Welcome Back!

On behalf of the entire Taft School community, welcome to Alumni Weekend! Whether it is your first time at a Taft reunion or you have been coming back for years, we are glad you decided to be a part of this great Taft tradition. This welcome packet includes a complete schedule of the weekend’s events, and a listing of the transportation services we will provide between the hotels and our various events. We want you to have fun, and we want you to be safe.

- Shuttle Services: please consider taking advantage of these services whenever possible. If you drive to campus, look for our parking signs and park only in the specially designated parking areas noted on the enclosed map. Shuttles will take you from the parking lots to main campus.

- Open Classes on Friday morning and Saturday morning: See enclosed schedule.

- On Saturday morning, relax and stretch with outdoor yoga in Vogelstein Courtyard, take a student-led tour of campus, and enjoy the Today at Taft Program, see enclosed schedule. Make sure to be on campus for the Alumni Parade, starting at 11:30 am followed by the Installation of Peter Becker ’95 as Taft’s sixth Head of School and Alumni Luncheon.

- Saturday afternoon: Lots of activities throughout campus! Watch the SNETL Tennis Tournament led by Coach Frew, a squash exhibit (with an opportunity to play), put your kicks on and play in a friendly game of soccer, attend the student performance in Bingham, meet Marty and Sandy at the Jig, join affinity spaces, support all the school athletic contests. Or just kick back and enjoy the perpetual beauty that is Taft’s campus with your friends and classmates. At 6 pm, join us at the big tent near Odden Arena where we will celebrate retiring faculty Peter ’75 and Baba Frew, and Susan and Steve McCabe. The tent’s location is located on the enclosed map.

- Dress Code for the Friday’s Old Guard Dinner: Jacket and tie preferred but not required.

- Dress Code for Saturday night’s Dinner and Dance: Dressy Casual

We take great pride in Alumni Weekend and hope it will be a special time for you, as you renew friendships, share memories, and see the changes on our campus that continue to make Taft unique. Should you need anything during your stay, the Alumni Office will be open until 6 pm on Friday at 25 The Green, adjacent to Woodward Chapel, formerly Christ Church. Our team will also be in the registration tent until 2:30 pm on Saturday, and around campus throughout the day. Check details online and your dedicated class page at taftschool.org/alumni/reunions for the latest information.

Welcome, and enjoy the wonderful Taft tradition that is Alumni Weekend.

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Alumni Weekend 2024

Please note the schedule may be subject to change. Visit taftschool.org/alumni/reunions for hotel accommodations, class-specific schedules, and the latest updates and to register!

Thursday, May 9
6:00 pm  Class of 1954 70th Reunion Dinner, Highfield Club, Middlebury
6:00 pm  Class of 1959 65th Reunion Dinner, John’s Café, Woodbury
6:00 pm  Class of 1964 60th Reunion Dinner, Market Place, Woodbury
6:00 pm  Class of 1969 55th Reunion Dinner, 1754 House, Woodbury
6:30 pm  Class of 1974 50th Reunion Cocktails and Dinner, Woolworth Faculty Room and Prentice Dining Hall

Friday, May 10
8:00 am–12:00 pm  Old Guard Welcome and Registration,
Classes of 1943-1974, Lincoln Lobby

Refreshments, Woolworth Faculty Room
8:00 am (start)  Alumni Golf Outing, Watertown Golf Club
Please call the Club at 860-274-4387 to book tee times. WGC fees apply.
8:00 am–12:00 pm  Tennis available at Taft. Contact Athletics: 860-945-7706
8:00 am–5:00 pm  Mark W. Potter Gallery, Will Simons, Surface
8:15 am–12:10 pm  Open Classes, list available here
9:00 am–4:00 pm  Bookstore, open
9:00 am  The Jig, open 9-11 am, 3-5 pm, 7-9 pm
9:20 am (start)  School Tours, departing from the Harley Roberts Room
9:20 am, 10:05 am, 11:25 am and 1:50 pm
11:15 am–1:00 pm  Classes of 1974 and 2024 Luncheon, Moorhead Wing
12:00 pm  Old Guard Luncheon, Classes of 1943-1973, Choral Room
5:30 pm  Service of Remembrance, Woodward Chapel
Buses leave The Heritage Hotel (Main Lobby) at 4:45 pm.
6:30 pm  Old Guard Reception & Dinner and Presentation of The 2024 Horace Dutton Taft Alumni Medal to John W. Dayton ’64, Classes through ’74, Moorhead Wing
Buses available back to The Heritage Hotel

