Classes of 1979-80 Survey
Grinnell College
Reunion 2019
Bruce Albrecht

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Saint Paul, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Reading SF, tutoring (ReadingPartners.org), wasting time on the internet

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Worldcon 2018 in San Jose, CA, because Worldcon is a great excuse to go somewhere new.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Zirkle statue. Just kidding.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
More than a feeling

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
I'm not sure it's the oldest, but I still have my Grinnell Relays t-shirt. It doesn't fit, alas.
Drew Bergman

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Columbus, Ohio

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
I sit on my local environmental sustainability committee, which nicely ties my professional interest in environmental protection with real world policies.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
My wife and I took our two adult children and their partners to Spain and Portugal a year ago. We let them plan out the trip (with our input of course) so they were fully invested. We’re all so busy and live in different cities so the time together was really special.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
I was at the 10 year reunion with my infant son so the subsequent birth of my daughter would be the biggest thing to happen in my life since then.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Just sit in the center of campus and take it all in again.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Springsteen concert! Coming from the east coast, I knew all about him so what a way to start college!

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
The soundtrack to my Grinnell years was the Grateful Dead.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
I think I still have the sweat suit pants that I wore while on JV basketball freshman year.
Ruth Bittner

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Peoria, IL

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
St. Louis Cardinals, ECN-GPA, volunteering with public schools

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
A journey last night through rural west-central Illinois (“Forgottonia”) to Macomb, IL, to speak to the Western Illinois University student chapter of my professional society about their potential future careers.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Since graduation: My entire career and life journey, the places life takes you.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
HSSC

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Joan Armatrading, Ted Kennedy

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Everything by the BeeGees

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Books
Nathaniel Borenstein

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Greenbush, Michigan

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Climate change, defeating Trump, income inequality

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Nashville – I find it easier to write in the Nashville honky tonks than anywhere else.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Several medical episodes

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
None in particular

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Gil Scott-Heron

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Anything on Stevie Wonder’s Songs in the key of life

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Some papers I wrote
Carla Breunig

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Mendota Heights, Minnesota

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Access to healthcare for all; outdoor activities (hiking, biking, walking)

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
North Shore of Minnesota on Lake Superior – needed to see Gitche gumee. It had been a long time.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Two things actually: I’m now a survivor/thriver of breast cancer, and I got married to my sweetheart, Gail, in January 2019.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The new Humanities and Social Science Center

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Loved many of them, but a highlight was Bruce Springsteen!

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
1. The William Tell Overture by Rossini . . . someone on north campus was playing it loud out their North Younkers dorm window as we were all walking to lunch.
2. Pachelbel’s ‘Canon in D for Strings’: again someone on north campus was playing it with the sound directed out their window. I tracked down the person on Gates 3rd to find out the composer and name of song.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
I have ‘The Little Black Book’ that they gave us as freshmen.
Jerry Brown

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Virginia

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

Rawson Hall

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

2 AM donut run.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

1) Springsteen – Rosalita; 2) Earth, Wind & Fire – September; 3) Patrick Hernandez – Born to Be Alive; 4) Hot Chocolate – Every 1’s A Winner; 5) Donna Summer – Hot Stuff

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

Grinnell College shirt, baseball cap
Margo A. Calvetti

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Basalt, Colorado

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

My family, Friends, Quality of Life Project, Climate initiatives, my dogs, hiking, biking, skiing, golf, yoga, reading and being outside in the sun in Roaring Fork Valley each day

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Every day is an adventure – although I loved climbing Mt. Elbert, CO 14,440 ft just for fun, National Geographic Expedition to Arctic and seeing Polar Bears to learn about climate change, and travel to Western Australia for the 100th anniversary of my ANZAC Grandfather’s journey to defend Gallipoli and Western Front WWI for family history

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Move to Colorado, major hip surgery and recovery, and yes . . . that’s about all I will admit to now!

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

The sunset behind North Campus from the old PEC

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

The Police, The Ramones, Pat Metheny and the Space Potatoes, and the folk?rock band with Kevin R, Mike S, and the other wonderful folks whose faces I see but names escape me--

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Anything Talking Heads, Dire Straits, Stones, Supertramp, Alan Parsons, Grateful Dead, Jackson Brown, CSN-Disco in the pub

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

My Crew: Trish, Iris, Mary, Patti, Shelly, my Honor G Blanket, Russian and Latin American Lit and Poli Sci books.
John Canady

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Iowa City, IA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Iowa MOST – an organization that has provided free reconstructive surgery to children in Guatemala for 15 years

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Last mission trip to Guatemala just completed in Feb 2019 with many patients successfully cared for

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Kids going out in the world

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
See the new ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Asleep at the Wheel

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Dance the Night Away

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
My old Grinnell ID
Shelley Johnson Chambers

*Class Year:* 1979

*Where you currently live:* Davenport, Iowa

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* Yes

*What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)*?

