

2022 Letter from the President

August 2022

Class of 1972 Classmates,

It is with respect and admiration that I take over the Class of 1972 Presidency from Skip Rankin and have the opportunity to briefly share some of the highlights from our 50th Reunion Year and to look forward to the future activities of the Princeton Class of 1972.

First I share my hopes and those of the class officers and fellow classmates that you and your loved ones have weathered the challenges of the pandemic years safely and with a renewed personal energy.

As tradition dictates I will briefly review the previous years' very special events and share key upcoming Class opportunities.

50th Reunion

Blair Campbell courtyard on May 19th - 22nd 2022 was home to the best Reunion on University record. Reunion Co-chairs Fritz Cammerzell and Robby Robinson along with their energetic undergraduate team produced an unforgettable experience.

Certainly the best on-campus reunion since the first reunion was held in 1947 by the Princeton Class of 1922 in Holder Hall courtyard.

The weekend initiated late Thursday afternoon with a meet and greet with our grandchild Class of 2022. This was a spirited home run event: The Tasting of "1911" Spirits was sponsored by the David Kixmiller and his family. Lines were long at the bar but very very affable. Not always the case with tigers at the watering hole.

Friday was highlighted by our Class Meeting in Alexander Hall followed by a reception and dinner in the adjoining Alexander Lawn tent.

The Class Meeting began with the moving Service of Remembrance, with classmate Rev. Dr. M Bruce McKay presiding. His memory of our loss classmates seemed enshrined in the grandeur of Alexander Hall. Those attending were moved and allowed great opportunity for positive reflection.

Skip Rankin presented a video of our previous Class Presidents sharing their individual experiences leading the Great Class of 1972: "Going Back" was a reminder how much can be done and enjoyed in a supportive volunteer experience.

The new class officers were introduced:

Michael Schneider, President
Nikolaos Monoyios, Vice President
David B. Kimball, Treasurer
Ruby P. Huttner, Secretary

The following reception and dinner under the tent and evening stars of Alexander lawn was made more splendid by the sea of new Reunion Jackets joining in convivial joint

memories. The program culminated with designation of our five very surprised new honorary members:

Traslyn Butler

Bradley D. Phelps '22

Maribeth Regan

Olivia Sayvetz '15

Ethan T. Seide '22

Class of 1972 participants: Alumni-Faculty Forums

State of Journalism: Andrew P Napolitano

Class of 1972 sponsored Max Mclean presentation in the performing arts: **Princeton and C.S. Lewis.**

Classmate Jim Marshall presented at several forums: **Strategic Decision-making in Afghanistan, The Future of Democracy in America.**

Robert 'Bob' Murley Offered a personal discussion: **Leadership in a Time of Crisis: What's Your North Star?**

Saturday's prime event: The P-parade:

More than 125 years ago (October 1896), a mile-long procession through campus and the town celebrated the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the University. Then, 800 undergraduates and 2000 alumni marched; it was the first-ever P-Parade.

This year we restarted that tradition and all enjoyed the first P-parade in 2 years. Per tradition it was colorful enthusiastic and fun!!

Class Dues:

Our Class continues to enjoy a high participation rate. But it require each classmate's interest and effort to preserve that status. We are financially solvent and are presently comfortable to maintain our current dues level at \$50. Enclosed with this letter is an annual dues card as well as return envelope. Please make check payable: The Class of 1972. Of course you may also go online and pay your class dues by visiting the class of 72 website (www.Princeton72.org). There is also the opportunity to make additional contributions to important class programs (see below). Please consider that additional support.

Class dues support our Class contribution to the Alumni Council, the cost of maintaining our excellent website and Class communication costs including stationary, envelopes and postage.

Annual Giving:

Tom Hoster and his University support team including Traslyn Butler, Marybeth Regan and his dedicated classmate team have produced an amazing result: total dollars of \$7,575,072 participation rate of 74.3. This represents the 24th year in a row that the Class of 72 has been above magical 60%.

The effort is not magical. It is the result of unparalleled consistent and personal effort. This effort is unique to Tom's vision and energy. TIGER! TIGER!

Tom and I thank each of you for your personal part in this success.

50th Reunion Class Book:

The book and Class survey have been seriously affected by the supply chain problems that general publishing has experienced over the last 2 years. Though masterfully edited and completed by Ed Strauss and Merc Morris the actual printing and distribution has been markedly delayed. At present we are hoping for distribution in the early fall of 2022.

PAW Class Notes:

Class Secretary and Scribe Ruby Huttner reminds all classmates to share their interests and special events with the Class and the greater Princeton community through the Class Notes section of the Princeton Alumni Weekly. He encourages updates and activities of classmates whether major life events or just plain fun happenings. Photos are welcome. Write to Ruby at his new and dedicated email address pu1972sec@gmail.com.

Special Program Initiatives:**Scholars and Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Ron Brown, ably Chairs the Class of 72 Selection Committee which includes eight voting Class members. The fund now has market value of \$2,000,000 that allows grants totaling \$76,887 awarded to 5 scholars in FY22:

Kara Steele '21, Andrew Paul '22, Amelia Liu '23, Scott Bandura '24 and Ellen Toberman '25.

