

50TH REUNION

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

ALUMNI WEEKEND

MAY 30–JUNE 2, 2024



Fall 2023

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Dear Classmate,

With our 50th reunion less than a year away, now is the time to put a hold on our calendars and start making plans to attend.

Alumni Weekend is scheduled for **May 30–June 2, 2024**. We hope that you will join us to celebrate our 50th reunion! It will be a great time to re-connect as a class, reminisce with each other, and see how the campus and life at the College has changed over the last 50 years. A few of us attended the recent 50th reunion for our buddies from the Class of '73, and it was a blast!

An integral part of this special reunion is our 50th Reunion Memory Book. This book is a compilation of favorite CMC memories and stories of what we have been doing since graduation. The information for our class book is submitted via an online survey, and the link to the survey is active now! You can find the link in the 50th Reunion Memory Book section of this newsletter.

We really hope that you will take the time to complete the survey questions and submit an updated photo. Everyone will be sent a copy of the Memory Book prior to the reunion, so the more stories shared in the book, the better it will be for all of us to read.

Your attendance and our gathering together at Alumni Weekend in 2024 is the most important part of the celebration. It will be a memorable time, and you will not want to miss it!

All the best,

Riley Atkins
Brent Bailey
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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our classmates who have passed since spring 1974, the 50th Reunion Memory Book will feature an obituaries and remembrances section, so we want the most accurate listing possible.

Let’s make sure no one’s left out.

Please help us by reporting any additional deceased classmates to the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement at alumni@cmc.edu or 909-621-8097.

- David B. Baldrige
- Benjamin Boone
- David G. Budinger
- Clayton D. Buford
- James F. Costello
- John Crishon
- Mark Gordon
- Sebastian K. Graber
- Eric K. Hansen
- Steven P. Haskell
- John V. Lewis
- Alan L. MacGregor
- Robert A. Melashenko
- Donald R. Moore
- Stephen H. Moore
- Thomas Ortega
- Antonio T. Perez
- Alan J. Rappoport
- Samuel Reece
- Cornell Ridley
- Darryl L. Rusk
- Vincent P. Skillin
- Frederick P. Snow
- Michael J. Thornton
- John J. Wallis
- Thomas J. Wexman
- Mark F. Wolff

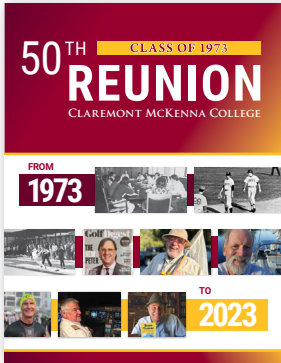
ALUMNI WEEKEND
May 30–June 2, 2024



Mark your calendars! We’ll send you a registration link and the weekend’s schedule closer to the event. When you receive information on hotel reservations, we highly suggest that you book early as rooms will be at a premium. For a nostalgic experience, you can even stay in a campus residence hall!



50TH REUNION MEMORY BOOK



Every year, in recognition of the 50th class reunion, the College produces a special 50th Reunion Memory Book. This one-of-a-kind book will be a compilation of favorite Class of 1974 lore along with updates on what everyone has been doing for the past fifty years. The book’s information comes from surveys submitted by classmates. We are hoping for strong class participation in this book, even if you cannot attend the reunion in person.

The survey is available now! Don’t miss your chance to contribute. Visit online.cmc.edu/memorybook.

In the coming months, you will receive friendly reminders to complete your survey. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2023.

ENGAGE CMC



Are you looking to reconnect with a long-lost classmate but can’t seem to find their contact information?

Curious about the latest news on everything happening in Claremont?

Engage CMC simplifies both of these tasks and more!

Join our virtual community and access our online directory today at Engage.CMC.edu.

If you already have a username and password, you are ready to go! For new users, just click on the “New User Registration” link to quickly set up your account.

CLASS GIFT

In recognition of the significance of our 50-year milestone, the reunion committee is currently perfecting the details on how we can best support CMC’s mission. Stay tuned for further updates regarding our class gift which will commemorate the College and each of our unique CMC experiences.



GOLDEN MEDALLION LUNCH



Our class will be awarded the highly sought-after golden medallion during a special lunch celebration on Saturday, June 1st.

This is an event you definitely won’t want to miss!



LOST CLASSMATES

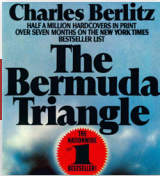
Over the nearly 50 years since we bid farewell to CMC, the College has unfortunately lost touch with some of us. Below is a list of our classmates for whom the College is missing contact information.

Let’s not waste time to reconnect!

If you have any information on these classmates, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement at alumni@cmc.edu or 909-621-8097.

- Terry L. Bowers
- Darren S. Edson
- Robert S. Emerson
- Ralph F. Espino
- Frank L. Fine
- Richard N. Frasch
- Jacinto Garcia
- Felipe Gonzalez
- Kirk Henckels
- Peter M. Jenny
- Stephen S. Leacy
- John R. Lesauvage
- David A. Levy
- Gilbert V. Marin
- Mark E. Neithercut
- Ramon Olivares
- Craig B. Schimmel
- James L. Smythe
- Robert R. Trujillo
- Adam R. Wasserman
- William N. Weirick
- Larry D. Williams
- Wayne L. Wilson

IT HAPPENED IN
1974



Fun Facts

- World Population: 4 billion
- U.S. Population: 213.9 million
- Average Household Income: \$11,100
- Average Cost of a House: \$35,900
- Minimum Wage: \$2 per hour
- Cost of a Postage Stamp: \$0.10

In the News

- Richard Nixon is the first U.S. president forced to resign and Gerald Rudolph Ford assumed the Presidency
- First intentional interstellar radio message was sent from the Arecibo telescope
- Rubik’s Cube was invented by Hungarian architecture professor Ernő Rubik

Popular Movies

- The Godfather Part II
- Benji
- Blazing Saddles
- Young Frankenstein
- Godzilla vs. Mechagodzilla
- Earthquake
- Blazing Saddles

Popular Books

- The Bermuda Triangle by Charles Berlitz
- Jaws by Peter Benchley
- Carrie by Stephen King
- Burr by Gore Vidal
- The Mote in God’s Eye by Jerry Pournelle

Top Music Hits

- The Way We Were by Barbra Streisand
- Cat’s In The Cradle by Harry Chapin
- The Joker by Steve Miller Band
- Show and Tell by Al Wilson
- Sunshine On My Shoulders by John Denver
- Hooked on a Feeling by Blue Swede

Sports Championships

- World Series: Oakland Athletics
- Superbowl VIII: Miami Dolphins
- U.S. Open: Golf Hale Irwin
- Kentucky Derby: Cannonade
- Golf U.S. PGA: Lee Trevino
- Hank Aaron’s home run broke Babe Ruth’s career record