Family, friendship, feeding the hungry, spiritual growth

*What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?*

Became a sexagenarian (and nope, not what it sounds like!)

*What spot on campus are you excited to visit?*

Forum beach

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*

Bruce Springsteen

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*

Many songs by Emmylou Harris and Bonnie Raitt

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*

A ceramic mug given to me by Carolyn Mow freshman year
Ann Chasson

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Mountain View, CA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Cat rescue

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Australia – vacation and conference attendance

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Starting a non-profit

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Joan Armatrading

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Running on Empty – Jackson Browne

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
t-shirt
Chris Corton

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Chapel Hill, NC

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

I am passionate about ensuring a healthy environment through my work as a scientist at the EPA. I love to explore the last wild areas of the country. And drink beer.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

So many. St. John and Virgin Islands National Park, Zion, Valley of the Gods, Joshua Tree

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Genetic and epigenetic children and grandchildren!

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

The place where I buried my stash.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Bruce Springsteen and the Police.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Brickhouse, Back in love again, songs from the Weasels Ripped My Flesh by Frank Zappa

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

Yearbook
Bruce Crane

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Skokie, IL (Chicago ‘burb)

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Volunteering for causes that are important to me: homeless (StreetWise), home building (Homes of Hope), our temple, numerous boards. I am passionate about using my tools, one of my favorite pass times, especially with our motorhome!

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Jamaica – we go with other couples every year: Quality time with my wife, Laura; being with close friends; snorkeling; and volleyball on the beach.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
I’ve been fortunate, and have had many . . . but one that stands out was the opportunity to join the top of our military as a civilian attendee at Air War College.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The new ARH and all of its construction

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Probably working with the Mirecourt Trio on their concerts and album

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Night Moves, Bob Seeger and the Silver Bullet Band

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
The leather vest I wore much of the time – the van didn’t last!
Ann Zenk Croaston

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Minneapolis, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
CO National Parks for an old school car trip with my adult kids

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Can’t pick

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Second City performance, maybe

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Still the One

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
School tie – Bookstore sold them after finding them in storage
Dorothy Cole Domrzalski

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Albuquerque, NM

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Korean dramas and quilting

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

I went to Pittsburgh to the opera (Don Pasquale) and also to a taping of Mountain Stage (WV public radio show) at WVU.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Umm . . . got married, had two kids, they graduated from college and got good jobs, now I have a granddaughter.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

If I was coming I’d be interested to see Main fourth.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Bruce Springsteen

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Banana Republics by Steve Goodman

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

My dad’s desk chair
Cindy Jaeger Fritz

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Forney, TX

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Art, Creation and Flood, Jesus, gardening, reading

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? We went to Israel because I always wanted to see the Bible lands.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)? Marriage to a wonderful man (John), 3 daughters, 2 grandchildren, art awards

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell? The annual waltz with its waltz lessons we could learn beforehand.
Edward Fry

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Indianapolis, IN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
My work, family, travel, music, running

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
China – work and vacation

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Appointed to American College of Cardiology Board of Trustees, Names Chair of Ascension Health National Cardiovascular Service Line

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
South campus, of course

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce – 1975, Police a close second

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Born to Run

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Diploma
Jimmy Garst

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Winnemucca, Nevada

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Pain medication

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Routinely see Doctors in Reno. Happy Dr. was able to save my vision.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Filed was is the never ending lawsuit against lessee. Lessee is too busy mining investors to mine Gold. Same old story. Mark Twain said a NV Gold mine is a hole in the ground with a liar standing next to it, throwing money into it.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Rashan Roland Kirk

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Grateful Dead Road Trips

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

Diploma
Risa Gerson

*Class Year:* 1979

*Where you currently live:* New York City

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* Yes

*What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)*?
Criminal justice and social justice issues

*What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?*
Costa Rica -- vacation

*What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?*
Too many things to list over the last 40 years

*What spot on campus are you excited to visit?*
Haven’t been back in over 40 years, so the entire campus

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*
Bruce Springsteen; also it was pretty cool to see Jimmy Carter when he came to campus to campaign

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*
The Bob Dylan Blood on the Tracks album

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*
Photos
Victoria Gilbert

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Portland, OR

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Passionate? Hmm. I enjoy reading, cooking, crossword puzzles, yoga, walking, cycling, volunteering at my library, and taking interesting pictures. I also love hanging out at home with my husband, my cats, and thousands of bees.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

I spent time in NYC with my daughter and sister, and then went to Montreal where my sister lives. Family time is important. I saw King Lear with Glenda Jackson on Broadway.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

New ARH, Burling Library

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?


