

Virtual Reunion 20/21

Tentative Schedule

Please note that all time are in Central Time.

Thursday, June 3

7-8:30 p.m. Alumni Assembly

Alumni Assembly featuring the presentation of the Alumni Awards, a welcome address by President **Anne F. Harris**, and a performance by the Grinnell Singers.

Friday, June 4

8 a.m. Virtual 5K BEGINS (Ends at 5 p.m. on Sunday)

This year's Reunion 5K will look a little different than it has in the past. Instead of meeting at the BEAR and running through campus, you can take this opportunity to explore your hometown streets and try out your local running trails! Afterwards, we invite you to submit your race time and post your favorite photos from this year's Reunion 5K to social media for a chance to win some great prizes. Get together with family, friends, or just do it yourself. Run, walk, ride your bike, whatever you want to do! You have all weekend to finish! Details and how to sign up will be included in your registration information.

8-8:45 a.m. Yoga

Join in for a virtual yoga session.

10:30-11:30 a.m. 70th Reunion Gathering (class of 1951)

4-5:15 p.m. A Walk through the Grinnell Archives & Salisbury House Collection

Have you ever wondered what's so special about Special Collections? Are you curious whether you're in the College archives? Come on a virtual tour and take a walk through Grinnell College's history. Along the way, you will have a chance to learn how the staff of Special Collections care for materials in their holdings, see important documentation of the College's history, and learn more about their rare book collection, featuring the recently-acquired Salisbury House Library Collection. Also featured will be the quilt given to Sarah and James J. Hill when they left their home in Bath, ME, for Iowa. So join the Special Collections staff for a behind-the-scenes tour and learn how they put the "special" in Special Collections.

6-7:15 p.m. LGBTQIA+ Reception

Grab a snack or a beverage of your choice and enjoy some social time with classmates and others.

8-9:30 p.m. '10 & '11 Social

Come together and reconnect with members of the Classes of 2010 and 2011. Bring your favorite cocktail or mocktail to an evening of camaraderie, laughter and Grinnell memories in front of the warm glow of Zoom.

8-10 p.m. 30th Reunion Study Break

Recreate your favorite study break. Bring sugared cereal, pizza, frozen treat or adult beverage as well as memories to share about hanging in the dorm halls with Grinnellians. After a long week, relaxing with the classes of 89-91 will be a welcome respite on Friday night.

Saturday, June 5

Virtual 5K Continues

10-11 a.m. Aya Dance

1-2 p.m. A Cold Press for Warm Hearts: Cold Press Soap making for yourself and gifting with Sam Kubica '16

Cold process soap making is a surprisingly easy hobby to pick up. Making your own soap is a great way to personalize it so it is exactly what you or loved ones want. It is so fun; once you start, you will not be able to stop!

2:15-3:15 p.m. Sensual Embodiment of Self Through Chair Dance with Karen Lehman '90

Explore your uniquely beautiful and sensual self, from the privacy of your own home. Open to ALL Bodies, Identities, and Ages- with no dance experience necessary - just the commitment to step into an empowering and fun process of flowing embodiment. Sensuality is the experience of tuning into your senses in the present moment, and finding a flow of self-acceptance via movement.

5:30-6:30 p.m. 65th Reunion Gathering (classes of 1954, 1955, and 1956)

6-8 p.m. 25th Reunion Dinner

Monday, June 7

9-9:45 a.m. Yoga

Join in for a virtual yoga session.

10-11:15 a.m. **The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Meet the Staff!**

3-5 p.m. **Faculty Office Hours**

Spend some time in a small group, chatting with a favorite professor. Capacity is limited to 5 individuals per session in order to promote good conversation. Sign up information will be provided when Reunion opens.

Faculty members who will be holding office hours during this time include: Professor of French, **David Harrison**; Associate Professor of English, **Stephen Andrews**; Professor Emeritus of History, **George Drake**.

