



Princeton Class of 1960

*Going Back
Looking Forward*

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Dear Member of the great Class of 1960,

I am always happy to be able to stay in touch via this annual letter from your President.

If you have been keeping up with the Class's website, <https://princeton1960.org>, you already know some of what I'll be reporting here. (And if you haven't been keeping up, why not?) But there is some very special news this year, so keep reading.

My predecessor as Class President, Philip Detjens, raised the idea after our 55th Reunion of creating for our 60th Reunion some sort of permanent memorial bearing our name on campus. We have spent the time since then working on this, and I am very happy to report that we have in place two different memorials.

The first of these is an inscription on a stone on the wall of the Chapel. The inscription was chosen by the Class officers after input from members of the Class, and the image at the very end of this letter shows (approximately) what this will look like. It will be located a few alcoves in from the back of the chapel, on the right-hand side as you enter, just above eye height. We are actually expecting this to be completed by the beginning of the academic year in September.

The second is an endowment-based undergraduate scholarship, named The Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship. We have funded it initially with \$50,000 from our Class funds, and we hope to build that endowment up with both ongoing donations (we will be putting a scholarship checkoff on the dues notice which should be accompanying this letter) and bequests. Also at the end of this letter is a copy of the document which confirms the establishment of this scholarship. We are hoping and expecting that this scholarship will be awarded during the upcoming 2019-20 academic year, for the following year.

Aside from the establishment of these two memorials, probably the next highlight of this year has been the very successful mini-reunion held in Jacksonville at the end of April. Organized by Phil Becton and by Joan and Preston Haskell, participants enjoyed outstanding scenery, activities, dinners, and companionship.

Otherwise, this year, like the last one, has been relatively quiet, which is not such a bad thing as we approach all too rapidly our membership in the Old Guard. Alumni Day in February provided a good turnout of classmates. Our 59th Reunion in May featured an excellent off-year turnout, sparked once again by Evan Bush's pre-P-rade luncheon at Prospect House.

Another highlight of the year was of course the naming of this year's class of Sachs Scholars, Tylor-Maria Johnson and Emily Geyman, who are continuing the Scholars' tradition of staggering accomplishments. And this year we will be welcoming Molly Daunt as a kind of

reverse Sachs Scholar from Worcester College, studying Classics in the Graduate School at Princeton. As we all know, the Sachs Scholarship is our Class's enduring legacy to the University, and this year as usual the recipients make us all very proud. (I want to add here a reminder that the new Memorial Scholarship, aimed at undergraduates, does not interfere in any way with the Class's strong and ongoing commitment to the Sachs Scholarship, which is aimed at graduate students. We will of course be continuing the tradition of a checkoff on the dues notice for this as well.)

Annual Giving, under the on-going and able leadership of Dave Dodge and Rich McGlynn, once again did even better than the previous year, collecting \$214,010 from 326 donors (out of a class roll of 497), or 65.6% of the Class. That participation percentage was good for a tie for seventh place among all Classes (and two of the Classes ahead of us were in major Reunion years). This is the single most important thing our Class does to support the University. Historically, we have done exceptionally well, and I hope we will be able to continue that tradition. So when you get those appeals from Dave and Rich, please respond. Remember that I quoted two separate figures above; even if you may not be able to significantly impact the first, a modest donation will impact the second.

Already planned for next academic year are two traditional events sponsored by the University: class tailgates at the Harvard game on 26 October, and Alumni Day on 22 February 2020.

But of course the most important event planned for next year is our 60th Reunion. Evan Bush and his team have already begun communicating with the Class about this, and all new information will appear on the website as soon as it becomes available.

Enclosed with this letter is a request for Class Dues. We have been able to continue our previous dues amounts of \$55 for Classmates. Your dues cover the cost of the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* and help to promote Class activities like the ones mentioned above. You can avoid receiving additional requests for payment of dues from our Treasurer, Bob Seabring, in the next few months, by paying those dues promptly. The enclosed dues card can also be used for making additional contributions to the Class, to our new Memorial Scholarship for undergraduates, or to the Daniel Sachs Scholarship Fund. You may also pay your dues via PayPal on our website at <https://princeton1960.org/paypal.php>.

We made last year an important change in our dues structure for Associates; we reduced the fee from \$25 to just \$15, which is enough to cover a subscription to the *Princeton Alumni Weekly*. At the same time, however, we want to respect the requests of those Associates who do not care to continue getting *PAW*. We are therefore asking you check off on the enclosed dues card your wish to keep on receiving *PAW*, because we will **not** automatically be sending it to you unless you so note. You are technically entitled to get *PAW* even without paying your dues, but we hope you will nevertheless support the Class's efforts to keep you posted on what we are doing.

It's an honor to serve the Class as an officer. But your participation in our activities, your willingness to help out with what we're doing, your advice, and, let's face it, your financial contributions, all these make our task both easier and more rewarding. Thanks for that, and I look forward to seeing you during the next year. As always, you can check our website at <https://princeton1960.org> for the latest up-to-date information on Class affairs.

Cordially,

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Once more, before our closing cheer, to Alma Mater Sing!
Steps Song

CLASS OF 1960 at its 60th REUNION

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