What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Pub jukebox – all the songs.
Ellen Liebman Glatstein

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Landscape painting, scuba diving, mentoring female entrepreneurs

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Maui, to celebrate my husband’s 60th birthday

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
I retired!

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen concert at the Armory

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Anything by Linda Ronstadt

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Cunningham’s t-shirt
Bob Greenberg

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Dallas, TX

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Fitness and family

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Seattle for family wedding

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Retirement

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Norris pit

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Ramones

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Alison by Elvis Costello

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Men’s tie from the 1950s
Michael Grefe

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Saint George, Utah

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Painting and drawing

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
None

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
I will really miss everyone at Reunion and would love to be there except I am in poor health and I am unable to fly or drive long distances.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
All of them

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Julie Harris, Bell of Amherst.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Billy Joel “Piano Man” only because there was a guy on my floor who would play the song over and over.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Grinnell T-shirt
Diane Gutenkauf

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Jackson, Michigan

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Museums!

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

I went to Israel for 10 days at the end of March / beginning of April. I’d never been there and my synagogue organized the trip. Seemed like a good opportunity

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Took a new job in a different state, moving from my home of 25 years to begin a new adventure, learn a new place, and meet new people

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

All of it

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Any Motown (from the Pub jukebox) and the Grateful Dead (from everywhere)

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

My admission certificate
Susan Hagler

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Minneapolis

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

My grandchildren, zen practice, indigenous peoples’ wellbeing, cooking natural foods, not in any particular order 😊

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Went to NE Japan to visit my son and his family. Also went to Kyoto and loved soaking in the onsen (hotsprings)

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

2 grandchildren born, received Dharma Transmission from my Zen teacher

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

No one spot, excited to see people 😊

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Sweet Honey in the Rock; Going on the India studies program

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Linda Rondstat “You’re no Good”; “Wild Thing” (from India studies program)

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

“Rah Grinnell” T-shirt
Mark Hatherly

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Woodbury, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
RAGBRAI, Programming, Crossword puzzles

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Biking across IA with 10,000 other crazies because I am addicted and do it every year.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Excited and scared – the diving board at the pool

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Springsteen or Elly Ameling – I can’t decide which

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Sugar Magnolias by Grateful Dead

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
The schefflera tree that I got free with a coupon from the Grinnell florist on the second day on campus. His name is E. Henry Thripshaw.
Susan Haverstock

*Class Year:* 1979

*Where you currently live:* Aiken, SC

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* Yes

*What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)*?
Psychiatry, Polo, Buddhism, Cooking, Travel, Backcountry Skiing

*What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?*
Atacama Desert for extreme nature, pristine beauty and to climb a mountain.

*What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?*
35 years of sobriety

*What spot on campus are you excited to visit?*
All of it!

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*
Too many great events to count! Georgia Dentel was such a gift for us. Julie Harris in the Belle of Amhurst, Count Basie and Gil Scott Heron were my favorites.

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*
Jimi Hendrix, Hear My Train a Comin; Frank Zappa, Don’t Eat the Yellow Snow; Grateful Dead, Fire on the Mountain

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*
Grateful Dead T-shirts and tapes
Sue Henken-Thielen

**Class Year:** 1980

**Where you currently live:** Plymouth, MN

**Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?** Yes

**What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?**

Progressive politics, access to and affordability of healthcare and higher education, protecting environment and addressing climate change. Yoga, cycling, waterskiing, stand up paddleboard, kayaking, gardening, music and dancing, theatre.

**What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?**

Negril, Jamaica – on the bucket list. 25 years ago, was told about this quiet laid back gem and finally got there.

**What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?**

Within three months, I won the grand prize at my company holiday party – airline tickets to anywhere in the US, I was awarded an Alumni Award and I won my company March Madness Final Four pool. I’m feeling lucky – maybe the lottery is next!

**What spot on campus are you excited to visit?**

New Humanities building

**What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?**

The Police!

**What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?**

My letter jacket
David Herren

**Class Year:** 1979

**Where you currently live:** Shoreham, VT

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

**What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?**
Wine, film, Energy conservation, electric vehicles

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Spain, Camino De Santiago

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
My wife’s death

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Springsteen

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
The Dead

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
My mind
Thomas J. Hope

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Reno, NV

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Wine, wine, wine

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Northern California coast to enjoy the scenery
Mary Jean Huston

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Madison, WI

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Nature conservation, road biking, dog walking

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Biking in Italian Piedmont last fall. Fun, food.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
My mother died.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Central campus in front of Forum

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Anthony Braxton

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Grateful Dead

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Student ID card 1976
Ken Johnson

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Brownsboro (Huntsville), AL

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Travel, home renovation, politics

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Took a cruise around the Peloponnesian isthmus (Greece). Was on the bucket list. It was VERY cool.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Hoping to retire next year.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Outside (with friends).

