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50TH REUNION CLASS OF 1975

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A Letter From the Director of Alumni Relations

Andy Verlengia, JO'02

Dear Drake University Class of 1975,

As you reflect on your 50-Year Reunion, we hope you are filled with the sense of excitement that first greeted you so many years ago. While the campus has grown and majors have changed, the contributions that you made and have continued to make are ever-present. Just as it was when you arrived, Drake continues to be a place where lifelong relationships are formed, academics are our highest priority, and there are no limits to what one can achieve.

I am delighted to provide you with this memory book to capture the incredible journey each of you have been on. Please use it to reconnect with old friends, make new acquaintances, and enjoy recalling and reliving fond memories of your wonderful years as Drake students.

While your time as an undergraduate was brief, your status as an alumnus of this wonderful institution is forever. You define our university's past, present, and future with your achievements, values, contributions, and engagement. Thank you for celebrating your historic milestone with us!

Sincerely,

Andy Verlengia, JO'02

Director, Alumni Relations

50TH REUNION
CLASS OF 1975

**THANK YOU TO OUR
REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS!**

Barbara (Minner) Ford – Co-Chair

Mike Peterson – Co-Chair

Thompson Brandt

Doug Mertz

Diane Foss

Doug Person

Lynne (Larson) Gronert

Patricia Rizzoli Aguglia

Michael Iser

Sue (Colloton) Ursini

Tim Ley

Richard Young

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Pat Rizzoli Aguglia



Education: BFA Speech Communication,
Minor Journalism

Location: Naperville, IL

Campus Life

Stalnaker Residence Hall (4 years)—RA (3 years); Times Delphic Features Editor; University Senate; Summer Orientation Counselor; Mortarboard; Zeta Phi Eta.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

It's been an amazing 50 years! I taught high school, then returned to Drake for grad school & a Hall Director role. I worked in HR & Org Development for 30 years at Amoco/BP, led DEI initiatives at Boeing, & joined the University of Chicago Booth School of Business supporting their MBA leadership development. I'm now an independent consultant/executive coach. Was married, now divorced. I have 1 amazing daughter. I like volunteering, reading, attending interesting events, & catching up w/friends.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I still have a Hubbell Dining Hall tray stolen for the purpose of sledding down the hill leading to the Reflecting Pond.

Favorite Drake memories...

So many great times & friends, amazing professors, & challenging classes! Working on the Times Delphic, typing up copy on noisy Smith Coronas, very cold walks across campus to the "Speech House" on 24th Street, & getting my thinking challenged by Dr. Jon Ericson. Also, lots of late-night conversations about what was going on in the world, getting really sick on a combo of birthday cake & Boone's Farm Strawberry Hill wine, & my first Relays, when I didn't plan to stay & didn't want to leave!

What advice would you give your younger self?

It all goes so fast! Don't wish yourself ahead to whatever is coming next. Be truly present to the wonderful people and experiences that occur every day. And never miss a chance to stay connected to a friend.



With daughter Gina

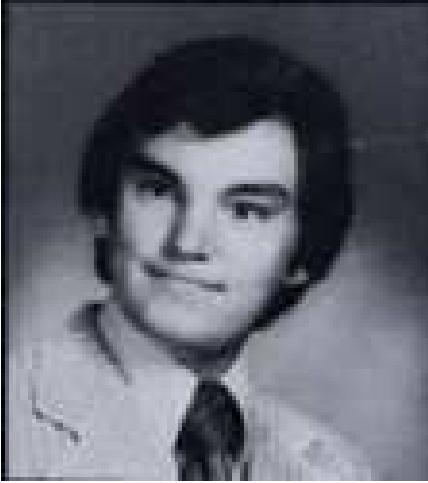


Celebrating Mom's 93rd birthday with sibs—three of the four of us are Bulldogs



Why I'm not at the reunion—broken leg, still healing

Thompson Brandt



Campus Life

I lived in Goodwin-Kirk my first two years and in apartments on 34th Street & Kingman Blvd. the last two. I was principal clarinetist in the Drake Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, & Orchestra, as well as a saxophonist in the Drake Jazz Lab Band, a member of the Drake Marching Band, an elected student senator representing the College of Fine Arts, & a faculty member in the Drake Preparatory Department. My fraternal affiliations included Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Omicron Delta Kappa, & Pi Kappa Lambda.



