



WILLIAMS COLLEGE – CLASS OF 1997

25th Reunion Schedule

(As of 06/06/22 – subject to change)

June 9 – 12, 2022

**** Key '97 activities in bold ****

Listed meals are included in reunion fees unless otherwise noted.

THURSDAY, June 9

Noon – 11:00 pm	<i>Class Registration at Mission Park</i> Please check in here for official counts and to receive your '97 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing.	<i>Mission Park</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>50th Reunion Alumni Seminar: Paul Tucker—Unleashed!</i> A zany tour of Monet's Garden and other trampled pathways of art history by the class of 1972's beloved Wizard of Art.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<i>50th Reunion Alumni Seminar: "The Doctors Will See You Now"</i> with '72 Docs. A conversation by our career physicians about the progress of medicine since graduation and look forward to healthy lives of our 70s.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<i>Welcome Dinner for the Class of 1997</i> Join your classmates for an informal dinner and beverages. Families are welcome. We will be joined by President Maud Mandel for mingling and conversation from 7:00 to 8:00pm.	<i>Dance Studio '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
8:00 pm	<i>Trivia Night</i> Come on down to The Log and show your smarts! Enjoy five competitive rounds of trivia for you and your friends.	<i>The Log Spring Street</i>

FRIDAY, June 10

****For a complete list of Friday's activities, please check the general reunion schedule for all classes****

6:00 am – 8:30 am	<i>Sunrise Hike Up Pine Cobble</i> With Scott Lewis, Director of the Outing Club Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and a cup for hot drinks.	<i>Paresky Steps</i>
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6:30 am – 9:30 am	<i>A la carte breakfast available for all classes (Cost for breakfast <u>not</u> included in reunion fees)</i>	<i>Snack Bar (Paresky, formerly Baxter Hall)</i>
9:00 am – 11:00 pm	<i>Class Registration at Mission Park</i> Please check in here for official counts and to receive your '97 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing.	<i>Mission Park</i>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<i>50th Reunion Alumni Seminar: '72 On The Log</i> An ensemble of '72 classmates relating special moments with faculty, staff or classmates that defined their Williams experience.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	<i>FestEPHal</i> Join the LGBTQ+ Alumni Network (BiGLATA), the Williams Asian & Asian American Alumni Network (WAAAAN), the Williams Black Alumni Network (WBAN), the Williams Firsts Alumni Network (WFAN), and the Williams Latinx Alumni Network (WLAN) in a reunion celebration for the 2s, 7s, and the Cluster 5th for 2015, 2016 & 2017! Bring your family and friends, enjoy delicious food and great music, and get the chance to connect with Davis Center staff. No RSVP required for this casual outdoors event.	<i>Paresky Lawn & Chapin Hall Drive</i>
11:30 am – 2:30 pm	<i>Free ice cream courtesy of the Ephraim Williams Society</i>	<i>Front Porch, Paresky</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>25th Reunion Alumni Seminar: Creating Connection During Times of Disconnection</i> , featuring '97 classmates Walter Cheng, Sumi Loundon Kim, Bahia Ramos, and Sam Sommers.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>The Davis Center (DC): Past, Present, Future</i> Hear about the work of the DC and the upcoming building project, and pay tribute to the memories of Hardy, Rice, and Jenness.	<i>Outside Hardy House</i>
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<i>Dwelling of the Gallant: Women of Williams</i> Fifty-one years ago, seven women walked across the Williams commencement stage for the first time. A few months later, the first four-year coed class arrived on campus. Join us for an inspiring program as we celebrate the profound impact more than 13,000 alumnae have had on Williams and the world ever since —as represented by speakers Kitty Babson '72, Ninette Enrique '87, Danielle Deane-Ryan '97 , and Alejandra Moran Olivas '17.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>A Conversation with Williams President Maud S. Mandel</i> Society of Alumni President, Kate Boyle Ramsdell '97 will engage in conversation with President Mandel.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>
5:15 pm	<i>Shabbat Services</i>	<i>Jewish Religious Center</i>
5:30 pm – 11:00 pm	<i>Class of '97 Gathering and Family BBQ</i> Relaxed, family-friendly BBQ under the tent for the whole class. Games and kids' activities provided on the lawn. We'll also have a DJ for fun and dancing. Dinner starts at 6:30pm.	<i>'97 Tent, Poker Flats</i>