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Police!

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
The Who, “Won’t Get Fooled Again”. Tried to synch everyone’s stereo on it one day. Sounded AWFUL. Much mirth and laughter.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Ice cream scoop from the last (?) reunion is the oldest Grinnell-logo item T-shirts done wore out years ago . . .
Paula Johnson

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Scottsdale, AZ

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Attending to senior population

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; I have a place there

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Retirement

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Cleveland Hall

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Steve Wonder all of it

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
My calculus book
Brian Jones

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Decorah, Iowa

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Sustainable building, prairies, big data, and functional medicine

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Our family lived in Belize during the months of January and February 2019. We wanted our children to experience a different culture, and our adopted dog to visit her homeland.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
That it’s important to live in the moment.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The 1980 rock, of course.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Thad Jones and Mel Lewis

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Always There – Ronnie Laws; School Days – Stanley Clarke; Watercolors – Pat Metheny

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
I recently acquired a Glenn Zirkle sculpture; the rock it’s made of is very old.
Dan Kaplan

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: South Nyack, NY

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Working with adolescents, lgbtq issues, hiking, tennis, music

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Italy with my daughter – graduation gift

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
My children

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Central campus

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen, persuasions

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
I Wish, Stevie Wonder

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Books
Jim King

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: St. Paul, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

New ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Bruce Springsteen
Wendy Knox

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Minneapolis, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Cooking, dogs, gardening, arts

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Mexico, vacation

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
I got old.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
All of it.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Duh, Springsteen.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Born to Run, or Truckin’.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Perhaps my chemistry text book from freshman year.
Peter Kornhaber

Class Year: 70-80

Where you currently live: Dana Point, California

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Sailing, Yoga, Travel, Limiting access to firearms in the US

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
We went to the Netherlands and France last summer, to enjoy some European culture and the Provencal countryside.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Since the last reunion, I went to Africa for Safari, that was amazing, but more amazing was the birth of my first grandchild, Holden, about a year ago!

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The giant trees outside the loggia on South Campus

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Koko Taylor . . .

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Anything Dead and a lot of Frank Zappa!

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
I made a giant wooden crate to hold my photo albums before I came to college freshman year, I still have that crate holding my kids old toys!
David Kramer

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Tucson, AZ

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Volunteer for National Forest Service. And when I can get to the ocean, beach volleyball.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Turkey to see my daughter.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

My daughter got married and she moved to Amsterdam.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

HSSC

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

The Ramones

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Like a Rolling Stone by Dylan

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

Photos
Kirk Krutilla

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Superior, MT

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Bridge, walking dogs in the mountains, gathering wood for bonfires

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Arizona, get away from the winter for a while

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Waiting until next reunion to go back

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Croquet golf when the snow melted outside the college forum

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Walk on the Wild Side

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Me
Harvey Leff

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Cherry Hill, NJ

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Sports (baseball and softball) and family

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
My daughter graduating from Grinnell

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Entire campus

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
My rugby jersey
Bill Leone

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Mount Prospect, IL

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
I like my garden and spent a lot of time digging around in there. Fishing. I have strong political views. Generally, I share them by writing letters to my elected representatives who ignore me because I don’t have enough money to buy them off.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Went to Kamagaya, Japan (east of Tokyo) to visit my oldest daughter. She’s contracted with the City of Kamagaya as an English teaching assistant for elementary and middle school aged students. Big take aways . . . the sushi is great and inexpensive. Most of the food is more bland than I would have expected. I ate it all and enjoyed it. The Japanese seem to like hard furniture. Their passenger train system is outstanding. The best quip I heard while discussing cultural differences was that while in the US we say the squeaky wheel gets the oil, the equivalent Japanese colloquial is the nail that sticks up gets hammered down. I had a blast and look forward to going back.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
My life is pretty routine these days. Probably the biggest change is that our youngest daughter is out of the house and going to school at U of Iowa. It is definitely bittersweet to be empty nesters. As my wife said, “It’s the only personal relationship you have that if you do it right, the other person leaves you.”

