



GOLD Nuggets - June 2023

Welcome Class of 2023

Dear Class of 2023,

Congratulations – you did it! We are so happy to welcome you to the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) alumni community.

The GOLD Council is a volunteer group of 20-to-30 Clarkies that represent the young alumni community. Together we host events, serve on committees, participate in University initiatives, and engage with the Clark community. Our goal is to help you maximize your impact in the years following your graduation by helping you to stay connected to Clark and to each other. The GOLD Council is currently looking forward to spotlighting GOLDies and their achievements as well as planning more exciting events.

Keep an eye out for future editions of our newsletter, GOLD Nuggets, where we share our events and updates. Feel free to reach out if you have ideas on GOLD engagement, wish to volunteer, or have questions for us.

Lastly, we want to give a shout out to Juliette Coatsworth '13, who just finished her last year with us on the GOLD Council and served as the Council's previous Communications Chair. Thank you for serving your fellow young alumni Juliette!

We hope to meet you at an alumni event soon. GOLD Council members are located in many different cities. If you'd like to make a connection, please email us at gold_council@clarku.edu.

Congratulations again to the Class of 2023 – it's been a long time coming :)

Sincerely,

Drashhti Bilimoria '21, MBA '22



Reunion Recap

Thanks for a Wonderful Reunion Weekend!

Thank you to everyone who joined us back in Worcester for Reunion 2023! It was a privilege to host so many accomplished, enthusiastic, and fun-loving Clarkies back on campus. Your love for Clark is contagious, and we hope you had a great time reminiscing with old friends while making some new ones!

GOLDies enjoyed a pub meet-up at the Worcester Beer Garden Friday evening to kick off the weekend. The class of 2013 had an incredible turnout of more than 50 classmates on campus for their 10th reunion, and almost 50 members of class of 2018 celebrated their 5th reunion together. Check out some of the incredible moments captured in our [Reunion photo gallery](#).

We can't wait to start planning for next year, when we will celebrate reunion for the classes of 2014 and 2019. Stay tuned for details about our Reunion Committee Kick-off meeting to learn how you can get involved in the planning process!



Alumni Affinity Groups

Join Clark's alumni affinity groups, built around shared experiences, interests, and connections. Members of these groups are dedicated to building community, advocating for institutional change, and creating welcoming events that celebrate diversity, build solidarity, and foster relationships across generations.

Current affinity groups:

[The Clark Black Alumni Association \(CBAA\)](#)

[Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association \(CLAA\)](#)

In celebration of Juneteenth, the CBAA hosted a virtual conversation with [Professor Ousmane Power-Greene](#), Ph.D. on June 15, focusing on the inspiration behind his recently published novel, "[The Confessions of Matthew Strong](#)." Join the group in Boston this July for the New England premiere of "[The Boy Who Kissed the Sky](#)," at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester, MA.

In May, the CLAA welcomed the class of 2023 at Lavender Graduation, an identity-based ceremony, and celebrated with the LGBTQ+ community at a reception during Reunion Weekend. Then, in honor of Pride Month, the group met up at Providence Pride for cocktails at [the Malted Barley](#) before going to the [Illuminated Night Parade](#) on Saturday, June 17.

Want to get more deeply involved? Reach out to the groups on their websites for details.

Senior Class Gift

This year, more than 200 members of the senior class donated to The Clark Fund, and 93 students earned a philanthropy cord to wear at their graduation ceremony.

Together, they raised over \$3,000 for their Senior Class Gift, with donations designated to six different areas, including the Student Emergency Fund, Athletics, and the Scholarship Fund.

Clark teaches us to believe that one person can have a transformative impact. This Senior Class Gift shows us the cumulative impact of many acting to make a difference.

Thank you, Class of 2023!

Upcoming Events

- **Welcome to Clark Summer Family Receptions (Multiple dates):** Join Clark University alumni, current students, and families as we welcome the Class of 2027 into the Clark community.
 - [Wenham, MA \(Saturday, July 15\)](#)
 - [Larchmont, NY \(Saturday, July 15\)](#)
 - [Bethesda, MD \(Saturday, July 22\)](#)
- **Company One Theatre and the CBAA Present:** "The Boy Who Kissed the Sky" Sunday, July 30: Join the Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and Company One Theatre (founded by six Clarkies) at the Strand Theatre in Boston for a reception and performance of "The Boy Who Kissed the Sky," directed by Summer L. Williams '01, M.A.Ed. '02. The play is inspired by the early life and influences of musical icon Jimi Hendrix. [Register Now](#)
- **Virtual Book Club Events (Multiple dates, TBD):** Join the Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club this fall to enjoy lively discussions with other alumni, led by Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson.
 - September, Hispanic Heritage Month: ["Violeta" by Isabel Allende](#)
 - October, LGBT History Month: ["She's Not There" by Jennifer Finney-Boylan](#)
 - November, Native American Heritage Month: ["There There" by Tommy Orange](#)
- **See more upcoming events**

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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