SATURDAY, June 11

****For a complete list of Saturday's activities, please check the general reunion schedule for all classes****

6:30 am – 9:30 am	<i>A la carte breakfast available for all classes (Cost for breakfast <u>not</u> included in reunion fees)</i>	<i>Snack Bar (Paresky)</i>
6:45 am – 9:45 am	<i>Breakfast for the Class of '97 and their families</i> <i>*To-go options available as well*</i>	<i>Mission Park Dining Hall</i>
6:45 am	<i>Road ride</i> Experienced bicyclists of all classes are welcome on a fun, fast-paced ride 25-35 miles around Williamstown. For those unable to bring a bike, rentals may be available with advance arrangements through berkshirebikeandboard.com. Contact Jeff Knisely '77 (email: jefferyknisely@gmail.com) if you would like to make the ride or for more information.	<i>Chapin Steps</i>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<i>Bird Walk led by Drew Jones, Hopkins Forest Manager</i> Some binoculars provided. Coffee available!	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
7:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>Hike through Hopkins Forest</i> Join other reunion attendees for an early morning 4.5 mile hike through Hopkins Forest. Sturdy shoes recommended for the rolling terrain. If you'd like a ride to the trailhead, meet behind Chapin Hall in the parking lot for a van ride to Petersburg Pass on Route 2 at 7am. Vans will shuttle hikers back to campus from the Rosenburg Center at about 10am.	<i>Chapin Hall</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<i>Fun Run</i> Join other reunion attendees for an early morning run in the Purple Valley (Gale Road loop)	<i>Chapin Steps</i>
8:00 am – 7:00 pm	<i>Class Registration at Mission Park</i> Please check in here for official counts and to receive your '97 reunion packet. Pick up your room keys here if you signed up for college dorm housing. <i>*To help the Class of '97 win the Reunion Attendance Trophy, please check in by 8:00 am!*</i>	<i>Mission Park</i>
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	<i>Williamstown Farmer's Market</i> Stroll. Snack, Shop local.	<i>Spring Street</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<i>Create a Spectacle</i> Dress up for the parade by making your own festive sunglasses, hats, and signs to carry and wear! Rain or shine.	<i>Paresky Porch</i>
9:30 am	<i>Gather for the Alumni Parade of Classes</i> Join the Class of '97 to meet up with old friends and to show that we have the highest numbers! Wear your purple 25 th reunion short-sleeve wicking shirt! The 25 th reunion class is one of two featured classes and will lead the parade directly behind the 50 th reunion class.	<i>Chapin Lawn (1997 will gather near the Frosh Quad)</i>

10:00 am	<i>Parade of Classes</i> *Please note that the parade route is different this year. We'll march along Park St., turn left on to Route 2, turn left on to Chapin Drive before making our way to Sawyer Quad.	<i>Paresky Lawn</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<i>Annual Meeting of the Society of Alumni including the presentation of the 1997 Class Gift</i> Our class leaders will be announcing our 25 th Reunion Class Gift. Join us in celebrating our achievements!	<i>Sawyer Quad</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Wheels! (Ages 2-4)</i> After the parade, join other young families to explore a fire engine, police cruiser, ambulance, backhoe, front loader, mowers and street sweeper! Rain or shine.	<i>Weston Gate</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Soccer Clinic (Ages 5-12)</i> Join a soccer session for all levels. We'll work on development and refinement, and end with small-sided games. Rain or shine.	<i>Farley-Lamb Field Weston Athletic Complex</i>
10:30am – 12:00 pm	<i>Ultimate Frisbee Clinic (Ages 10+)</i> Come and learn this team sport, led by members of the Williams Ultimate Frisbee Organization. Rain or shine.	<i>Williamson Field Weston Athletic Complex</i>
10:30 am – 2:00 pm	<i>Toddler and Preschool Playdate (Ages 2-4)</i> Toddlers/preschoolers and their parents/caregivers are welcome at the Williams College Children's Center to play with purple Play Doh, run around the outdoor play spaces, and enjoy other activities.	<i>Williams College Children's Center, Whitman Street</i>
Noon – 1:00 pm	<i>All Campus Lunch for all classes and families – rain or shine!</i>	<i>Chapin Lawn/Paresky</i>
Afternoon	<i>Affinity Group Gatherings, Tours, Hikes, Open Houses, and Information Sessions</i>	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Visit the Treetops of the Canopy Walkway (Ages 12+)</i> The walkway is a pair of tree platforms set 70 ft. above the ground and originally used for research. Participants are harnessed to safety cables and aided by guides. No children under 12. Shuttles leave and return from the intersection of Chapin and Mission Park Drive. (See main schedule for shuttle times.)	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Busload of Books Tour Open House (All ages)</i> Children's book author/illustrator duo Matthew Swanson '97 and Robbi Behr '97 will be spending the 2022-2023 school year traveling the country in a tiny home school bus, visiting Title I schools in all fifty states, doing presentations on creativity and storytelling, and giving away 25,000 free books to students and teachers from underserved communities. Come tour the bus and learn more about their project and coming adventure. Brief presentations and Q&A at 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm and 4:30pm; otherwise, just stop by!	<i>Chapin Beach</i>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Plenty of Purple Projects (All ages)</i> Get your creative juices flowing and make decoupage frames, boxes, jewelry, stationery, painted cow bells, and more. Materials in Williams' colors, of course!	<i>Science Quad</i>

