



Multicultural

Alumni Weekend

November 10–12, 2017



GRINNELL COLLEGE

On behalf of the entire Grinnell College community, welcome to the first Multicultural Alumni Weekend!

We are excited to have you back on campus to share your stories with current students, faculty, and staff. You are an essential piece of the mosaic of this transgenerational community, and your story is part of our collective institutional memory. This weekend will bring together alumni, families, and friends from all over the country to participate in events, discussions, panels, entertainment, and celebrations of the people, places, and principles that make us uniquely Grinnell.

By returning to Grinnell for this milestone weekend, you are demonstrating your commitment to the College. Active alumni are vital. Your involvement and dedication helps to connect the students of today to a rich history and a proud tradition of excellence. We are excited to build a partnership with you that will catapult the College to the next level of intercultural engagement.

Thank you again for your continuing interest, enthusiasm, and commitment. We are honored to welcome you home this weekend. Let the storytelling begin.

Multicultural Alumni Weekend Planning Committee:

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Be Social

Grinnell College and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations want to connect with you during Multicultural Alumni Weekend. You can find us via these online social networks:

Facebook.com/grinnellcollegealumni

Twitter.com/grinnellcollege

Instagram.com/grinnellcollege

Be sure to tag your posts with the Grinnell College hashtags:

#GrinnellAlumni

#GrinnellCollege

#GrinnellReunion

Take photos and use our custom SnapChat filter.

Friday, November 10, 2017

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Registration and Information Desk Open

JRC First Floor Lobby

Stop by the registration desk to pick up your schedule and materials. Also, this is the spot to ask any questions you may have.

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Class Visit Opportunities

JRC First Floor Lobby

Come by the registration desk to select a class to attend. Class choices will be first-come, first-served.

Noon–2 p.m.

“Multicultural Organizations: Working Together Then and Now” Panel with pizza lunch

JRC 101

Join us for small table discussions and then a panel of alumni, current students, and athletes discussing the successes and mistakes they made as members and leaders of student organizations.

2–3 p.m.

Campus Walking Tour

JRC Second Floor Lobby

Current students will lead this tour beginning at the Multicultural Suites, where the student organizations reside. The rest of the tour will include academic buildings, residence halls, athletic facilities, the dining hall and social venues. Tour guides will also share their experiences and stories about being a Grinnell student.

4–5 p.m.

Legacy Families of Color Panel

JRC 101

Alumni and current students will explore why families of color have decided to make Grinnell a part of their family history across generations, examine what being a legacy or having a descendant be legacy has meant to them as a family, and examine whether the social meaning of “legacy” for families of color is different than for white families.

5:15–6 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Main Lounge

Welcome back to campus! Join fellow alumni, students, faculty and staff for a welcome reception to start the weekend right.

6–7:30 p.m.

Welcome Dinner and Shabbat Table Quad Dining Hall

Join us for a kosher-style buffet meal with challah prepared by our students and a short program by Rabbi Rob Cabelli.

7:30 p.m.

Keynote speaker:

Carlos Andrés Gómez

JRC 101



An award-winning poet, actor, speaker, and writer, Carlos will perform and share his story. He is the author of the coming-of-age memoir *Man*

Up: *Reimagining Modern Manhood*, and was named 2016 Best Diversity Artist by Campus Activities Magazine.

NOTE: JRC is the Joe Rosenfield '25 Center, and is the central gathering place at Grinnell College.

Saturday, November 11, 2017

8 a.m.–noon

Registration and Information Desk Open

JRC First Floor Lobby

Stop by the registration desk to pick up your schedule and materials. Also, this is the spot to ask any questions you may have.

8:30–10 a.m.

Continental Breakfast and Diversity Update

JRC 101

Lakesia Johnson, assistant vice president and chief diversity officer, and Maure Smith-Benanti, associate dean of students and director of intercultural affairs, will share updates on the work of the Council on Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of Intercultural Affairs. They will present data from the recent campus climate survey and share how it will inform the College's new diversity plan.

10–11 a.m.

