2000

10th-Year Reunion
May 26-30, 2010
Schedule of Events
Headquarters – Seligman

WEDNESDAY, May 26
2 p.m. Alumni House Reception Center Open
9 p.m. Stop by for registration, schedules of class activities, messages, information on the Amherst area and light refreshments.
Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

5 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Valentine Hall (Adults - $6, Children [12 and under] - $3)

5 p.m. An Evening at the Museums
7:30 p.m. Join us for wine and cheese reception at the Mead Art Museum (5-6:30 p.m.) and a wine and dessert reception at the Museum of Natural History (6-7:30 p.m.), featuring museum curators and docents ready to answer questions about these two extraordinary collections, as well as time to meet and mingle and renew old friendships.
Mead Art Museum and Museum of Natural History

THURSDAY, May 27
8 a.m. Alumni House Reception Center Open
10 p.m. Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

All Day College Programs (See Final Reunion Brochure for details.)

9:30 a.m. Consumption and the Pursuit of Happiness
In the Declaration of Independence, the Founders called the “pursuit of Happiness” an “unalienable Right”—yet both psychologists and economists have noted that we don’t really know how happiness can be obtained. Daniel Barbezat, professor of economics, will examine different ways of understanding why people make the decisions they do.
Cole Assembly Room, Converse Hall

10:45 a.m. The Struggle for African American Education in Antebellum America
Professor Hilary Moss, assistant professor of black studies and history, will discuss the findings in her new book, Schooling Citizens: The Struggle for African American Education in Antebellum America, shedding new light on the efforts of black Americans to get an education in the early 19th century in spite of whites’ attempts to withhold opportunity. In telling this story, Moss writes a new chapter in the thorny history of American educational inequality. She will be available to sign copies of her book after the talk.
Cole Assembly Room, Converse Hall
Poet Richard Wilbur ’42, P’73
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1957 and again in 1989, and the 1987 United States Poet Laureate, Richard Wilbur, John Woodruff Simpson Lecturer at Amherst College, will read from his poems and translations. He will remain after the reading to sign copies of his work.
Cole Assembly Room, Converse Hall

FRIDAY, May 28
8 a.m.- Alumni House Reception Center Open
11 p.m. Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

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9 a.m. Watching the Worms: Finding Genetic Answers
Caroline E. Goutte, associate professor of biology, will speak about one of her areas of research, cell communication in the nematode embryo. She will explain how research on soil nematodes has led to important discoveries about genes and proteins involved in Alzheimer’s disease in humans. She will describe the use of a genetic model system as a powerful means to answer fundamental questions about biology.
Pruyne Lecture Hall, Fayerweather Hall

2 p.m. So You Want to Start a Charter School. Really?
*Cross-class panel featuring Classmate Jennie Weiner ’00
C. Stephen Baldwin ’60 started a charter school in the Bronx to help underprivileged students poorly served by New York City Public Schools. Several years later, with a successful academic track record at South Bronx Classical, he finds himself contemplating the start of another charter school in the inner city. Stephen tells his story with commentary by Wells Blanchard ’95, in his fifth year as a seventh-grade math teacher and school technology coordinator at Boston Preparatory Charter Public School; Uthman F. Muhammad ’70, formerly a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools; Jennie Weiner ’00 of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education; and Steve Rivkin, Rachel and Michael Deutch Professor of Economics and a member of the Amherst School Committee. Presented by the Classes of 1960, 1970, 1995 and 2000.
Stirn Auditorium

6:30 p.m. Antonio’s Pizza Dinner—Round 1
Gather with other classmates as we kick off our Tent activities for the weekend. Relax, unwind and reconnect as you enjoy some of your favorites from Antonio’s. We’ll have over ten varieties of pizza along with beer and wine. 6:30 shift is for early arrivers. Stay on throughout the evening, including Round 2!
Seligman lawn

9 p.m. Antonio’s Pizza Dinner—Round 2
We’ll be getting a second round of pizzas for our late arrivers. Come by, see friends, grab some food and drinks and kick off your weekend.
Seligman lawn

SATURDAY, May 29
8 a.m. - Alumni House Reception Center Open
9:30 p.m. Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065
All Day College Programs (See Final Reunion Brochure for details.)
9 a.m.  Yoga
Join Kristin Olson ’00 for an hour of yoga. All levels are welcome. Please bring a mat or towel. Presented by the Class of 2000.
Conway Classroom, Alumni Gym

10 a.m.  Stroller Boot Camp
Strap on your sneakers, strap in the kids and come join us for a tour of the campus as Professor Catherine Sanderson leads the group in an aerobic workout that incorporates your stroller. Sanderson is an associate professor of psychology, an exercise enthusiast and the author of Slow and Steady Parenting: Active Child-Raising for the Long Haul and From Birth to Age 3: Avoiding the Short-Term Solutions That Lead to Long-Term Problems. Presented by the Class of 2000.
Meet in the Freshman Quad by Johnson Chapel

11 a.m.  Conversation with President Anthony W. Marx and Annual Meeting of the Society of the Alumni and the Alumni Council
Johnson Chapel

12:15 p.m.  Procession of Classes and Reunion Luncheon on the Valentine Quad
Procession will proceed from the Conversation with President Marx/Meeting of the Society of the Alumni and the Alumni Council to the complimentary luncheon on the Quad.
Valentine Quad

2:30 p.m.  Uncommon Literature: The Common Hosts Writer Ted Conover ’80
Stirn Auditorium

3:30 p.m.  Kickball Challenge
Come take on the Classes of 2000 and 2005 in a game of kickball.
Memorial Field

5 p.m.  Wine Glut: Old World versus New World
*Event exclusively for Class of 2000
A one hour taste through Italy and Argentina that will feature an open dialogue discussing the current wine economy in the U.S. and where to look for bottles that suit your palate and budget. Led by wine expert David McNeely ’00, president of HeyDay Corporation, a leading wine importer.
Seligman class tent

6:30 p.m. - Class Banquet
We’ll kick-off our Class Banquet with a cocktail hour and hors d’oeuvres from 6:30-7:30, followed by our Black Sheep-catered Fajita Party with dessert from 7:30-9. Music and open bar will be provided throughout and the bar will remain open after dinner.
Seligman class tent

10 p.m.  Late Night Concert—live music from Harper Blynn
We have teamed up with the Class of 2005 to enjoy live music in their tent featuring Harper Blynn. The band recently released its latest album, *Loneliest Generation*, and has been touring throughout the U.S., including a performance at SXSW in Austin in March. All registered Class of 2000 attendees will have access to the bar in the 2005 Tent.

**2005 Tent, Memorial Field**

**SUNDAY, May 30**

8 a.m. - Alumni House Reception Center Open
Noon Alumni House, 75 Churchill Street, (413) 542-2065

8:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast catered by Atkins Farms
10:30 a.m. Come by for one last hoorah before leaving town—we’ll have cider donuts, fruit and coffee.

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9 a.m. Service of Remembrance and Community
Please join us for an ecumenical service to remember the lives of those alumni we have lost this year.

*War Memorial, Memorial Hill (Rain Site: Johnson Chapel)*