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Library Special Collections Open House</i> Staff of the Chapin Library and the College Archives will be on hand to introduce exhibits and collections featuring rare books, manuscripts, yearbooks and other artifacts of college history.	<i>Chapin Library, Sawyer Library</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>The Presidency of Phinney Baxter</i> Dustin Griffin '65 is a retired English professor turned local Historian. Since he retired from 40 years of teaching, he has published two volumes of essays on the local history of Williams College and Williamstown. Many of the essays have been the basis of public lectures he has given in Williamstown over the last ten years about notable people, places, and events. Having written about Williams presidents Tyler Dennett (1934-37) and John Sawyer (1961-73), he now turns his attention to the president who came between them, James Phinney Baxter, III (1937-61) – what he was able, and unable, to accomplish. Dusty is president o the Class of 1965 and a former trustee of the college. His lecture will be illustrated.	<i>Brooks Rogers</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Student-Led Admission Tour</i> Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to participate.	<i>Paresky Front Steps</i>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<i>Forest Critter Exploration (Ages 5-12)</i> Come run and play in Hopkins Forest while looking for forest critters.	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>
1:30 pm	<i>Hike up to Stoney Ledge</i> Meet at the Haley Farm Trailhead/parking lot around 1:30pm, returning around 4:30pm. Led by Hagen Yang '97 .	<i>Haley Farm Trailhead</i>
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	<i>Campus Tour</i> If you haven't been to campus in a while, this tour is for you. A reunion ranger will show you the Sawyer Library, Hollander and Schapiro Halls, Weston Athletic Complex, The Class of 1966 Environmental Center, Horn Hall and The Hopper Science Center.	<i>Paresky Front Porch</i>
2:15 pm – 3:15pm	<i>The Williams Admission Picture</i> Families with children beginning to think about college are encouraged to attend this informal, interactive session with Williams admission officers.	<i>Weston Hall (outside)</i>
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Community Drum Circle (All Ages)</i> In this musical environment, learn rhythms, playful games, and songs from Africa, South America, and Asia. Instruments provided!	<i>Paresky Front Steps</i>
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Lee F. Jackson '79 Memorial Track Meet and Family Games (Ages 5-12)</i> . Participate in races, water games, and more. Ribbons for all participants. (Rain location: Towne Field House)	<i>Lee Track, Weston Athletic Complex</i>
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Creatives Speak Freely: Class of 2007 Alumni Reflect on Artistic Living after Williams</i> Hear from a panel of 2007 creatives—Pamela Council '07, Brandi Brown '07, Jonaya Kemper '07—on curating their artistic lives post Williams.	<i>Mainstage '62 Center for Theatre and Dance</i>