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Concerts: Ultravox and Police as a twin bill dance in Darby. #2, Bill Evans solo performance in Roberts. Classroom lecture by Henry Walker on the topic of betweeness. It might be the only time in my life I had seen anyone get truly animated and excited while explaining a mathematical concept.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

A ring that was given to me by a friend.
Michael Lyons (Tex)

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Dallas, TX

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Musical theatre (doing it, building it, lighting it, and my relationships). I recently took a job as a Theatre Tech. Guitar playing.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Kayaking the northern half of Trinity River in Dallas County. It was nearby, and I wanted a different perspective. Now I want to see the southern half and the Great Trinity Forest. (yes, that’s actually a thing)

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Learning that my personal evolution requires accepting responsibility for more than I originally thought.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Rawson – Gates tower

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
1) The Omaha Loose Brothers; 2) The Police (1979?); 3) Peter Young

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Truckin’ – Grateful Dead; Do you feel like we do – Frampton; One – A Chorus Line; Roller Derby Queen - Croce

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
String guitar
Nick Malden

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Tacoma, WA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Boating, travel and toys for tots

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Egypt and Morocco for a month to see the history and desert.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Since last reunion it was a one year, 8,500 mile boat trip circumnavigating US east of the Mississippi

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The original Pub

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen . . . can’t remember other stuff!

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Pretty much anything by Grateful Dead.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Letter jacket
Nora Mann

*Class Year:* 1980

*Where you currently live:* Arlington, MA

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* Yes

*What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)*?

Community service, especially focused on human services issues; my garden which is overwhelming and more like a prairie; re-taking the White House and restoring a sense of civil decorum and human rights leadership . . . seriously, I’m that kind of girl.

*What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?*

Biking and hiking in Italy!

*What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?*

Stopped working full time and am now consulting providing guidance to non-profits and working on community building around the opioid crisis – mixing my public health and public safety backgrounds

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*

Joan Armatrading at Darby

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*

Anything Dead

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*

A football jersey – and I have absolutely no idea how it came into my possession b/c I didn’t even know we had sports . . . (alright, I knew there was soccer but . . .)
Steve McKelvey

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Northfield, Minnesota, USA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Politics, natural resource management.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? Guanzhou, China. I went for a conference, but I have found Chinese culture to be fascinating, both urban and rural.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)? Deaths of parents.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit? The Quad dining hall. New science and ARH buildings. Central campus outside what we called “The Forum.”

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell? Bruce Springsteen concert. George Thorogood and the Destroyers along with the Police was also a great concert. (Thanks, Virginia.)

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell? You’re Only Dust in the Wind -- Kansas

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own? 1975 Class Directory
Desiree Meyer

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Miami, FL

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Photography and being with friends

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Istanbul, Turkey for my father’s memorial service.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Birth of first grandchild.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The dance floor with Ed Senn

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Joan Armatrading

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Midnight Train to Georgia, Brick House, Midnight at the Oasis, I Will Survive, Play that Funky Music, We Will Rock You

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Honor G Blanket and 2 Moliere books from independent study
Rosa Michnya

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Philadelphia, PA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Animals, plant-based nutrition and spirituality, passions not discovered ‘til my mid to late 30s and back then, one at a time, but which for me now go very much hand-in-hand. I also like writing children’s books but as a very slowly recovering perfectionist, I’m never satisfied with them – eventually I’ll accidentally finish one and send it off to a publisher.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

I did a work exchange over one long weekend at an animation festival in Ottawa, Canada because I’m still a kid at heart who loves cartoons and art and stories, and the artistry of animation is something I don’t get to enjoy often enough but really appreciate when I do.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

My first job as a reporter for The Washington Post was also the most exciting, although I was most passionate about working for the Clean Air Council, but I have to say that caring for as many as 10 rescued animals at a time was the most life-changing and led to the discovery of what I care about most. I wasn’t one of the lucky ones at Grinnell who already knew.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

I didn’t realize until you asked this question that I loved the trees on campus more than anything else.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

As a Philly teen already familiar with Bruce Springsteen, I never expected to see him in Iowa my first year at Grinnell – and as everyone who was there will agree, he blew the roof off the place, his concert was magical and unforgettable.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

After Springsteen’s show I was called “Rosalita” for a while, my roommate Jodie Stonesifer ’79 played beautiful Joni Mitchell tunes, I loved dancing to Johnny Be Good, but ultimately I’d have to say the Grateful Dead’s Sugar Magnolia, Trucking, really pretty much their entire repertoire from the late ’70s. I distinctly remember Mark Bailey ’79 making a lengthy apology to his entire sound system before playing a song I had requested that was NOT by the Grateful
Dead, and now I can’t even remember what that song was. Sorry, Bailey, I guess it wasn’t that important, but thank you!

**What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?**

Ohmigosh, I have a bunch of stuff still, including every single textbook I ever bought, Wellington boots from Grinnell-in-London, an old R. Crumb comic book called The Astral Outhouse, my well-used copy of The Tassajara Bread Book from long before I owned a bread machine, a book of George Booth cartoons called Think Good Thoughts About a Pussycat that I picked up in the college bookstore and couldn’t put back down, a very ’70s-looking photo album from my first year as a Loose woman filled with images of friends mostly in and around Loose Hall, more stuff still, and one day I’ll part with all of it except for some very special memories of what I loved best about each of you. All right, maybe I’ll hang onto that bread book.
Chris Mol

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Spend free time playing with my granddaughter, teaching a class at church, working with Boy Scouts, or helping out with the local high school boy or girl soccer programs.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Went to New York and binged on Broadway plays. Five plays in 3 days along with a bunch of sightseeing.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Birth of first grandchild (can we really be that old?)