Traversing Identities: Intersectional Activism at Grinnell College Panel

JRC 101

Alumni panelists will discuss how the multiple identities they hold informed their Grinnell experience.

11a.m.–noon

Life After Grinnell — Adulting 101

JRC Second Floor Lobby

Network with students and discuss topics like: multicultural identities in the workplace (how to find a supportive job environment), how to budget, how to find housing, applying to grad school with a multicultural identity, et cetera.

Noon–1:30 p.m.

Food Truck Lunch

BCC Lawn, 1003 Tenth Ave.

Join alumni, students, and faculty for a food truck lunch at the Black Cultural Center. In the case of inclement weather, this event will move to the lobby of the natatorium at the Bear Center.

1–2 p.m.

SACNAS Supporting Diversity in STEM: Including, engaging, and empowering underrepresented students in STEM

SOL Suite, JRC, second floor

SACNAS is a national society of scientists dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American college students to professionals in science. The purpose of SACNAS is to increase the number of Hispanic/Chicanos and Native Americans in science research, leadership, and teaching careers by bridging opportunities, resources, and other information to underrepresented students and professionals in STEM. Here at Grinnell our SACNAS chapter aims to provide its members, from all underrepresented backgrounds, with a national community of minority interdisciplinary science students and mentors, access to research internships and opportunities, as well as leadership development. Come learn more about what the SACNAS student chapter has done here at Grinnell, what we plan to do in the future, and how you can help support our group!

Multicultural Student Organization Suites

JRC, Second Floor

Concerned Black Students (CBS)

CBS works to build a strong community and promote and inform the campus about African American history, cultures, and issues.

African Caribbean Student Union (ACSU)

This group seeks to celebrate the rich diversity of the African diaspora by engaging the campus through education, community, and dialogue.

Asian American Association (AAA)

The purpose of this student organization is to create a community that will nurture cultural pride among all members.

Student Organization of Latinxs (SOL)

SOL strives to create and support a cultural and social network that preserves and encourages cultural identity and autonomy and to promote awareness of issues affecting Latino society.

Crecemos Unidos

Crecemos Unidos is a student organization dedicated to supporting educational equity through mentorship, empowerment, and enrichment. Our work focuses on social issues among underrepresented youth, primarily Latinx.

Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

SACNAS is an inclusive organization dedicated to fostering the success of Chicano/Hispanic and Native American scientists, from college students to professionals, in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM.

Chalutzim

Chalutzim is the Jewish student organization on campus, where students celebrate and learn about Judaism.

International Students Organization (ISO)

ISO encompasses all nationalities and welcomes all students as members. It promotes international understanding, tolerance, and cooperation among cultures on campus and in the community.

Stonewall Resource Center (SRC)

Yunker Hall Basement

The SRC is a confidential, safe space serving Grinnell's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning communities and allies. The center offers support for individuals, educational programming, and LGBTQIA+ activities on campus.

1-2 p.m.

Asian Americans: Past and Present

AAA Suite, JRC, Second floor

The students of the Asian American Association will be hosting an open house mini-exhibition about Asian American visual artists and historical events. They will feature artwork by Asian Americans and display descriptive panels about Asian American activism and history in both past and current contexts.

1-2 p.m.

Not What You Learned in Hebrew School (Unfortunately)

Chalutzim Lounge, JRC, second floor

Join Rabbi Rob Cabelli for Torah study focusing on a few radical and subversive passages from the Torah.

2-4 p.m.

Board Games

Chalutzim Lounge, JRC, second floor

Drop by the Chalutzim Lounge anytime 2-4 p.m. to play board games. We have Jewish Apples to Apples and more.

2-4 p.m.

Stonewall Resource Center Open House

Yunker Hall Basement

Catch up with current students and the volunteers/staff who have been keeping the center running this year. We've been reorganizing our space and goals this year and are looking forward to hearing stories that will help inform our desires moving forward!

2-4 p.m.

Café con Leche

Spanish House, 1316 Park St.

Welcome back familia! The Student Organization of Latinxs (SOL) would like to invite all former SOL members and friends to Spanish House for some coffee, bread, and chisme. Come by to learn about Latinidad at Grinnell throughout history and how that translated into life after graduation.