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Williams Christian Fellowship Alumni Gathering</i> Enjoy fellowship and connection with members of the Williams Alumni Christian Fellowship.	<i>Griffin 3</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Tour of WCMA Strict Beauty Exhibition</i> Join Lisa Dorin, WCMA’s Deputy Director of Curatorial Engagement, to see “Strict Beauty: Sol LeWitt Prints”—the most comprehensive presentation of the artist’s printmaking to date.	<i>Williams College Museum of Art</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Williams Rocks</i> A walking tour of campus, from bedrock to building stones, and the stories they tell. With Bud Wobus, Edna McConnell Clark Professor of Geology.	<i>Meet outside Clark Hall</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Eph Meet-Up @ Reunion</i> This casual networking reception features industry-specific chat areas where you can meet other Ephs who do what you do – or would like to do someday! Career shifters and other Ephs in professional transition are welcome, as are non-Eph spouses and guests. Come as you are; business cards optional!	<i>Faculty Club Porch</i>
3:30 pm	<i>College Chaplain’s Program</i> Chaplain to the College Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer, Catholic Chaplain Bridget Power, Jewish Chaplain Rabbi Seth Wax, and Yale Buddhist Chaplain Sumi Loundon Kim ’97 will create and hold space for intergenerational alum dialogue as we collectively process the events of the last few years and their societal and individual impacts.	<i>Griffin 3</i>
3:30 pm	<i>“BUILDING 6 PORTRAIT INTERIOR” with artist Barbara Ernst Prey ’79.</i> MASS MoCA commissioned celebrated artist Barbara Ernst Prey ’79 to paint the largest watercolor in the world for the opening of their new building. Come see the painting and hear from Barbara.	<i>Building 6 Mass MoCA</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Family Yoga</i> Infants, toddlers, kids of all ages are welcome to practice yoga with Amy Sosne ’05	<i>Sawyer Quad</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Drawing Class (Ages 5-12)</i> Enjoy an outdoor drawing session. No experience necessary; come to learn or practice what you already know. Supplies provided.	<i>Park Street Entrance to Alumni Center</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Ultimate Frisbee Games (Ages 10+)</i> Practice the skills you learned in the morning clinic! Led by WUFO members. Rain or shine.	<i>Farley-Lamb Field Weston Athletic Complex</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Take Me to the River (Ages 10+)</i> A guided hike on Hopkins Forest's Hoosic River Trail with David Dethier and Hank Art.	<i>Hopkins Forest</i>

5:00 pm – 11:30 pm	<p>'97 Dinner and Activities for Kids and Teens (ages 5+) Dinner: 5:00 – 7:00 pm; Activities: 5:30 - 11:30 pm Organized by the 25th Reunion Program and staffed by Williamstown Youth Center Staff and Reunion Rangers. Activities include arts & crafts, outdoor and indoor games, movies at Images Cinema, and more. Children ages 10+ will have the opportunity to visit the local high ropes course <i>Ramblewild</i> (\$30 fee applies; advance registration required). ***Please note that kids going to <i>Ramblewild</i> should check in at the Williamstown Youth Center at <u>4:30 pm</u>; the bus leaves promptly at 5:00 pm!***</p>	<i>Williamstown Youth Center 66 School Street</i>
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<p>Class of '97 Cocktail Reception (adults only) We will kick-off the evening with cocktails and canapes.</p>	<i>'97 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	<p>Class of '97 Photo</p>	<i>'97 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
7:30 pm – Midnight	<p>Class of '97 Adult Reunion Party – Celebrate under the Stars This is our chance to party like it's 1999 (or 1997)! We have locally-sourced food by Wheelhouse Farm.</p>	<i>'97 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
Midnight – ?	<p>Armstrong Late Night Join late night revelers for Hot Tomatoes pizza and beverages and party until the cows come home.</p>	<i>Armstrong Common Room, Mission</i>

SUNDAY, June 12

7:30 am – 11:00 am	<p>Class of '97 Farewell Brunch Join us for brunch with the Class of '97 and their families</p>	<i>'97 Tent, Poker Flats</i>
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<p>Reunion Service of Gratitude and Remembrance A multi-faith service to honor the passing of beloved classmates and celebrate the blessings of relationship to the Williams community. Led by Williams chaplains and alumni clergy, including Rev. Lori Miller '82 whose sermon will be followed by dialogue with Rebecca Park '22.</p>	<i>Thompson Memorial Chapel</i>
Noon	<p>Dorm Checkout Deadline</p>	