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Would like to see the new ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
My junior year when we won our last football game of the season in Chicago and immediately after the game (while still in pads) hit the University of Chicago alumni bar.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Anything by Boston

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
I still have my Grinnell football practice jersey
Carolyn Mow

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Phoenicia, NY

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Hiking, kayaking

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? My son Emilio and I went to Tulum, Mexico during his first Spring break from college.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit? I am not sure I even know what is still there! Is the forum still there??

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell? Bruce Springsteen? Loose Hall Ball?
Steve Moyer

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Los Angeles

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Restaurants / food, golf, teaching at USC, woodworking, jazz

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Last summer I toured every former Soviet satellite country. This summer will be the Amazon and most of the major cities of S. America.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
This will sound trivial since it’s not about getting married or having kids – wrote a well-regarded book.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
New HSSC

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Edward O. Wilson’s commencement address.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Moon Dance

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
My G Letter Jacket – just wish I still fit in it 😊
Jeanette Mulcahy

*Class Year:* 1979

*Where you currently live:* St. Petersburg, Florida

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* Yes

*What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?*

I enjoy spinning, volunteering in the food pantry, bike riding, and hiking

*What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?*

We took a 6 week trip to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. We went to visit friends, but also to expose ourselves to SE Asia.

*What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?*

Having Alan retire

*What spot on campus are you excited to visit?*

The new construction around the old ARH

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*

Bruce!

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*

Any songs from Born to Run, songs by Steve Goodman

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*

My letter jacket
Pam Neil

*Class Year:* 1979

Where you currently live: Tustin, CA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Reading, going to the movies with friends, volunteering to cook for Primetimers at my church (haven’t been able to in the past 2 years), cooking, reuniting with friends and relatives that I haven’t seen in years via Facebook.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Lifechanging adventure: toured hospitals of SoCal as my husband works on recovering from a fall he had in October 2017. Learned more about nursing and caregiving than I had ever planned to know. Last vacation may well have been the 2004 Reunion. I used to travel quite a bit. Hoping I can again some day.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Lost my job in Aerospace and started working for a small company that is nicer but less solvent. Returned to my Christian roots. Husband became a tetraplegic requiring 24/7 care (mostly from me) would be the biggest. Thank goodness for the other two changes. I have a supportive boss and have not been fired for my erratic schedule. Also, I am allowed to work at home a lot. My small group members from my church have provided support over and above what my family has time to give.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

ARH. I want to see how it turned out.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

The various costume balls were a lot of fun: James Gang Bang and Loose Hall Ball for VD. (I wonder if they still exist or if they had to get politically correct names, which would spoil the fun a little bit). I remember going to one event as a Blanc Mange (think Monty Python) and for another ball 4 of us wore T-shirts, which together, depicted a painting by Salvador Dali. There were others, but I don’t remember them all. Also remember my first viewing of Rocky Horror Picture Show.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
That’s the way the world goes round by John Prine; Quarter Moon in a ten cent town by Emmylou Harris; Pony Man and many other Gordon Lightfoot songs; White Rabbit and many other Jefferson Airplane and Jefferson Starship songs.

**What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?**

Probably the half-embroidered shirt depicting the Gates of Moria that I started with the intent of giving it to my then boyfriend. Still have fading hopes of finishing the picture.
Michael Niederman

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Skokie, IL

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? TV, reading and travel.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? Back to Northern Ireland. I made a documentary there 25 years ago and hadn’t been back. I also got to Dublin for the first time.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)? Kids off to college . . .

What spot on campus are you excited to visit? NA – my daughter will be graduating from Grinnell in 2020, I have been back a lot.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell? The Police and Anthony Braxton.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell? Lido Shuffle by Boz Scaggs

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own? Just found my Grinnell-in-London guide book.
Ken O'Barski

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: St. John, Indiana

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Life in general. I’m an avid fisherman, enjoy traveling, and I am a fervent Green Bay Packer fan.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
I just got back from Ireland. Ireland is a place my wife Ann has always wanted to visit . . . so we went.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Sorry, it would be impossible for me to rank “the biggest thing to happen in my life” since the last reunion. Like many of us over the years, I’ve had peaks and valleys . . . thankfully more peaks than valleys.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
I want to take it all in. I’m excited just being able to visit.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Bruce Springsteen

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

ME . . . LOLOLOLOL
Joe Oxman

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Minneapolis

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Baseball, travelling, hiking, STEM volunteering, stamp collecting, teaching

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Toured Japan with my wife after a week of work in Japan . . . all about sushi

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Recipient of ACS Industrial Polymer Science Award and induction as a Fellow in the ACS Polymer Group

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Science Building

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen!!!