Evening  Reunion Class Gatherings
Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 2004
Visit taftschool.org/alumni/reunions for times and locations
8:00 pm  One Act Festival, Student Theater Performance, Bingham Auditorium
Saturday, May 11

8:00 am–2:00 pm  | Registration and Refreshments,
                 | Registration Tent, Main Circle
8:00 am–4:00 pm  | Mark W. Potter Gallery, Will Simons, Surface
8:30 am–10:30 am | Leslie D. Manning Archives, Hulbert Taft, Jr. Library
8:30 am–2:00 pm  | Hulbert Taft, Jr. Library, open
9:00 am–4:00 pm  | Bookstore, open

9:00 am  | The Jig, open 9-11 am, 3-5 pm, 7-9 pm
9–11:30 am | Today at Taft: a special programming featuring the following events:
9–9:45 am  | Open Classes, list available here
9:15–10 am  | Rise and Shine Rhinos! Yoga class with yoga instructor and Taft alumna Khayriyyah Muhammad ’01, Vogelstein Courtyard, register here!
9:20 am (start) | School Tours, departing from the Harley Roberts Room
9:20 am, 10:15 am, 11:15 am
10:00–10:35 am | Affinity Space for Alumni, Faculty & Students of Color, Woolworth Faculty Room. Register here!
10:00–10:40 am | Taft's Approach to Generative AI, a Student & Faculty Panel discussion, Woodward Theater
10:00–2:00 pm | Non ut sibi Service Initiative, stop in the Choral Room to participate in a non ut sibi activity.
10:40-11:30 am | Open Classes list and locations available by May 1
11:30 am | Assemble for Alumni Parade, Main Circle
12:00 pm | Honor the History and Celebrate the Future:
           | Installation of Peter Becker ’95 as Head of School, Centennial Quad
12:30 pm | Alumni Luncheon, Moorhead Wing
Afternoon | School Athletic Competitions
           | visit taftschool.org/athletics/schedule
1:45 pm | Sobriety 101: Intro to Addiction Recovery
           | followed by an open AA Meeting, Harley Roberts Room
2:00 pm | One Act Festival, Student Theater Performance, Bingham Auditorium
2:15 pm | Alumni Soccer, coed game, Camp Field, register here!
3:00 pm | Lawn Games, Face Painting, Popcorn, oh my! the Jig
3:00 pm | Milkshakes with Marty and Smoothies with Sandy, the Jig
4:00–5:30 pm | LGBTQIA+ Alumni Reception, hosted by the Faculty Advisors of the Gender & Sexuality Alliance (location available upon registration), register here!
4:30–5:30 pm | Alumni and Faculty of Color Reception, Mark W. Potter Gallery, register here!
5:30 pm  **A Toast to Taft, Belcher Reading Room, Hulbert Taft, Jr. Library**
Reception for Founders Society and key volunteers, by invitation only

6:00 pm  **All-Alumni Dinner Dance**, a special evening honoring retiring Faculty Baba and Peter Frew '75, P’05,’10 and Susan and Steve McCabe P’02,’04,’07,
*Tent near Odden Arena*

8:00 pm  **One Act Festival, Student Theater Performance**, *Bingham Auditorium*

8:30–10:30 pm  **Reunion Class Gathering**
*Class of 1994, 176 Guernseytown Rd, Watertown*

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Transportation Schedule

THE HERITAGE HOTEL

Thursday, May 9

5:30 PM  Bus departs from Hotel (Main Lobby) for Class of 1954 70th Reunion Dinner at The Highfield Club
           Return bus after dinner

           Bus departs from Hotel (Main Lobby) for Class of 1969 55th Reunion Dinner at 1754 House
           Return bus after dinner

           Bus departs from Hotel (Main Lobby) for Class of 1959 65th Reunion Dinner at John’s Café
           Return bus after dinner

6:00 PM  Bus departs from Hotel (Main Lobby) for Class of 1974 50th Reunion Dinner
           Return bus after dinner

