



Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago

Regional Events

We invite Clarkies from across the country to join us for one of our regional events coming to your area! This fall we will be hosting events in Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco and would love to see you there.

Tonight, Clark is in [Chicago](#) at the Museum of Contemporary Art, featuring special guest speaker Professor Timothy Downs from the IDCE Department. On October 24, we will host New England-area Clarkies at the State Room in Boston. West Coast Clarkies can join us in Los Angeles on December 3 at The Godfrey Hotel I|O Rooftop or in San Francisco on December 5 at the W Hotel SF.

Please visit the [Alumni Upcoming Events Page](#) for registration information and check back for more information on events taking place next year in South Florida, Washington D.C., and New York. For questions, please call the Office of Stewardship and Donor Relations at 508-798-4364 or email mhorvitz@clarku.edu.

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COUGAR CHALLENGE



Save the Date for the Cougar Challenge

October 18-20

The fifth annual Cougar Challenge starts at noon on Wednesday, October 18 and ends at noon on Friday, October 20.

You can help us reach our goal of raising \$150,000 for our varsity teams. When that happens, an anonymous donor will contribute a gift of \$100,000 to Clark Athletics. Last year, more than 1,500 donors contributed over \$315,000 - let's do it again!

Since 2019, the 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 that helps our athletes improve in practice and in play.

If you'd like more information or are interested in setting up a match or participation challenge for a specific team, please email [Nicole Forgit](mailto:Nicole.Forgit@clarkathletics.com), Executive Director of Alumni & Friends Engagement and The Clark Fund.

More details will be coming soon by email and on our website,

clarkathletics.com/cougar_challenge.

Alumni Affinity Group Updates

The fall semester is already off to a great start for students and alumni alike! Earlier this month the [Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association](#) (CLAA) celebrated Worcester Pride with a tasting at two Clarkie-owned businesses, [Canal District Wines](#) and [Bri's Sweet Treats](#). Alumni also recognized Hispanic Heritage Month at our virtual book club, where they discussed ["Violeta" by Isabel Allende](#). Check out these [upcoming events](#) for more opportunities to celebrate identity and heritage months with Clark.

But the fall fun is far from over!

Join us at Clark's Alumni & Friends Family Day at [Kimball Farm](#) on Sunday, October 1! Guests will enjoy an all-you-can-eat Great American BBQ and famous homemade 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!

[Register Now.](#)

(Please register by September 26)



Prefer to connect virtually? Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson and her team put on an incredible book club where alumni and friends discuss classic, modern, and culturally important works of both fiction and non-fiction. The Alumni & Friends book club celebrates LGBT History Month on Wednesday, October 18, with members of the CLAA to discuss the book "[She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders](#)" by Jennifer Finney-Boylan.

[Register Now](#)

(Please register by Wednesday, October 11)

Want to read ahead? Here are the other books we're discussing this school year:

November, Native American Heritage Month: "[There There](#)" by Tommy Orange

February, Black History Month, co-sponsored by the [Clark Black Alumni Association](#) (CBAA): "[Kindred](#)" by Octavia Butler

March, Women's History Month: "[Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women who Revolutionized Food in America](#)" by Mayukh Sen

May, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: "[Crying in H Mart](#)" by Michelle Zauner

In November, join Clark's Alumni & Friends Engagement Team at the [New Bedford Whaling Museum](#) for a special guided tour by artist Dan Ranalli '68 of his exhibit titled: Whale Stranding. Following the tour, guests will enjoy a reception and discussion about [Rescue and Record: Whale Stranding as Art and Action](#). **Registration coming soon.**

If you'd like more information about our events, please email Clark's Alumni & Friends Engagement Team at alumni@clarku.edu or call 800-793-6246.

Reunion Committee Kick-off Meeting

Are you ready for Reunion 2024!?

Join Clark's Alumni & Friends Engagement Team on September 27, at 6 p.m. ET/ 3 p.m. PT for a virtual Reunion Committee kick-off meeting.

(Please register by Tuesday, September 26)



Clarkies from classes ending in 4s and 9s will celebrate milestone reunion years during Reunion weekend, May 17-19, 2024. You'll have a chance to reminisce, reconnect, and see how campus is changing. This Reunion Committee kick-off meeting is for anyone interested in helping generate excitement around coming back to campus and reconnecting with their classmates and Clark.

Learn more about the role of committee members and some best practices to increase participation. Bring your questions and ideas and meet other Clarkies who are excited to help make this Reunion Weekend the best yet!

[**Register Now**](#)

If you have any questions, please email the Alumni & Friends Engagement Team at alumni@clarku.edu or call (800) 793-6246.

Meet the Team

Many of you have met Nicole Forgit, Executive Director of Alumni & Friends Engagement and The Clark Fund at alumni events, heard from her during our fundraising challenges or have received reminders from her about making your gift to Clark each year.



In her fifth year at Clark, Nicole is here to fill you in on exciting updates from Clark, hear your ideas for events and fundraising, help you to get involved as a volunteer, connect you with a fellow Clarkie, and more! She can be reached at nforgit@clarku.edu and you can read more about her background, as well as the rest of our staff, on the [“Meet the Team”](#) section of our website.

Let's Celebrate Small Business Saturday

Shopping small (locally and virtually) and supporting small businesses has never been more important. This year, to celebrate Small Business Saturday on November 25, Alumni & Friends Engagement invites Clark alumni to share and promote their small businesses. The week before Thanksgiving, we will publish a holiday shopping guide on our website to encourage our community to shop from Clarkie small and local business owners.

[Complete this form to share your business.](#)

Upcoming Events

Save the date for our upcoming events. Stay tuned, registration is coming soon!

Geller Jazz Nightclub Series: A Joyful Jazz Ode to Africa | *Wednesday, September 27*

Come back to campus and enjoy live music in the Grind from award winning Mozambican artist [Albino Mbie](#) and saxophone phenom, [Noah Preminger](#), starting at 7:30 p.m. No registration necessary, the event is free and open to the public.

ClarkFEST Academic Showcase | *Wednesday, October 25*

Celebrate students' academic achievements at our twice-yearly ClarkFEST. From noon to 4:30 p.m., undergraduate students will showcase their research and creative works. Immediately following ClarkFEST, there will be an informal networking reception with students, alumni, and industry professionals, faculty and staff. [RSVP here](#), or email anharris@clarku.edu with questions.

Alumni Hockey Game | *Saturday, November 11*

The Alumni Hockey Game and dinner is back! Save the date to join us at Horgan Skating Arena in Auburn, MA, for the annual hockey game and then back to campus for dinner with fellow alumni and current hockey club players! If you played on the hockey team at Clark, and your contact information has changed, please let us know by emailing alumni@clarku.edu or by visiting alumni.clarku.edu/update

Regional events | *Multiple Dates*

- Boston – October 24 at the State Room.
- Los Angeles – December 3 at The Godfrey Hotel I|O Rooftop.
- San Francisco – December 5 at the W Hotel SF.

More Alumni & Friends Events

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!

Share Your Experience from College to Career – The Career Connections Center (CCC) is seeking alumni volunteer speakers to participate across a variety of industry-themed weeks. Inspire the next generation of professionals as they begin their career journey and prepare for life after Clark! Email Angela Harris, Sr. Associate Director of Employer & Alumni Engagement at anharris@clarku.edu for more information.

Join ClarkCONNECT – Connect with 7000+ Clark alumni, students, and faculty on the

ClarkCONNECT platform. Check out the [Internships & Projects Guide](#), or visit the Career Connections Center website.

[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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