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Hotel California and Brick House

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Baseball Hat
Lawrence Pistrang

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Princeton, MA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Coaching track and cross country, birding, hiking, cooking

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Led a two week birding tour to Ecuador

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Watching my two beautiful daughters begin their adult lives, one as a family law attorney and the other as a youth education specialist for a non-profit that seeks to build healthy communities by ending domestic violence
Kathryn Prager

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Lexington, MA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Writing

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? Went to Miami Beach to celebrate my father in law’s birthday

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)? Started a Toastmaster’s Club. Joined a writer’s group.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own? T-shirt with a dragon on it
Cornell Rudov

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Fernandina Beach, Florida

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Turning off the car when it is parked in the garage.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Vietnam & Cambodia. Lax extradition laws.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Retirement.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
’79 Grove.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Concert: Bruce; Event: Loose Hall Ball; Speakers: Bose 901’s

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
We are the men of old Grinnell, everybody stand and cheer when you hear the Pioneers, Big men, strong men, sons of old Grinnell, you wanna fight, come on and fight, cause we can fight like hell!

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Letter jacket.
Kino Ruth

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Clinton, NY

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Local art center, sports (ice hockey, basketball & football); Nature / outdoors – hiking in mountains and along shorelines; Travel

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Trips to Romania, Slovenia, Montenegro & Japan. Love international travel / cultures / food

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Family life w/ spouse and 26 year old daughter. Retirement pending????

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen of course!

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Born to Run, plus entire first album by Boston thanks to roommate John Buckwalter & KDIC; Doobie Brothers too

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Parent’s 1949 & 1950 Yearbooks plus 1949 Rawson Hall mug
Stephanie Nelson Schmit

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Minneapolis, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Christian camp ministries – on boards, still work some weeks at summer camp, mentoring young women, sharing home with those in hard places, gardening, genealogy, travel, hiking

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Spain, Italy, Lebanon, Cyprus 2018; Son living in Barcelona (now Copenhagen), Daughter living in Cyprus (previously Turkey and Lebanon).

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

The little things of life – marriage, 5 children, a foster son, grandchildren, hosting foreign students, family roadtrips, interesting work, bird watching, gardening, belly dancing lessons, playing power volleyball, caring for special people on path to death . . . being a disciple of Jesus and meeting so many interesting and diverse people.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

I heard Dick Gregory speak – was it at Grinnell? Remember something about the whole earth owned by 5 white pimps . . .

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

Still have my wool Grinnell Letter Blanket – stays in car for MN winters, camping, and picnics
Ed Senn

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Washington, DC

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Studying Italian, giving tours of Washington, DC, and wearing a kilt!

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? Home to South Carolina for BarnFest XI at our family horse farm, Ketchen Place Farm. www.ketchenplace.com

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)? I retired from Verizon after 27 years!

What spot on campus are you excited to visit? The class of 1979 Grove between North Younker and the JRC!

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell? Gill Scott Herron in Roberts Theatre.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell? “Born to Run”

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own? A medium (!) T-shirt
Steven D. Silberberg

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Forest Hills, NY

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Music, golf, photography, video production, sound mixing, Neil Reich Memorial Scholarship.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Annual visit to Hawaii, LA to enable nieces to visit Disneyland, Scottsdale to visit Stevie Smith, Florida to visit Cornell and Susan Rudov.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
My dad passed away.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
ARH, and the Grinnell College Golf Course.

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Springsteen

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Jungleland, Sugar Magnolia, Born to Run, Close to the Edge, Hotel California, White Rabbit, Turn to Stone

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Original Bootleg of the Springsteen Concert
Jim Silver

Class Year: 1979/80

Where you currently live: Cincinnati

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Wildlands conservation. Board member of Arc of Appalachia (land trust) in Southern Ohio

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
College visit combined with ski visit to Killington, VT for my younger daughter, a high school junior

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Surviving teenage daughters growing up at an advanced age

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The Forum

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Bruce Springsteen . . . of course

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Truckin’ – Grateful Dead

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Still have notebooks and textbooks
Kevin Stargazer

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Cleveland

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
Golf and the Browns

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Dublin. Sightseeing.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
3 great kids

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
Mears Cottage

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Police and Ramones

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Talking Heads – Life During Wartime

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Baseball
John Strauss

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Deerfield, Illinois and Denver, Colorado

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?
My family and especially my two grandchildren. Now that I have retired, I am passionate about volunteering with a couple of not for profit organizations and staying in good physical shape.

