

# Class of 1998 Reunion Giving

The 25th Reunion is a time to reflect on what Williams means and has meant to us. At this defining moment we are creating a lasting legacy through our 25th Reunion class gift. Our collective financial contributions will be focused on two important areas of the College:

## **1. Alumni Fund: \$1 million goal**

The Alumni Fund supports the annual operations of the college. Generations of alumni who preceded us made our time at Williams possible; now it is our turn to support today's students, ensuring that the best and brightest students have access to this world-class education regardless of their ability to pay.

Unrestricted gifts will be used to support the college's highest priorities or you may designate your gift toward a specific initiative such as: accessibility, athletics, the arts, equity and inclusion, faculty excellence, financial aid, first generation student support, mental health, social justice, student life, sustainability, or WCMA (Williams College Museum of Art).

## **2. Class of 1998 Scholarship: \$1 million goal**

**At \$1 million, the Class of '98 Fund would support scholarships for two students.**

Williams has a long history of financial aid leadership. The College is among the small set of schools that do not consider financial circumstances when admitting U.S. applicants (known as "need blind" admission). Over the past two decades Williams has gone beyond need blind to need seeking, actively identifying and recruiting exceptional students who cannot afford to pay the cost of attendance. More than 50% of Williams students receive some financial aid, with 25% receiving full tuition.





Recent changes have greatly increased the College's financial accessibility, giving all Williams students the same freedom to pursue opportunities on and off campus. The elimination of loans and required campus and summer jobs from all financial aid packages, replacing them with equivalent grant funds dollar for dollar was announced in spring of 2021. Previous initiatives provided free textbooks and course materials, health insurance, funding for travel courses and internships, and more.

Financial aid is a generational responsibility at Williams. Each generation that has come before has added to the resources of those who will come to Williams in the future. Let us keep that legacy alive and continue to pay it forward. Our gift in honor of the Class of 1998 will endow financial aid for future generations of Ephs.

### How You Can Help

Please help by supporting this class initiative in honor of our 25th Reunion and by making an Alumni Fund gift and a gift to the Class of '98 Scholarship when you hear from a classmate in the coming months.

This is a chance to reconnect with what we value most about Williams. It also gives us an opportunity to ensure the success of the next generation of leaders who will have a positive impact on their communities and the world.

We can achieve this worthy goal only with your help. Please respond generously when called upon by your classmates.

Your 1998 Leadership Committee Chairs and Head Agents:

     
Laura Davis Stahl   Danielle Bahr Eason   Rik Dugan   Robin Sanders

“I have had the great privilege of attending Williams nearly free of charge. I will be graduating college without any loans to pay, which is something none of my four older siblings or parents experienced. Whenever I send my family pictures of free ice cream and the newest goodies from the Purple Key Fair, they always joke that I am getting paid to attend Williams. In some ways, they aren't wrong: Williams has truly invested in me. I have felt the generosity of Williams towards me, making sure I always had the resources I needed to support my education.”

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