6:30-7:30 p.m. **Pioneer Athletics Reception**

Former Grinnell athletes (and those interested in athletics at Grinnell) are invited to join this virtual event for an opportunity to hear athletic department updates from Athletic Director, **Andy Hamilton '85**. Afterwards, join your fellow former teammates and current Grinnell coaches in breakout rooms to catch up or ask questions.

8-9:30 p.m. **Black Box Theatre**

Sponsored by the 25th reunion classes of 1995 and 1996.

Tuesday, June 8

11 a.m.-Noon **Campus Tour**

Join current students and staff from the Office of Admission for a virtual tour of our beautiful campus.

4-5 p.m.

Combating Sex Trafficking: Myths and Realities with Joel Shapiro '89

The recent rise of conspiracy theories involving child sex trafficking, such as Pizzagate and QAnon, has warped perceptions of a significant issue that was already plagued by widely-held myths and misleading pop cultural narratives. The truth is that sex trafficking is a persistent problem. But without a much better societal understanding of the realities, we will not make progress toward preventing sex trafficking and helping victims rebuild their lives.

5:15-6:15 p.m.

Fiber Crafts 101 & Homemade Gift Ideas with Natalie Duncombe '15

In this workshop, Duncombe will start with an overview of different types of fiber crafts like embroidery, sashiko, felting, spinning, crochet, knitting, punch needle, and weaving. We will discuss supplies, resources, and inspiration for getting started. She will end with some ideas for homemade gifts and a demonstration of a gift that participants can make together.

6:15-7:30 p.m.

GrinNetworking

Join us for this unique GrinNetworking Event, a virtual speed-networking event. Spend some time strengthening and expanding your Grinnell network through 1-on-1 conversations.

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Grinnell Works: How the Smithsonian, a public library, and Grinnell College pulled together a crowd sourced exhibition.

Through a collaborative and inclusive process, our project, "Grinnell Works," leveraged stories not previously brought to light in Grinnell. The goals of this exhibition were to involve our whole community in humanities-focused work, giving a voice to the past and current workers of rural America. We particularly saw an opportunity to involve, and empower, groups of people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to engage with the Smithsonian's resources. "Grinnell Works" allowed for creative collaboration and partnerships celebrating people and experiences from across the community. Speakers will include, **Monique Shore '90**, Systems Administrator Drake Community Library and **Sarah Smith**, Grinnell College Director of Outreach Programs and Events.

8:30-10 p.m.

Classes of 2010 & 2011 Pub Quiz

Join us for Trivia at Reunion! Just like the days of Pub Quiz at Lyle's, we'll be hosting a trivia night as part of Reunion. Teams up to six players will be allowed. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday, June 9

1-2 p.m. GrinnTogether: Discover the ways the College and community came together to tackle the challenges of 2020.

A year like no other: 2020 brought the pandemic, a derecho (in-land hurricane), and issues of racial tensions to Grinnell. To meet these challenges, the campus and community quickly came together to establish a variety of response funds, programs, and volunteer efforts. Join us for an interactive discussion with college and community partners to learn how Grinnell supported small businesses, essential workers, non-profits, schools, emerging racial equity work, and food insecurity needs. Speakers will include leadership from the Office of Community Enhancement & Engagement, the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce, and other local community partner organizations.

6-8 p.m. Faculty Office Hours

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Faculty members who will be holding office hours during these times include: Professor of History, **Sarah Purcell '92**; Professor of Religious Studies, **Henry Rietz '89**, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Director of Athletics, **Andy Hamilton '85**.

7-8 p.m. Campus Tour

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8-9 p.m. Grinnell College Bookshop Fashion Show

Join The Grinnell College Pioneer Bookshop for a fun and engaging virtual fashion show featuring well-known Grinnell College faculty, staff, and students showing off their favorite items. Alumni participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at the bookshop and hear some great stories about connections made while wearing a Grinnell shirt. All attendees will be entered into prize drawings throughout the event, including the grand prize of the Grinnell College spirit quilt!

Thursday, June 10

9-10 a.m. Campus Tour

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