

ALUMNI & FRIENDS | January 2024



Announcing Clark's 17th Athletics Hall of Fame Class

Congratulations to our inductees:

Katie (Brothers) Karter '02 (Women's Soccer)

Lynne (Casey) De Leon '02 (Field Hockey, Softball)

George Higginbottom '30 (deceased) (Baseball, Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball)

Gregory Marcotte '95 (Men's Cross Country, Track)

John Toto '99 (Men's Lacrosse)

Patrick Oroszko '03 (deceased) (Men's Basketball)

Please join us in honoring these outstanding individuals at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony

and dinner on **Thursday, May 16, 2024**. Tickets will be available at the end of March. For more information, email the Alumni & Friends Engagement Team at alumni@clarku.edu.

[Read about this year's inductees](#)

[See all Hall of Fame inductees](#)

Many thanks to our [Hall of Fame Committee](#) members!

The logo for Clark University's GOLD program. It features the text "CLARK UNIVERSITY" in a smaller, white, serif font at the top. Below it, the word "GOLD" is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath "GOLD", the phrase "GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a yellow background with a faint, geometric pattern of overlapping lines.

GOLD Nuggets

“GOLD Nuggets” will enjoy a new spot in the broader Alumni Newsletter, to inform the whole community of young alumni news. Watch for GOLD-specific content, including young alumni profiles, articles from GOLD Council members, and young alumni events. Learn more about Clark’s GOLD Council at our [website](#) or contact us at gold_council@clarku.edu.

Interview with Published Poet Ravina Wadhani '15

GOLD Council member Emma Binder '15 sat down with Ravina Wadhani '15, a poet and mental health professional based in Los Angeles, to talk about her life after Clark.

[Read more >](#)

Coming Up

As another semester gets underway and the students settle back into classrooms, connect with fellow alumni and Clark at an upcoming event.

Interactive Media Game Design and Development: The Past, Present, and Future

Join us at the new [Center for Media Arts, Computing, and Design](#) on **Wednesday, February 7**, for a panel discussion to learn more about game design from alumni who are currently at the forefront of this growing field. Hear about how the Becker School game design program launches students into exciting (and surprising!) hi-tech careers.

Paul Cotnoir, Ph.D., Dean of the Becker School of Design and Technology, facilitates the discussion with Guy Pistone '12, MBA '15, CEO of Valere Labs, Founder & CEO at Fitivity, and Ryan Canuel, Becker College Class of '15, Co-Founder & CEO of Petricore, Inc. [Learn more about the panel.](#)

Register

(Please RSVP by Friday, February 2)

Snow Day at Wachusett Mountain

Meet us at Wachusett Ski Resort on **Saturday, February 10**, for a day of skiing and snowboarding with fellow Clarkies, family, and friends! After hitting the trails in the morning, enjoy a hearty lunch in the Maple Room.

Don't ski? Here's a chance to learn with our discount Beginner Package, which includes lunch, one lift ticket, rental equipment, and a group lesson from 10-11:30 a.m. at the lower mountain.

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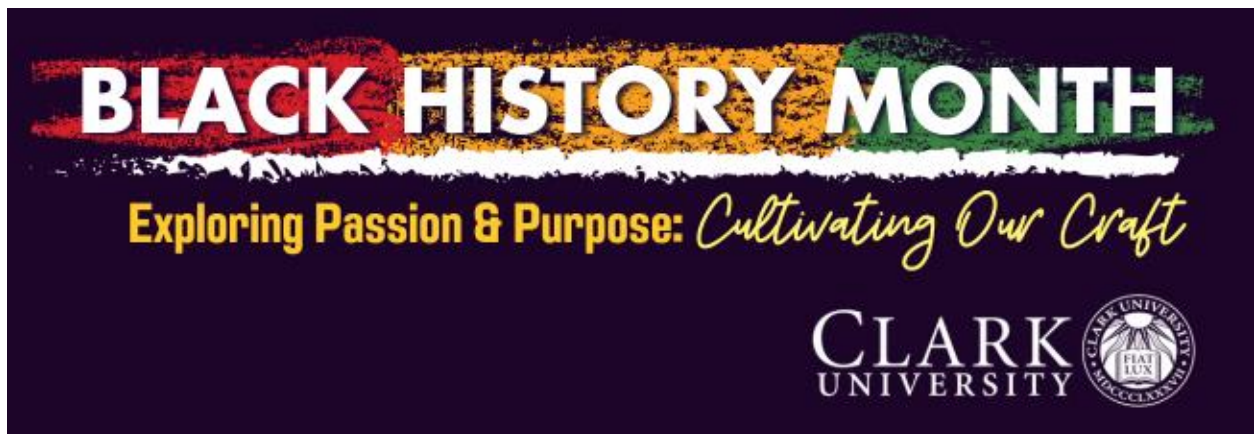
Regional Receptions



Join us in **Sarasota** on **Sunday, February 25**, at the Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium to reconnect with Clark family and friends. [Register](#)

Washington, D.C. alumni are invited to a reception at the Conrad Washington, DC hotel on **Wednesday, March 13**. [Register](#)

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



Alumni are invited back to campus (and to join virtually) to participate in several Black History Month events. Some events require registration in advance.

February 7 – **Dr. Kyra Gaunt**, a Black feminist scholar, will present “*PLAYED: How Music Orchestrates Thick Violence Against Black Girls on the Internet*,” as part of the African American Intellectual Culture Series by the Higgins School of Humanities and the Office of the Provost. 7-8:30 p.m. in the Higgins Lounge (2nd Floor Dana Commons) and via livestream. [Learn more](#)

February 8 – Clark’s Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club, co-sponsored by the [Clark Black Alumni Association](#) (CBAA), Goddard Library and Alumni & Friends Engagement. **Featured book: “[Kindred](#)”** by Octavia Butler. 7-8 p.m. ET/ 4-5 p.m. PT. [Register](#)

February 23 – Join us to help support and inspire Black students at Clark! The second annual **Alumni and Student panel**, “*Exploring Passion and Purpose: Cultivating Your Craft,*” sponsored by the Black Student Union, Student Alumni Relations Committee, and the Office of Identity, Student Engagement, and Access (ISEA), will be held in the Shaich Alumni & Student Engagement Center from 7-8:30 p.m. Email [Naomi Ashley](#), Assistant Director for Programming & First-Generation Student Support, ISEA, to learn more or [register to attend](#).

[See more Black History Month events open to alumni](#)

Future Events

Save the date for our future events. Stay tuned; registration is coming soon!

Women’s Leadership Networking Reception | March 12: Join us to celebrate Clark’s talented and influential women in leadership. Rebecca Kirsznner Katz '97, founding partner of New Deal Strategies will be interviewed by Clark Trustee Ingrid Busson-Hall '96, followed by the opportunity to network.

New York City Reception | April 10: Join us at SECOND to connect with NYC-area Clarkies.

Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club | Multiple Dates: 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 nonfiction. **Here are the books we’re discussing next:**

- **March 27**, Women’s History Month: [“Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women who Revolutionized Food in America”](#) by Mayukh Sen
- **May 8**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: [“Crying in H Mart”](#) by Michelle Zaune

Reunion Weekend 2024 | May 17-19

Join us on campus to reunite with classmates, celebrate your time at Clark, and reconnect with the city of Worcester. For more information, please continue to visit clarku.edu/reunion.

[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) seeks alumni volunteer speakers to participate across various 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!

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