2-4 p.m.

CBS Meet and Greet with Alumni and Current Students

Bob's Underground, Main Hall

This event is hosted by CBS for current students to meet MLC alumni! We will be playing a few trivia games curated by our current CBS board members and connecting with one another to share our common experience as students of color at Grinnell College. Snacks will be provided!

4 p.m.

YGB Gospel Choir 45th Anniversary Concert

Sebring-Lewis Hall, Bucksbaum Center
Grinnell College's Young, Gifted and Black Gospel Choir (YGB) was formed in 1972 and celebrates its 45th anniversary with a concert. YGB will be joined by the choir from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Then the concert will be blessed by the featured guest choir visiting from New Orleans, Jeffery Pelrean and Created to Worship.

6 p.m.

Social Hour

Hotel Grinnell

Enjoy social time, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments before dinner.

7 p.m.

Multicultural Alumni Weekend Gala Dinner

Hotel Grinnell



Celebrate the weekend with students, faculty, staff and fellow alumni at a capstone banquet featuring remarks by President Raynard S. Kington.

Trustee **Robert Austin '54** will be honored for his lifetime of service to the College.

9 p.m.

Drag Show

Harris Center

A tradition for Grinnell College students since 2006. The extravaganza, which occurs in the fall and spring, raises money for various LGBTQIA+ organizations both on and off campus. It is an event that encapsulates the lasting spirit of Grinnell: a celebration of diversity with a commitment to social justice. Come see what all the fuss is about.



1989 YGB Gospel Choir

Sunday, November 12, 2017

10 a.m.

Black Church

Herrick Chapel

Enjoy a worship service featuring a performance by the Young, Gifted, and Black Choir and sermon by the **Rev. Moses Mason '99**.

11:30 a.m.

Bagel Brunch

Bucksbaum Rotunda,
Fine Arts Building

A brunch of lox and bagels to end the weekend right.

Noon–2 p.m.

Pitch Event for Pioneer Weekend

Harris Cinema

Beginning with open mic pitches on Friday, students will bring in their best ideas and inspire others to join their teams. Over Saturday and Sunday, teams focus

on customer development, validating their ideas, practicing LEAN startup methodologies, and building a minimal viable product. On Sunday afternoon, teams present their prototypes and receive valuable feedback from a panel of experts. The Sunday event is open to the campus and the general public.

5:30 p.m.

International Student Organization Food Bazaar

Harris Center

ISO still hosts the annual Food Bazaar! It has grown over the years, and this Sunday evening, 112 chefs will serve 56 dishes to 270 guests. (Sorry to say, the event is sold out... but we thought you'd like to know that the tradition continues!)

General Information

Emergency and Non-Emergency Assistance

For emergency, 24-hour assistance, please call the Office of Safety and Security at x4600. From a cell phone or off campus, dial 641-269-4600.

Name Badges

Please be sure to wear your name badge at all times, as it is your entrance pass to all events.

Multicultural Alumni Weekend Shuttle

A shuttle between campus and the hotels near I-80 will be available throughout the weekend between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily on an “on call” basis. To request a shuttle, please call (641)-990-9081.

Art Exhibitions

Please refer to the open hours of each gallery to see these exhibits.

Faulconer Gallery

Bucksbaum Center for the Arts

Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., daily

Many Visions, Many Versions: Art from Indigenous Communities in India

This exhibition, featuring 47 paintings by 24 artists, showcases works from the Gond and Warli communities of central India, the Mithila region of Bihar, and the narrative scroll painters of West Bengal. Divided into four broad categories: myth and cosmology, nature — real and imagined, village life, and contemporary explorations, the exhibition explores the breadth and variety of cultural traditions in India, revealing a dynamic aesthetic that remains deeply rooted in traditional culture, yet vitally responsive to issues of global concern.

Many Visions, Many Versions: Art from Indigenous Communities in India was curated by Drs. Aurogeeta Das and David Szanton with assistance from curating consultant Jeffrey Wechsler. The exhibition was organized by BINDU modern gallery and toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C.

