



Sidwell Friends Reunion Frequently Asked Questions

Why is it important for alumni to visit campus?

The campus has inevitably changed since your time as a student and perhaps the last time you visited. Regardless, it is a special place and a space that holds so many memories. Coming to campus provides the opportunity to connect directly with the life of the School today, while also remembering what it was like during your time as a student. The DC campus will transform significantly over the next 2-5 years, as made clear by the active renovation of the [new Upper School](#), and we invite you to be a part of this historic moment that will shape the future of Sidwell Friends.

Will I get time to spend with just my classmates?

Absolutely! We know time with your class is a critical and cherished part of Reunion Weekend. With the exciting new schedule, we have intentionally preserved windows of time throughout the weekend to gather on campus and off. Friday evening's Class Cocktails allows for you and your classmates to gather on campus while time set aside on Friday evening, during the day Saturday, and also on Sunday morning allows for you all to meet at a location of your choosing. Please check the [Reunion Weekend website](#) and [Registration Form](#) for updates and specific details on what your class is planning.

What is the Class Cocktails event on Friday night?

The Class Cocktails event at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2 kicks off the opening night of Reunion Weekend on a joyous note! Each class year will have a designated space to connect directly with

your classmates in an intimate setting over drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. We aim to create a special evening for individual class connections while enjoying the beauty of the Sidwell Friends campus to kick off Reunion Weekend.

What is the Reunion Dinner and Reunion Celebration on Saturday night?

The Reunion Dinner event at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 is the pinnacle of Reunion Weekend and is not to be missed! At the Reunion Dinner, held under the beautiful tent behind Zartman House, guests will choose their seat at tables assigned by class year. A delicious buffet-style dinner with beer and wine options will be served. During the meal, we will present the [Distinguished Alumni Awards \(DAA\)](#) to the 2025 recipients, including video tributes and brief remarks from Head of School Bryan Garman. At 8:30pm, the event will kick into gear as the Reunion Celebration portion of the evening starts and we strike up the band. Guests will enjoy dancing, late night bites and desserts, and fantastic music from The Source. The event is a fun way to celebrate your milestone with classmates and collectively with all classes ending in 0 and 5.

Why is there a cost to attend Class Cocktails on Friday and the Reunion Dinner & Celebration on Saturday?

These two events include food and beverage. The cost of your ticket helps to offset the cost of the event expenses, but does not cover the cost of the event in full. Sidwell Friends is happy to subsidize the cost so that the ticket price is more accessible for everyone. Historically, Reunion Weekend has always had two ticketed events that charged for attendance (ex: Welcome Reception and Reunion Lunch.) Sidwell offers further discounts on ticket prices for specific classes. Those celebrating their 5th Reunion and anyone celebrating their 55th and beyond are welcome to attend Class Cocktails at no cost, as well as a discount for Saturday's Dinner & Celebration.

Who can help me register?

We hope that our online event registration system is a smooth process for you, but understand that there may be questions or difficulties; we are here to support you and help in any way we can. Each class has a Sidwell Friends staff representative who can answer any questions and support you through the registration process:

Class of 1970, 1975, 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020: Clayton Willis, Assistant Director of Young Alumni Engagement, willisc@sidwell.edu, (202) 537-8447

Class of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2000: Ava Delasanta, Assistant Director of Regional Alumni Engagement delasantaa@sidwell.edu, (202) 537-8443

General inquiries about Reunion Weekend or other alumni events can also be sent to alumni@sidwell.edu.

I can't wait to celebrate on campus! Where can I park and where do I go when I arrive?

Parking is available in our underground parking garage located at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Rodman Street. Upon arrival, please use the staircase located in the southeast corner of the garage to travel to the Kogod Arts Center Courtyard where you will find the Reunion Welcome Center. Here you can check in with Sidwell staff who will help further direct you to Reunion events.

Will there be mobility assistance and accessible options for my visit to campus?

We are happy to work with you directly to make your visit to campus as comfortable and accessible as possible. We can reserve accessible parking spaces in the Zartman House circular driveway and our Security Team will have golf carts available for use as well. Sidwell Friends staff will be readily available on campus throughout Reunion Weekend to assist any who have accessibility questions. If you know in advance, please let us know if you require ASL, other language interpretation options, accessible parking, and/or assistance navigating campus, please email alumni@sidwell.edu. We are happy to support and provide what you need to have an enjoyable Reunion.

Why am I asked to consider donating to Sidwell Friends?

All alumni are encouraged to support Sidwell Friends with a charitable donation in honor of their Reunion milestone. All gifts of any amount help to ensure students and faculty of today have the same opportunities that helped shape your experiences and your lives after Sidwell Friends. Your participation makes a difference, and your support is valued.

[Visit here](#) to learn more about Reunion Giving or contact Dana Saab, Director of Annual Giving, at saabd@sidwell.edu with questions about making a donation.

What will the Reunion Weekend schedule look like in future years?

The Reunion schedule is dynamic and adaptable, especially considering the exciting reunification of campus in the coming years. From our Quaker values, we believe in the power of reflection. As we have done in the past, we will seek your feedback and opinions year-to-year and reflect on the schedule annually to determine how we can evolve and adapt based on current needs of the School and our alumni community. Please be on the lookout for a survey following Reunion Weekend.