



GOLD Nuggets - October 2023

Unlock Financial Wisdom

As part of our commitment to maximize the impact of the University's most recent graduates, the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Council is hosting a virtual financial success session for GOLDies and current Clark students alike.

Wednesday, November 8
7-8:15 p.m. ET, 4-5:15 p.m. PT

[Register for the event.](#)

The session, "Personal Finance 101: Empowering Your Financial Future," will be led by Parker Freedman '21 and Utkristaa Shrestha '20 – two GOLD Council Members with experience in the financial sector and passion for helping their fellow Clarkies learn the tools needed to set themselves up for financial success.

[Learn more about the speakers and session.](#)



The fifth annual Cougar Challenge returns next week – beginning at noon on Wednesday, October 18, and ending at noon on Friday, October 20 (EDT).

Will you help us reach our goal of raising \$150,000 in 48 hours?

[Make Your Gift Early](#)

Once that goal is reached, a **\$100,000** gift from an anonymous donor will be unlocked. Last year, Clark's Athletic community raised more than **\$315,000** to support varsity teams and student-athletes – let's do it again!

Visit clarkathletics.com/cougar_challenge to see team-specific match opportunities and participation goals.

Since 2019, the Cougar Challenge has provided nearly **\$1 million** in essential funding to Clark's varsity teams, student-athletes, and coaches. Contributions allow coaches to purchase new gear and equipment, fund training trips, and so much more to help athletes improve in practice and in play.

GET IN THE GAME!

More Fall Fun

Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club

Join the Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club on Wednesday, October 18, as we celebrate LGBT History Month! Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson, joined by members of the [Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association \(CLAA\)](#), will lead us through a discussion about "[She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders](#)" by Jennifer Finney-Boylan.

[Register Now](#)

Stay tuned for next month's session, where we'll honor Native American Heritage Month with the novel "[There There](#)" by Tommy Orange.

The Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club, hosted by Clark's University Librarian Laura Robinson, is an opportunity to connect with the University by exploring classic and recent books. These events are offered throughout the academic year. Participation is easy and can be at your own pace.

Below are the books we'll be discussing next Spring. Pick one or read them all!

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

ClarkFEST Academic Showcase

Celebrate students' academic achievements at the twice-yearly ClarkFEST. From noon to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 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.

If you have any questions about these engagement opportunities, please contact Clark's Alumni & Friends Engagement Team at alumni@clarku.edu or 800-793-6246.

Get Involved with GOLD

The GOLD Council is always looking for volunteers and opportunities to highlight fellow alumni. Volunteers can contribute with varying degrees of involvement or can apply to join the Council for a more regular commitment.

[Fill out this form](#) to become a GOLD Volunteer to host an event or join a panel, or apply to become a GOLD Council member.

Email us at gold_council@clarku.edu with nominations for GOLDies to highlight in future GOLD Nuggets newsletters.

Upcoming Events

- **Boston Reception (Tuesday, October 24):** President David B. Fithian '87 cordially invites you to a Boston reception celebrating Clark. [Register Now](#)
 - **"Whale Stranding" Exhibit & Reception (Wednesday, November 1):** Come to a special exhibit viewing, roundtable discussion, and reception of "Whale Stranding," an exhibit by Daniel Ranalli '68, at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. [Register Now](#)
 - **California Receptions (Sunday, December 3; Tuesday, December 5):** Clark University cordially invites you to receptions in [Los Angeles](#) and [San Francisco](#) this winter. Join us to connect with your Clark family and friends.
 - **Boston Holiday Trolley Tour of Lights (December 10):** Save the date for a NEW holiday event in Boston! Enjoy a family-friendly ride around the city with stops at the best and brightest holiday displays. PLUS: music, food, trivia, gifts, and more! (Details and registration coming soon)
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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.](#)
 - **Serve on a Reunion Committee** - Clarkies from classes ending in **4s and 9s** will celebrate milestone reunion years during Reunion weekend, May 17-19, 2024. The Reunion Committee is for anyone interested in helping generate excitement around coming back to campus and reconnecting with their classmates and Clark.
 - **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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