

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 <u>only</u> 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. <u>Make sure to be on campus for the Alumni Parade</u>, 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

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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

Buses available from Heritage Hotel and back

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

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4:30-5:30 pm

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! <u>Yoga class</u> with yoga instructor and Taft alumna Khayriyyah Muhammad '01, Vogelstein Courtyard, <u>register here!</u>
9:20 am (start)	School Tours , departing from the <i>Harley Roberts Room</i> 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, <i>Woodward Theater</i>
10:00–2:00 pm	<i>Non ut sibi</i> Service Initiative , stop in the Choral Room to participate in a <i>non ut sibi</i> 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, StudentTheater 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), <u>register here</u> !
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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	
	Reunion Class Gatherings (1999, 2009, 2014, 2019) at the dinner dance	
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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2024 Alumni Weekend 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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THE WYNDHAM SOUTHBURY AND THE HERITAGE HOTEL

Saturday, May 11

Departs from Wyndham to Taft Campus 8:15 AM	Departs from The Heritage to Taft Campus 8:30 AM
9:00 AM	9:15 AM
9:45 AM	10:00 AM
10:30 AM	10:45 AM
11:00 AM	11:15 AM
2:00 PM	2:15 PM
3:00 PM	3:15 PM
4:00 PM	4:15 PM
4:15 PM	4:30 PM
5:30 PM	5:00 PM
	5:45 PM

Departs from 2nd Circle to Wyndham and Heritage:

1:30 PM

2:30 PM

3:30 PM

3:45 PM

5:00 PM

Departs from Alumni Party back to Wyndham, Heritage and Taft Parking Lots:

8:00 PM

8:30 PM

9:00 PM

9:30 PM

10:00 PM

10:30 PM

11:00 PM



Alumni Weekend Open Classes *Friday, May 10*

E Block 8:15 - 9:15 am G Block 10:05 - 11:20 am F Block 1:05 - 1:50 pm

Honors Upper Mid English
John Magee
A117

Honors Spanish II Luz Lara C024 Honors Chinese Culture & Contemporary China Jingci Wei A122

Chinese II Jingci Wei A122 Accelerated Physics
Jim Lehner
WU120

Honors Biology Michael McAloon WU216

Accelerated Spanish III
Kevin Perez '16
C023

Human Geography*
Jon Willson '82
C130

* 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 B Block 10:40 - 11:55 am

Honors Biology Amanda Benedict WU216 Engineering Dan Calore C005

Physics Dan Calore WU213 Mid English Shannon Doyle-Turner A117

Honors Accelerated Precalculus
Kevin Danaher
WU107

Honors US History Brianne Foley Hulbert Taft, Jr. Library

Honors Senior English Caitlin Hincker A117 Accelerated Physics
Jim Lehner
WU120

Honors Spanish III Luz Lara C024 Honors Biology Michael McAloon WU216

Honors Accelerated Calculus
Al Reiff '80
WU307

Accelerated Spanish II Kevin Perez '16 C023

Advanced Dance Sarah Surber Pailey Dance Studio 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

* Annex Lot: 16 Middlebury Road *Woodward Chapel/Alumni Office Lot: 25 The Green

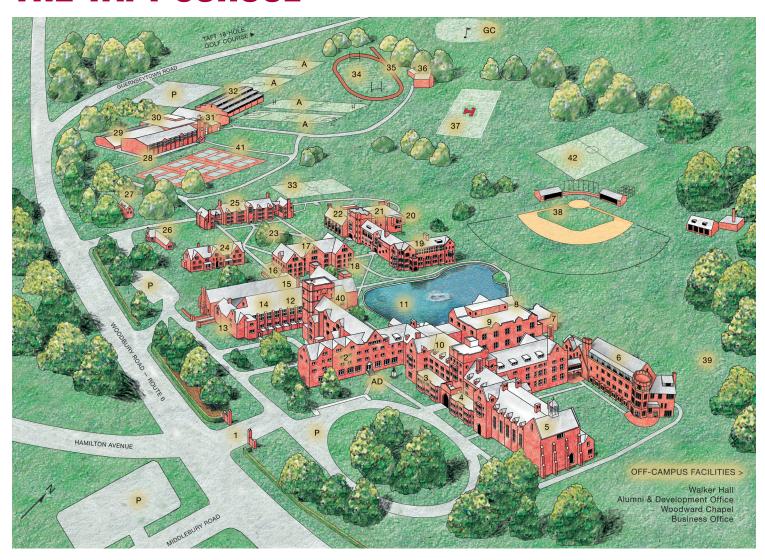
*Baldwin lot: 68 North Street Road *Odden Arena lot: 90 Guernseytown Road



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.

THE TAFT SCHOOL



Academic Facilities

- 3 Woolworth Faculty Room
- 4 Pinto Family Language Lab
- 9 Arts and Humanities Center
- 9 Digital Design Computer Lab
- 15 Moorhead Academic Center
- 19 Lady Ivy Kwok Wu Science and Mathematics Center
- 19 Wu Computer Lab
- 20 Laube Auditorium
- 21 Hulbert Taft Jr. Library
- 22 Nancy and Ben Belcher Learning Center
- 40 Mortara Family Academic Wing

Arts Facilities

- 4 Choral Room
- 5 Bingham Auditorium
- 7 Pailey Dance Studio
- 9 Electronic Music Studio
- 9 Photography Dark Rooms
- 9 Music Practice Rooms
- 9 Woodward Black Box Theater
- 9 Gail Wynne Studio

- 10 Mark W. Potter '48 Art Gallery
- 14 Tremaine Art Studio
- > Walker Hall

Athletic Facilities

- 28 McCullough Athletic Facility
- 29 Mays Rink
- 30 Logan Field House
- 31 Paul and Edith Cruikshank Athletic Center
- 32 Odden Hockey Arena
- 33 Snyder Field
- 34 Rockefeller Field
- 35 William Weaver Track
- 36 Parents' Association Field House
- 37 Geoffrey C. Camp '91 Field
- 38 Lawrence H. Stone Baseball Pavilion at Rockwell Field
- 39 Softball Field
- 41 Donaldson Family Pavilion
- 42 Katie Jackson Morrison '92 Soccer Field
- A Athletics Fields
- GC Golf Course

Residential Halls

- 2 Horace D. Taft Hall
- 4 Charles Phelps Taft Hall
- 6 John L. Vogelstein '52 Dormitory
- 13 Cruikshank House
- 17 Congdon House
- 24 McIntosh House
- 25 Centennial Dormitory
- 26 Upper School Girls Dormitory

Dining Facilities

- 8 Oscarson Jigger Shop
- 12 Moorhead Wing
 - East Dining Hall
 - Laube Dining Hall
 - Prentice Dining Hall

Spiritual

- 5 Bingham Auditorium
- > Walker Hall
- > Woodward Chapel

Student Union

8 Oscarson Jigger Shop

Other

- 1 Main Entrance
- 4 School Store
- 11 Potter's Pond
- 18 Martin Health Center
- 23 Centennial Quadrangle
- 27 Wade House
- P Parking
- AD Admissions

Off-Campus Facilities

- > Alumni Development Office 25 The Green
- > Business Office 39 The Green
- > Walker Hall 50 DeForest Street
- > Woodward Chapel 25 The Green

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)