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Denver, to help plan our daughter’s wedding

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Becoming a grandfather for the second time, the engagement of my daughter, and the pending college graduation of my youngest child.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
My first dorm room in Norris Hall – oh wait . . . guess that’s not going to happen. I am excited to see all the new construction, especially what has happened to ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Loved it when Second City came to perform my freshman year and the actors came back to our dorm and partied with us. Still remember Ted Kennedy speaking during his campaign in ’79.

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Brickhouse, Don’t Go Changing, Love Target (Bob Greenberg version)

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
My diploma, and a few term papers, although they all may have been lost in a recent basement flood!
Dwayne Viergutz

*Class Year:* 1979

*Where you currently live:* Heidelberg, Germany

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* No

*What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?*

Music; Venice, Italy; and my wife, not necessarily in that order.

*What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?*

My most recent trip was a drive to the Karlsruhe Castle this morning. Why did I go? Nostalgia, not to mention it being a gorgeous day to visit the gardens. I lived in Karlsruhe 50 years ago, and I hadn’t seen the castle grounds since then.

*What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?*

The biggest thing? That’s a toss-up between getting married back in 2005 and retiring on 1 April of this year after 38 years of service as a Department of the Army civilian.

*What spot on campus are you excited to visit?*

If I were to visit, I’d like to see if the Pub is still there.

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*

There were too many to say that any one of them was a favorite. Musically, the Bill Evans Trio, the Ron Carter quintet, the Persuasions, and the Earl Scruggs Review were among my favorite concerts. As for speakers, that too is a toss-up between Seamus Heaney and Stephen Spender.

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*

“Let’s Trade Eyes.” Kevin Zoernig, who used to be a member of Grinnell’s music faculty, wrote it, and he and the rest of his band, which was called “Funk at the Pub,” often played it in the Grinnell Pub.

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*

I’m not sure if they count, but I still own all of my textbooks.
Nancy Wagner

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Saint Paul, MN

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Working out, friends, reading, work

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

Haines Hall – my freshman dorm

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Bruce Springsteen

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

An over-sized red long sleeved t-shirt! Still wear it!
Tom Warnke

Class Year: 1980

Where you currently live: Long Beach, CA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Social Justice

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Went cross-country skiing on the lakes and fields of Inari, Finland, north of the Arctic Circle. Saw the Northern Lights.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

Ugh, the 2016 election.

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?

Renovated ARH

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?

Gil-Scott Heron

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?

Jerry Jeff Walker – LA Freeway

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

My letter jacket (not saying it fits, though)
Deb Weiner

*Class Year:* 1979

*Where you currently live:* Baltimore

*Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019?* Yes

*What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?*
Rock ’n Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland for my 60th birthday.

*What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?*
Steve Goodman concert!! I had a major crush on him in high school. (Of course the Springsteen concert was also amazing, especially since Drew Bergman got a bunch of us who had never heard of him to get in line really early, so we had great seats.)

*What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?*
So many! Shakedown Street (the whole album), Walk this Way, Brick House, Red-Headed Stranger, Play that Funky Music White Boy, a memorable Jesse Colin Young album whose name escapes me, and perhaps best of all, Payday Blues by Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks.

*What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?*
A striped denim railroad cap that I wore in a much-loved photo with freshman roommates Jeanette Mulcahy and Minje Martinez, all of us in caps and overalls.
Wiley

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Yellow Springs, Ohio

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?
Nashville, to see Mavis Staples in concert for her 80th birthday, and to check out the restaurant scene.

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?
Became business partners with Liz Valenti ’83. Best thing that ever happened to me, business-wise. We have a lot of fun, and we are opening a 3rd restaurant!

What spot on campus are you excited to visit?
The Pub

What was your favorite concert, event, and/or speaker while at Grinnell?
Joan Armatrading concert. The Police, of course. George Thorogood. And didn’t Ted Kennedy speak one time?

What song(s) do you most associate with your time at Grinnell?
Joni Mitchell – California. Any Grateful Dead tune. Panama Red by New Riders of the Purple Sage. Wendy Knox and I used to sing it at the top of our lungs.

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?
Dead bootleg tapes!
Cynthia (Cindy) Wolpert

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: Riverdale, NY

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? No

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)?

Animals, travel

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go?

Baja – whale watching

What is the biggest thing to happen in your life since our last Reunion (or since graduation if you haven’t been back to Reunion)?

36+ years at the Legal Aid Society. Paid for lots of trips

What is the oldest item from Grinnell that you still own?

T-shirt
Chiye Yamamoto

Class Year: 1979

Where you currently live: San Jose, CA

Are you planning on attending Reunion in 2019? Yes

What are you passionate about (hobbies, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? Learning to play the viola again

What was your most recent trip or adventure, and why did you go? Southeast Asia