Education: Bachelor of Music Education

Location: Freeport, IL

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I earned my master's degrees from the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Arizona College of Law, along with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. I served as a professor and college dean over the last half century. My wife Dagny and I have two children, Kristin and Carsten. Kristin is employed as an educator in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Carsten is a vice-president at State Bank of Freeport in Illinois. Our granddaughter, Ella, is Kristin's firstborn.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I regularly scoffed at the pride new grandparents tend to express upon announcing that their progeny has increased in number and quality. I know better now.

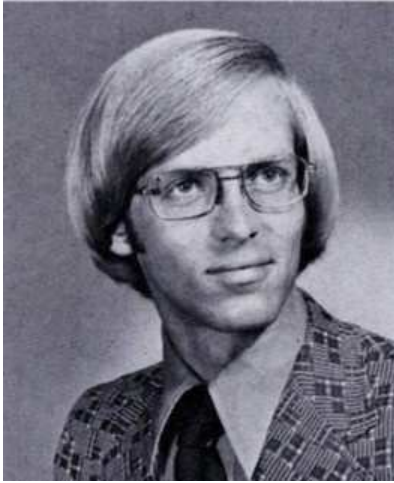
Favorite Drake memories...

Performances presented by the Drake bands & orchestra in which I participated. A highlight was my arrangement of "Redemption," which premiered by the Drake jazz band at The Point. I recall accompanying roommate Robert Klingel to West Des Moines, in his 1965 Cadillac convertible, at 85 mph, with the top down, in December, to deliver a model of a brain to his professor, which Bob had created in lieu of his taking the final exam. The model was accepted, and a final grade of B was posted. Priceless.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Do the good that is mine to do.

John Chandler



Education: 1975 Collage of Pharmacy Graduate

Location: Oskaloosa, IA

Campus Life

I lived in Goodwin-Kirk Residence Hall my first two years. My third year I lived in Herriot Residence Hall. My fourth and fifth years I moved off campus with two other pharmacy students. I was an active member of Kappa Psi Pharmacy Fraternity all five years at Drake.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I graduated from Drake University CPHS in May of 1975, got married in June, & purchased my hometown pharmacy in Elgin, IA in July. It was known as Chandler Pharmacy until January 1986 when I sold the business. I went to work for Stewart Memorial Hospital as manager of their outpatient pharmacy for 3 years. For the last 35 years I have worked for Walmart as a Pharmacy Manager, Market Director, and Regional Manager of Talent Acquisitions for FL, GA, and PR. I semi-retired to Iowa in 2015.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I was married to my wife Joyce from 1975 till I lost her to cancer in the fall of 2006. In 2007 I accepted a promotion with Walmart to their Divisional office in Atlanta as a Regional Manager in Talent Acquisitions for GA, FL and PR. I was so fortunate to find love a second time and have been married to my wife Alyce since July 2008. I semi-retired in 2015 and Alyce retired in the fall of 2017. We then moved back to Lake Keomah near Oskaloosa, IA.

Barbara (Minner) Ford



Campus Life

Herriott and Delta Gamma house

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I had great jobs at two ad agencies in Chicago working on McDonald's, Anheuser-Busch and General Mills. I then shifted to the 'client side', working at Kraft, and SC Johnson, and have been at my own small consulting firm for the past 14+ years. Additionally, I worked as an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and served on the boards of two private/family-owned businesses.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I have been married for 44 years and have no kids, but with a husband who is one of nine siblings I have just over 60 nieces and nephews.

