of **600 donors in 24 hours!**

For every 100 donors who participate, additional funds will be unlocked. Plus, **the first \$3,000 donated by GOLD alumni will be matched dollar-for-dollar** by the members of the GOLD Council and the 5th and 10th Reunion Committees.

When the goal of 600 donors is reached, Clark Trustee Wendi Trilling '86 and Stephen Trilling will contribute a gift of **\$25,000** to support The Clark Fund! Additional matches and challenges will be available throughout the day.

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.

[Learn more or make your gift at alumni.clarku.edu/spree](http://alumni.clarku.edu/spree)

HEDS Survey

If you are in the class of 2013, 2017, 2018, 2021, or 2022, please complete the Higher Education Data Sharing (HEDS) Consortium Alumni Survey by April 7.

Everyone who completes the survey will be entered to win 1 of 3 \$50 Amazon gift cards.

[**TAKE THE SURVEY**](#)

(Please log in with the email address you received GOLD Nuggets and other Clark communications)

This survey helps us to better understand the value of your Clark degree, and to gauge the ways that we can further strengthen the Clark education. We appreciate your insight about how effectively Clark prepares its graduates for productive lives, careers, and citizenship, and how the University can continue to serve you.

Athletics Hall of Fame Nominations

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

[**Nominate a Cougar**](#)

Nominations must be submitted by Friday May 12, 2023.

Upcoming Events

- **New York City Reception (April 18):** President David B. Fithian '87 cordially invites you to a reception celebrating Clark at ASPIRE at One World Observatory, World Trade Center. **Please note registration closes today at midnight.** [Register here.](#)

- **Juneteenth Celebration (June 15):** Join the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) for a free virtual event in celebration of Juneteenth. [Registration coming soon.](#)
 - **Alumni WooSox Game (June 25):** Join Clark alumni and friends for a day at Polar Park! Attendees will enjoy casual seating above the bullpen, a buffet, and a chance to watch the WooSox take on the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. [Registration coming soon.](#)
 - **See more upcoming events**
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Get Involved

- **Update your info** - Update your name, pronouns, and contact information to receive exciting news and upcoming event information from Clark!
 - **Share your ideas and feedback** - Please feel free to submit feedback, event ideas, and suggestions to the GOLD Council members.
 - **Join an alumni affinity group** - The Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and/or the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) welcome you. [Sign up for community-specific emails.](#)
 - **ClarkCONNECT** - You can play an important role in the career and professional development of Clark students and alumni by posting internships, jobs, and projects on the ClarkCONNECT platform. [Check out the new affinity communities.](#)
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