



Monday, February 1, 2021

Dear Class of 1970 alumni,

Happy 2021 to you and your family! As you know, DePauw University is built on traditions and Alumni Reunion Weekend is one of our favorites. Nothing compares to the annual celebration of friendships and lasting connections that defined our time at DePauw.

This year has certainly presented challenges for all of us, but the DePauw spirit remains resilient and we are grateful for the many ways the DePauw community has come together to support our students and each other.

Unfortunately, we postponed your 50th class reunion at DePauw last June due to the pandemic and anticipated rescheduling it this year. However, it's the reunion committee's collective judgment that the uncertainties and health risks are too great to participate in person at this year's Alumni Reunion Weekend, currently scheduled for June 11-12, 2021.

We support the committee's decision to again delay your reunion and will work closely with them to find a substitute date as soon as possible for a special Class of '70 celebration. Schedule updates will be posted on your reunion webpage, [depauw.edu/alumni/classes/1970](http://depauw.edu/alumni/classes/1970).

Your reunion committee shares the following statement: *"A reunion is about coming together. Our vision was not virtual; we planned for an inclusive event where classmates would travel to campus, share accommodations, dine together, talk, laugh, hug and dance. We remain committed to carrying out that vision, as much as we do to protecting your health and safety. A reunion is also about supporting DePauw. More than ever, the University needs your financial gifts. To that end, members of our class may contribute to the Class of 1970 gift through June 20, 2021."*

As your classmates so eloquently stated, your reunion year is the perfect time to acknowledge what DePauw means to you - the liberal arts education you received, the opportunities it provided and the friendships you made and that endure. Please consider making a gift in honor of your reunion and take advantage of the opportunity to have an even greater impact on DePauw's students. For a limited time, your gift may even be matched dollar for dollar through our [Gratefully Gold Challenge](#).

We do want to acknowledge the fantastic work and dedication of the 50th reunion volunteers; committee members Bob Casey, Sue Anne Starnes Gilroy, Mary Leonard Ramshaw, Mike Smith, Tom Yeo; and the Class of '71 reunion co-chairs, who also invite you to join their [Facebook group](#).

If you are still interested in attending Alumni Reunion Weekend, we invite you to attend knowing there will not be any specific programming for the Class of 1970. As circumstances continue to develop, we will continue to communicate our plans with you, with a reassessment expected in early March. Additionally, updates to our planning will be shared [here](#).

In the meantime, if you'd like to know more about how the DePauw University community is continuing to respond to the evolving coronavirus situation, please visit the coronavirus resource page found [here](#).

Lastly, in the words of your 50th reunion committee, "We lost our reunion moment in 2020, but we haven't lost our momentum. Our committee is counting on you, our classmates, to stay engaged and eager for our 50+ class reunion."

We hope to see you soon!



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