Education: BA - School of Journalism & Mass Comm

Location: Winnetka, IL and Scottsdale, AZ

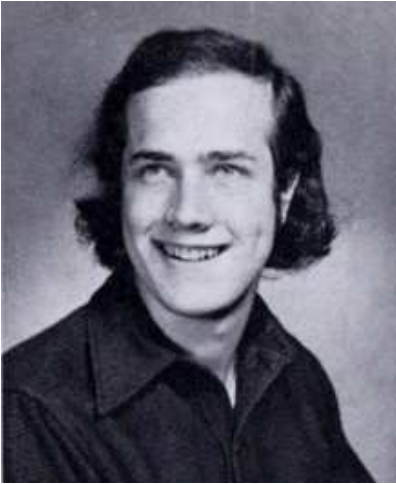
Favorite Drake memories...

My closest friends remain those I met at Delta Gamma while at Drake. I have really enjoyed returning to Drake to serve on the National Alumni Association, as well as the Board of Trustees.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Enjoy the journey!

Howard Frysinger



the Super Bowl Champs.

Campus Life

Jewett, Delta Sigma Pi. Took pictures for the newspaper.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I built most of our super-insulated house. I worked for a software company that sells to colleges, including Drake.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I am not as shy as I was.

Favorite Drake memories...

I enjoyed taking pictures on the field at Relays and football games, as well as playing club soccer.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Talk to as many people as you can and hear their stories. Then go west and find Jobs and Woz.



Education: Computer Information Systems
- one of two in its first year.

Location: Outside of Philadelphia, home of

Wilma Wolf Gajdel



Campus Life

I lived in Morehouse my freshman, sophomore, and junior years and was a RA at Morehouse my junior year, as well as a RA at Goodwin Kirk the first year it went co-ed.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

500-character limit... ? That's 10 characters a year. I've known at least 10 characters each year since I've graduated! Some were family, some were friends, some people I was happy to know, and others who contributed to my grey hair.



My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I am so much more fun and interesting than I was when I was at Drake.

Education: Elementary Education with minors in Special Education and English M.S., Drake University, 1982

Location: Johnston, IA

Lynne (Larson) Gronert



Campus Life

All my four years at Drake, I lived in marvelous Morehouse Dorm. The last two years I was an RA. I also had the joy of joining the Chi Omega sorority, so I had the best of both worlds. While at Drake, my activities and organizations included: Drake Marching and Pep Band, Chi Omega Sorority, Relays Press Box worker, Revitalization Corps, WRA, Residence Hall Association, Mortar Board, and Kappa Delta Pi. I also worked in the Admissions Office and loved giving campus tours.



Since graduation from Drake, I...

My amazing journey started with teaching elementary physical education and coaching high school cross country and track & field in Winona, Minnesota for 14 years. During that time, I got married and had two beautiful girls, Krista and Gretta. In 1989, we relocated to Henderson, Nevada, where I taught for another 27 years in the Clark County School District and added a baby boy, Beau, to our family. I retired in 2016 and was given the Heart of Education award by my district.

Education: Physical Education & Health Education, Major Retail Management, Minor

Location: Henderson, NV

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

My teaching and coaching career included all levels, from pre-school to jr. high, high school and college (UNLV in Las Vegas). My twin sister, Laurie, and two brothers, Joel & Scott, and I all graduated from fabulous Drake. My family loved Drake University! I trained for and completed four marathons and one triathlon. I still treasure my Drake life and experiences. I still treasure my everyday life. Praise the Lord!

Favorite Drake memories...

Drake Marching Band was great during countless sports events, Skip Days to the State Capitol, & playing at 2 NFL games! The Marcoullier brothers were fun too. Being in Morehouse was great with Laurie, Mary, Wilma, Jeanne, Libby, Barb & more! Great, & fun, athletes were Glenn, 8 Foot, Leech, Dick, & more. Chi Omega had wonderful ladies. Professor Pugh was great! One day he brought in Jesse Owens to motivate us. Wow! I loved working for Drake Relays in the Press Box. Great events & interviews!

What advice would you give your younger self?