Burling Gallery

Burling Library, Lower Level

CULTURE.

Using a wide range of materials from Special Collections and Archives, this exhibit looks at black culture at Grinnell College and in Des Moines from the period of 1967 to 1973. **CULTURE.** highlights individuals that were dedicated to fighting for social justice and black consciousness. It also explores the legacy of these people and movements.

This exhibit was curated by
Erik Henderson '19.

Fitness Hours

Charles Benson Bear '39 Recreation and Athletic Center

Includes the indoor track, racquetball courts, gymnasiums, indoor tennis courts, bouldering wall, and shower facilities. Alumni need to present their reunion name tags for entrance.

Monday–Friday 6 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Monday–Thursday 6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–10 p.m.

Russell K. Osgood Pool

Monday–Friday 6–9 a.m.,
 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 6:30–8:45 p.m.
Saturday Noon–8:45 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Climbing Wall

Monday–Friday 4:15–6:15 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday CLOSED

Bouldering Wall

Open during Bear Center general hours (see above).

Campus Hours

Grinnell College Bookstore

933 Main St., Grinnell

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

The Spencer Grill

Thursday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–midnight
Saturday–Sunday 1 p.m.–midnight

Burling Library

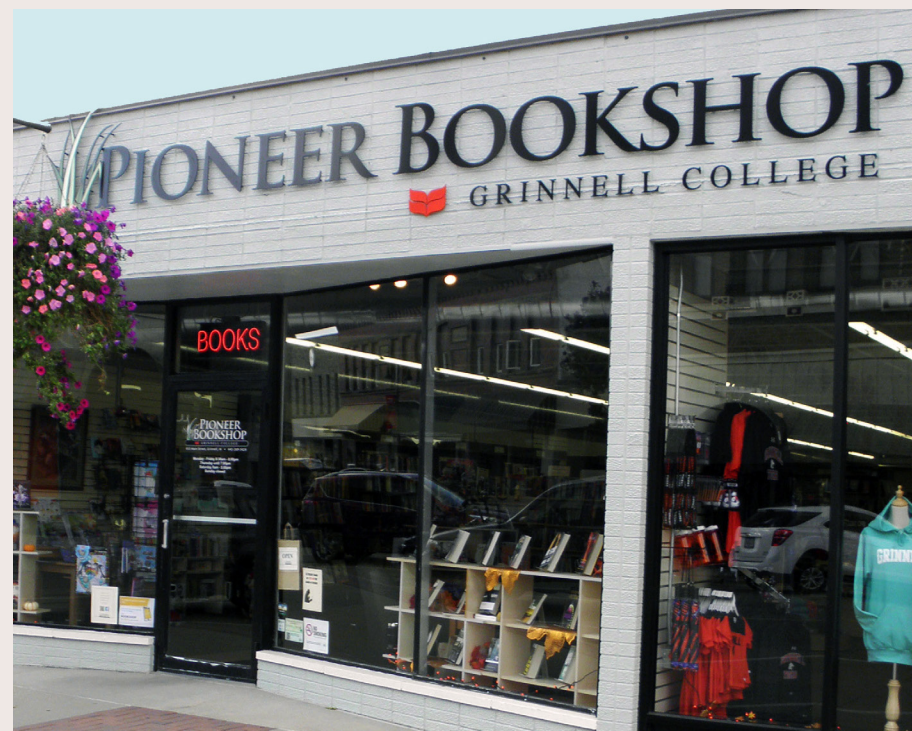
Monday–Thursday 7:45 a.m.–1 a.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.–10 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–1 a.m.

Kistle Science Library

Wednesday–Thursday 7:45 a.m.–10 p.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.–1 a.m.

Special Collections

Monday–Friday 1:30–4:30 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday Closed



The Grinnell College Bookstore has moved!

The new Pioneer Bookshop is located at 933 Main St. (between McNally's and the movie theatre).

Alumni receive 10% off during reunion!

Please show your name badges to receive the discount.

Bookshop hours for reunion:

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday closed



