



CoEd at 50

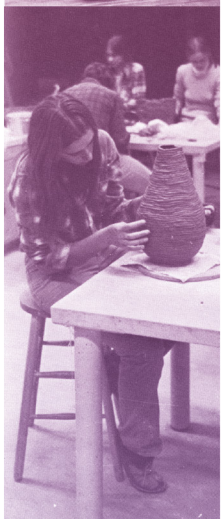


SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
OF COEDUCATION AT
GROTON SCHOOL



1975-2025





1:00–2:00pm

Welcome and Groton's Coeducation Journey

Open the afternoon with a review of Groton's process leading to coeducation and following the transition, with first-hand accounts from faculty and alumni.

Location: Campbell Performing Arts Center

Moderator: Richard Bradley '82

Panelists: David Bannard P'01, '03, Former Faculty (1972–1989); Pam Clarke, Former Faculty (1972–1990); Alyce Jones Lee '77; Bill Polk '58, Sixth Headmaster; LuAnn Polk; Naomi Pollock '77; and Ben Pyne '77, P'12, '15, President of the Board of Trustees

2:15–3:15pm

Groton Leadership and Advocacy

An exploration of leadership at Groton: learn how Groton shapes leaders in many ways, including the adoption of a co-prefect system and examples of advocacy.

Location: Memorial Room, Hundred House

Moderator: Lori Diane Hill '88, Former Trustee

Panelists: Marianne Lu '19, Alex Manugian '90, Layla McDermott '18, Kate Milliken '90, and John Dowling '90

2:15–3:15pm

Evolution of Groton's Curriculum

Learn about the evolution of Groton's curriculum with a focus on coeducation and inclusion.

Location: Upper School Study Room, Hundred House

Moderator: Laurie Sales, Current Faculty

Panelists: Mary Frances Bannard P'29, Current Faculty; Jonathan Choate '60, P'85, '88, '88, Former Faculty (1969–2018); Kathy Leggat, Current Faculty; Amy Martin-Nelson, Current Faculty; and Sravani Sen-Das P'16, '19, '23, Current Faculty

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Generations of Coeducation

Hear stories and perspectives about the opportunities afforded by coeducation. Alumni family members across generations will share their Groton experiences, with a special focus on the school's transition from a single-sex institution to a coeducational community.

Location: Hundred House Reading Room

Moderator: Adam Spence '92, P'22, '25, '27, Trustee

Panelists: Jim Cooper '72, P'08, '14; Mary Gallisdorfer Cooper '08, Trustee; Bill Cross '77; Minturn Osborne '79; Polly Cross Reeve '78, P'07, '09, '11, Former Trustee; and Lukie Osborne Wells '81

3:30–4:30pm

A Coeducational Reflection on Groton's Arts Program

Hear from former and current arts faculty and alumni about the impact of coeducation on the arts at Groton.

Location: Upper School Study Room, Hundred House

Moderator: James Bundy '77, P'09, '12, Former Trustee

Panelists: John Donovan '20; Kristen Donovan P'20, Current Faculty; Daniel Hathaway, Former Faculty (1974–1977); and Laurie Sales, Current Faculty

3:30–4:30pm

Groton Women's Network: Grotonians in Medicine and STEM

Professionals working across the fields of STEM and medicine share their diverse paths, experiences, and insights.

Location: Memorial Room, Hundred House

Moderator: Carolyn Chica, Current Faculty

Panelists: Amy Baughman '99, Autumn Johnson '19, Ade Osinubi '14, and Mimi Sotiriou Raygorodetsky '94

3:30–4:30pm

Groton Athletic Competitions

Watch boys and girls soccer, field hockey, and varsity volleyball compete with St. George's. Football will take on Portsmouth Abbey. View the Athletics Calendar for information.

4:45–5:45pm

Athletics at Groton

A panel discussion highlighting and celebrating Groton athletes, current and past.

Location: Upper School Study Room, Hundred House

Moderator: Preston Bannard '01, P'29, Current Faculty

Panelists: Jaden Adinkrah '23; David Bannard P'01, '03, Former Faculty (1972–1989); Claudia Asano Barcomb '95; Amy Frothingham Ford '78; Vuyelwa Maqubela, Current Faculty; Jennifer Polynice '25; Hope Nichols Prockop '86, P'15, '17

4:45–5:45pm

Stories from the Fall of 1975

Hear first-hand accounts and memories from the pioneers of 1975—those who experienced Groton's transition to coeducation—as they share personal stories that bring this pivotal moment in the school's history to life.

Location: Hundred House Reading Room

Moderator: Naomi Pollack '77

Panelists: Diana Chigas '79, Former Trustee; Ellie Dwight '77; Alyce Jones Lee '77; Laura Rogerson Moore '78; and Polly Cross Reeve '78, P'07, '09, '11, Former Trustee

4:45–5:45pm

Groton Women's Network: What's Your Story? Telling It Across Film, News, Social Media, and Books

An interactive session about discovering your voice and crafting compelling stories—no matter the medium.

Location: Memorial Room, Hundred House

Moderator and Panelist: Kate Milliken '90

Panelists: Heather Clark '92, P'26; Ade Osinubi '14; Karla Marie Sanford '19; and Becky Zhang '18

6:00–9:00pm

Celebratory Dinner with Program in Dining Hall

6:00–7:00pm: Cocktail Reception

7:00–9:00pm: Dinner and program featuring Temba Maqubela, Headmaster; Vuyelwa Maqubela, Current Faculty; Bill Polk '58, Sixth Headmaster; Ben Pyne '77, P'12, '15, President of the Board of Trustees; and Diana Chigas '79, Former Trustee