March 16, 2016

Dear Friends,

We are less than three months away from our 10 Year Reunion! The Reunion Committee has been busy planning a wonderful weekend of events to bring our class together, remind us of all the things we loved about Williams, and most of all, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

A record number of you attended our 5 Year Reunion, and many of you have already indicated your interest in attending our 10 Year Reunion in what we hope will be another record-setting turnout the weekend of June 9-12. Registration is officially open, so be sure to reserve your spot at http://alumni.williams.edu/events/reunions.

**Schedule:** We’ve put together a jam-packed schedule of events (below) to complement the campus-wide activities so that there would be something to do for every member of the class and their guests. You can view the all-class events schedule here: http://alumni.williams.edu/reunionschedule.

On **Thursday**, join us at the Purple Pub (cash bar) after dinner on your own to reunite with friends and settle into Williamstown.

On **Friday**, feel free to enjoy your favorite Williams/town activities or attend the campus-wide alumni seminars (http://alumni.williams.edu/reunionschedule). In the evening join us under the tent for dinner, followed by a dance party taking us back to our golden days with your favorites from 2002-2006.

During the day on **Saturday**, the College has a full schedule of hikes, speakers, tours (have you seen the “new” Sawyer Library or the Clark’s recent expansion?) and exhibitions. From 2 to 4 PM, join us for Game Day on the Berkshire Quad, our reunion headquarters. We will have fun and games for all, some healthy competition for those who are in the mood, and arts and crafts for the kids. We’ll also highlight some special skills and passions of our classmates in the Talent Marketplace.

On **Saturday evening before dinner**, we invite you to join us for a memorial gathering for our classmates who have passed away: Drees Griffin, Adrian Martinez, and Aaron Pinsky. Following a delicious dinner, join us for music and dancing under the tent. The celebrations will continue late into the night at Goodrich, just like old times!
On Sunday morning, we will have a light breakfast under the tent and invite you to join all of the reunion classes at the Service of Gratitude & Remembrance at 9:30 AM in Thompson Chapel.

**Housing:** The Class of 2006 has been assigned the Berkshire Quad as our Reunion headquarters. Housing is coordinated by the College, which charges $80/bed for the entire weekend. Children are welcome to stay for free in Pack ‘N Plays or sleeping bags. Additionally, if you bring a babysitter with you, the College will provide a dorm room for your babysitter at no charge. The College is unable to accept room requests so we encourage you to register early and at the same time as the people you want to be near (set a time, it’s a great reason to reconnect!), and the system should place you near to each other in the dorm. Of course, you may stay off campus if you prefer.

**Meals:** We hope to see everyone at our class dinners on Friday and Saturday night! The Meals Committee has worked hard to develop a menu for a casual, fun barbeque on Friday and a more sophisticated dinner on Saturday. We recognize, however, that even the best menu can’t accommodate all needs, so please contact Becky (phillips.becky@gmail.com) with any specific concerns.

**Reunion Costs:** The reunion committee has worked hard to manage costs, focusing our energies on getting as many of our classmates to Williamstown as possible. We have set the following costs: for the full weekend – $205 for alumni in our class year and adult guests (minus a $5 discount for those who completed our December class survey); and $150 for alumni and guests for one night only. This fee includes all meals, entertainment costs, a memorial fund contribution, and a gift from the class. **Dorm housing and golf greens fees are not included.**

For those of you with children, bring them! We are offering a great weekend rate of $25 (one-day rate of $15) for all children ages 2 yrs 10 months and up; children 2 yrs 9 months and under are free. There will be no fee for babysitters to attend the activities and meals.

We understand that costs associated with the weekend can add up to be prohibitive to some of you. Within this registration process, we are creating a giving program called “6 for ‘06” to support classmates who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend the reunion. If you are able to do so, please consider adding an extra $6 to your registration fee. This will be used to ease the impact of the costs on some members of the class, and we encourage those who are able to contribute a greater amount to do so. Every dollar in this category will go towards making attendance possible for someone who would otherwise be unable to join us. Please note that this will not count as a charitable gift to Williams.

**Travel:** Expect lots of traffic into Albany for Reunion weekend, with every class ending in 6s and 1s coming into town for Reunion. Flights will fill up quickly, so consider making arrangements sooner rather than later. For those looking to coordinate rides from home or airports, visit the new Williams switchboard at [http://williams.switchboardhq.com](http://williams.switchboardhq.com). This is like Williams’ own Craigslist and can help you find rides, housing, babysitters, etc.

**Childcare:** The Williamstown Community Preschool -- which runs accredited daycare, preschool, and school-age programs -- coordinates group babysitting and childcare services for Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 pm to midnight for $45 per child per night (with prorated costs for additional children). These services are offered for kids 18 months to 10 years old. Registration is available on the reunion form. Please reserve a spot in advance, so they can be sure to line up enough folks to take care of the kiddos. (For more information about the preschool check out [http://www.williamstowncommunity.org](http://www.williamstowncommunity.org)). If you can bring a sitter from home, that’s great, especially for infants. The College helps by providing free dorm lodging for sitters.
For information regarding children’s activities specific to class members, please contact Ashlee Dahlberg (ashlee.dahlberg@gmail.com). The College also organizes a range of great activities for children of various ages over the course of the weekend – checkout the “Family Activities” link on the Reunion homepage: http://alumni.williams.edu/familyactivities.

**Class Officers:** It’s time to select new officers for the next five years. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please send your nominations, whether for yourself or someone else, to M. Esa Seegulam at mseegulam@gmail.com by April 15th. Descriptions of positions and responsibilities are available at http://alumni.williams.edu/volunteer/class-leadership. The new officers for the Class of 2006 will be announced during Reunion.

**Golf:** For those of you who miss playing the Taconic, Emily Miyares (emiyares@gmail.com) is coordinating tee times for our class. She will do her best to get you on the course, but please contact her early, as spaces are limited.

We would also like to thank all of you, on behalf of our Class Agents, for your continued support and donations to the Alumni Fund – especially during our reunion year. If you haven’t already given, please visit: http://give2.williams.edu. Remember, every single donation counts, no matter how small! Really.

Have more questions? Check out the following links or contact us directly. Also, we’ll be in touch via email with more information as the weekend draws near so please make sure you supply an accurate email address during the registration process!

**Schedule:** http://alumni.williams.edu/events/reunions/reunion-schedule/
**FAQs:** http://alumni.williams.edu/events/reunions/reunion-faq/

Spring is (finally) in the air and June 9 is right around the corner! We really hope you can join us in Williamstown – it’s not too late to reconnect with classmates on Facebook and Instagram to start sharing college memories and making plans for reunion weekend!

**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/groups/14581155435796/
**Reunion Hashtag:** #tenning

Looking forward to seeing you!

‘06 Reunion Committee