These Scholars of '72 have been ever present friends and partners with our Class. At the request of Ron Brown 23 of the 28 scholars forwarded personal updates for recent inclusion in the 50th reunion record. The 72 Class Scholars have demonstrated the

highest level of engagement in all activities at the University. We proudly note that 2 of our 28 scholars have been awarded the Pyne Prize for exceptional academic performance.

Civic Engagement

This Program was instituted in 2017 to allow undergraduate Princetonians to make a difference at home or abroad. The '72 Civic Engagement Fund has awarded 27 internships since inception through partnership with Princeton's Internships in Civic Service and Princeton's International Internship Program.

Interns receive \$ 5000-7000 support dependent on the length of Internship and the cost structure.

2022 opportunities: Greenwood Rising supporting immigrant and working-class communities in Elizabeth, NJ, Danish Institute of Human Rights, and International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in Sweden.

The Program also identified our 50th Reunion Community Service Project "Promoting Childhood Literacy Through Reading" encouraging classmates to contribute books or donations to Bridge of Books Foundation

The leadership of Grif Johnson, Barbara Julius and Helene Fromm has been notable for their enthusiasm and personal commitment.

Teaching initiative Class of 1972

The Endowment Fund for Initiatives in Undergraduate Education was funded after the 25th Reunion with \$256,000. It has now achieved a market value of \$1,364,901. Allowing payout of \$50,994 in FY22, with an anticipated payout of \$53,034 for FY2023. We have now supported 25 courses over the life of the fund, generally supporting two courses per year

This year we supported an interdisciplinary course entitled "The Future of Reading" taught by Professor Rentzou in the French and Italian Department. The course investigates the ways in which we read now and in the future along with cultural social and cognitive ramifications of reading habits.

A second supported course was taught by Professor Stellato of the School of Engineering and Applied Science Operations Research and Financial Engineering: "Decision-making in the Age of Computers" decision-making with modern computing technologies ... with applications in data science, supply chain finance, transportation and robotics.

The Teaching Initiative has been lead under the wise stewardship of both Skip Rankin and Robert 'Bob' Wright over 25 years.

Women of '72

Daryl English and Janet Howard co-edited an inclusive piece on the story of the Women of 1972 for the Reunion Class Book. Daryl's diligent energy is building out a personal and collective story around the Women of our Class that will enjoy review and reflection when fully available. Daryl shares that the University Archivist has particular interest in the collective project. This has proved an invaluable addition to the history of our Class and the greater University.

The information shared within The Women of '72 posting deserves a thorough read.

Class Associates

Rob Smart and I have had the pleasure to Co-Chair this Program. Spouses of deceased classmates are personally contacted, asked to engage in Class Activities and allowed full access to all Class communications and website, if they so choose.

They are specifically invited to Class events on the Alumni Day associated with the Service of Remembrance which celebrates their lost spouse.

Class Trips

The Rick Steves of '72 aka Robby Robinson has big plans. We allowed him a brief rest for the fall of 2022. But he is back to work in 2023. Already on the books is a fantastic trip to Savannah Georgia, March 8-12, 2023. He is ably supported in planning with lifetime Savannah resident and classmate Bobby Glenn.

Though Class trips are subscribed early. Robby always maintains an active cancellation list. Robby and the Class leadership are always searching for new and unique travel venues and opportunities. We additional hope and seek active interest for new classmates to enjoy the camaraderie of Class trips.

Class Website

A sensational resource and essential Class contact point ably managed by our webmaster Doug Harrison. Go to (www.princeton72.org) and go often. The website is constantly updated with invaluable Class information.

Be sure to review your personal contact information in the Class directory. If updates are required please share changes with Doug @ haphar@gmail.com or phone: (703) 795-5860.

50th Reunion Speakers' Program

A hearty thank you to Rod McNealy and his team for obtaining the participation of so many classmates as speakers on an intriguing variety of subjects. The pandemic driven Zoom platform clearly removed access barriers whether geographic, financial or social. Presently the program is on hold allowing everyone a post-Reunion's breather. The response was so positive that a similar program will assuredly be in our future.

The Class of 1972 Grandparent Program

Ruby Huttner conceived and implemented a wonderful program. Over the last several years, Cross-generational programming has proved a wonderful model for a broadly engaged alumni body. We will continue to be engaged with our special classes of 1997 and 2022. We especially look forward to sharing our Homecoming Post-Game Reception with returning classmates of the Class of 2022 on the evening of October 29, 2022.

Save the Dates:

Homecoming (Cornell) October 29, 2022:

***SPECIAL EVENT: Dedication Class of 72 History Display Case by Silas Kopf
Class of 1972 Gift to the University on our 50th Reunion
Dedication at Whitman College 10:00 am, October 29, 2022
Complete details to follow***

Alumni Day & Service of Remembrance: February 25, 2023

Reunions 2023: May 25 – 28, 2023

Reunions 2024: May 23 – 26, 2024

I close by reflecting on how productive and engaged our leadership has been over the 50 years of our alumni status. Core leadership has been exceptional and well-focused. My personal commitment is to continue that focus and energy. I look forward to continuing the enthusiasm of the class and all of our major programs and activities. Importantly, I, your Class Officers and Program Directors, look forward to engaging more members of the Class in these activities especially noting that our professional responsibilities are likely taking less of our personal time.

What better way to spend your time than with your fellow classmates from 1972!

Respectfully offered,

Mike Schneider '72