Friday, May 10

4:45 PM  Buses depart Heritage Hotel (Main Lobby) for Service of Remembrance at Woodward Chapel followed by the Old Guard Dinner at Taft
           Return bus after dinner

6:30 PM  Buses depart Heritage Hotel (Main Lobby) for Class of 1989 35th Reunion Party at Evergreen Bed and Breakfast
           Return bus 10:15 pm

           Buses depart Heritage Hotel (Main Lobby) for Class of 1979 45th Reunion Dinner at John’s Café
           Return bus 10:15 pm

THE WYNDHAM SOUTHBURY

Friday, May 10

6:15 PM  Buses depart Heritage Hotel (Main Lobby) Class of 1984 40th Reunion Party at The Highfield Club
           Return bus 10:15 pm
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Transportation Schedule

THE WYNDHAM SOUTHBURY AND THE HERITAGE HOTEL
Saturday, May 11

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Alumni Weekend Open Classes  
Friday, May 10

E Block  
8:15 - 9:15 am  
Honors Upper Mid English  
John Magee  
A117  
Chinese II  
Jingci Wei  
A122

G Block  
10:05 - 11:20 am  
Honors Spanish II  
Luz Lara  
C024  
Accelerated Physics  
Jim Lehner  
WU120  
Honors Biology  
Michael McAloon  
WU216  
Human Geography*  
Jon Willson '82  
C130

F Block  
1:05 - 1:50 pm  
Honors Chinese Culture  
& Contemporary China  
Jingci Wei  
A122

*Please note that students in Human Geography with Jon Willson will be mid-research for their end of year projects. There will not be a formal instruction but alumni are welcome to attend.
Alumni Weekend Open Classes
Saturday, May 11

A Block
9:00 - 10:00 am

Honors Biology
Amanda Benedict
WU216

Physics
Dan Calore
WU213

Honors Accelerated Precalculus
Kevin Danaher
WU107

Honors Senior English
Caitlin Hincker
A117

Honors Spanish III
Luz Lara
C024

Honors Accelerated Calculus
Al Reiff ’80
WU307

Advanced Dance
Sarah Surber
Pailey Dance Studio

Human Geography*
Jon Willson ’82
C118

B Block
10:40 - 11:55 am

Engineering
Dan Calore
C005

Mid English
Shannon Doyle-Turner
A117

Honors US History
Brianne Foley
Hulbert Taft, Jr. Library

Accelerated Physics
Jim Lehner
WU120

Honors Biology
Michael McAloon
WU216

Accelerated Spanish II
Kevin Perez ’16
C023

Honors Statistics
Al Reiff ’80
WU307

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On Alumni Day, Saturday, May 11, shuttle service will be provided between main campus, Heritage Hotel, and Wyndham Southbury

and the following lots from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and back to the hotels later

* Baldwin lot: 68 North Street Road  * Odden Arena lot: 90 Guernseytown Road

Saturday night’s All Alumni Party honoring the Frews and McCabes will be located under the tent, near Odden Arena (6PM)

We are looking forward to having you join us on campus!
Please contact the Alumni Office with any questions 800-959-8238.
Important Venue Addresses (for GPS)

**The Taft School**: 110 Woodbury Rd, Watertown, CT 06795

**The Heritage Hotel**: 522 Heritage Rd, Southbury, CT 06488

**The Wyndham Southbury**: 1284 Strongtown Rd, Southbury, CT 06788

**John’s Café**: 693 Main Street South, Woodbury, CT 06798
(Class of ’59 & ’79)

**Market Place**: 641 Main Street South, Woodbury, CT 06798
(Class of ’64)

**The Evergreen B&B**: 782 Main St N, Southbury, CT 06488
(Class of ’89)

**Watertown Golf Club**: 246 Guernseytown Rd, Watertown, CT 06795
(Class of ’04)

**Highfield Club**: 256 White Deer Rocks Rd, Middlebury, CT 06762
(Class of ’54 & ’84)

**1754 House**: 506 Main Street S, Woodbury, CT 06798
(Class of ’69)

**Spring Hill Vineyards**: 292 Bee Brook Rd, New Preston, CT 06777
(Class of ’04)