***Greet each day with optimism and enthusiasm! Enjoy! ***Pray more. God gives us life & strength. Talk & listen to Him. ***Wisdom and perspective are earned with time and life experiences. ***Be more kind, respectful and appreciative to your parents. ***Every day in life is an adventure. Treasure it. Be the first to love. ***Exercise daily. It makes you happy. ***God is good. Live to bring Him honor. ***Be giving, kind & loving. Be joyful & thankful. It's your choice.

Michael Iser



Campus Life

GK, Carpenter
Marching Band, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia,
various committees in the College of LA

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I have worked in the insurance industry since 1975 and have been with the same company since 1977 (I never took a business class while I was in school).



My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I developed a nationwide insurance program for the Endurance Running Industry, and I don't run! I insure the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, Houston Marathon, and the McCourt Foundation LA Marathon.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Take a semester off and travel.

Education: LA, English/Sec Education

Location: Palatine, IL



First friend at Drake, Gary Boling. Yearbook
Editor 1975. Passed away 1994



Marching Band 1972 Relays parade

Eugene (Gene) Johnson



Campus Life

I lived in Goodwin-Kirk dormitory my freshman year in a portion of the floor called "the ghetto". My sophomore year I lived in Herriott Hall and then lived off campus thereafter. I was in marching band for football games and pep band for basketball games, which kept me busy freshman and sophomore year. I was later involved with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.



Since graduation from Drake, I...

My first job after Drake was with the State of Iowa in the Merit Employment Dept. (later reorganized into the Dept of Personnel). Eleven years of experience there gave me a solid foundation in human resources. I was responsible for compensation management at the American Republic Insurance Company in Des Moines, then for Wells Enterprises (Blue Bunny) in Le Mars, Iowa, and finally for the McLane Company in Temple, TX, where I retired after a career of 44 years.

Education: Public Administration 1975 (BA)
Public Administration 1976 (MPA)

Location: Urbandale, IA

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I was in a rock group in high school, and I am still married to my high school sweetheart, which will be 50 years this coming May.

Favorite Drake memories...

My fondest memory was being in the Drake Marching Band in '71 and '72. The band performed at half-time for a Bears game at Soldier's Field and the next year for a Packers game in Green Bay. However, the more vivid event was a practice of our show at a Saturday college game in Dubuque Iowa. There were probably no more than 300 people in attendance, but during our show I noticed all of them were on their feet cheering. Their appreciation of the show made the hours of practice worth it.

What advice would you give your younger self?

I would have told myself not to build my career on the assumption that a job in state government would be stable (it was not). Also, education does not stop with a college degree. I was well-served by getting additional certifications and adjusting to the changing world of work. Finally, do not neglect to do adequate preparation for retirement and work on your social network and always make new friends.

Dan Kingkade



Campus Life

I lived in several off-campus apartments and finally landing on a newer apartment at 1215 34th Street, right in the heart of Greek Row. I worked at McDonalds on Forest Ave. and was a building monitor in the Fine Arts Center. I participated in marching, concert, jazz, and Bulldog Bands and was a member of Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

Upon graduation I used my Music Ed degree to teach instrumental music in several Iowa school districts, notably Parkersburg, Sumner, and Mt. Pleasant, where I hosted the Drake band on their spring tour in 1984. I left teaching and worked in the private sector as a HR guy, training and development, counselor, and seminar leader for the Gallup Organization, where I traveled the US and overseas helping companies develop their people and workplaces.

Education: Music Education

Location: Papillion, NE (metro Omaha)

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I still play the saxophone weekly in a community band in Omaha. I worked as a mental health practitioner along the way and actually helped a few people. I was told by a teacher in 8th grade that, "I had a good mind but was going through a silly period." Not sure about my mind but the silly period carries on... I began my music career teaching lessons in the janitor's closet in a town of 300 only to find myself leading seminars in places like the CIA, in the heart of NYC, and in the Netherlands.

Favorite Drake memories...

I grew up near the Drake neighborhood and my first real job was working at McDonald's on 32nd and Forest. I used to go to Farley's on Friday afternoon then wander into the stadium to listen to the band rehearsal. I got goosebumps hearing "The 'D' Song" bounce off the Fieldhouse. Marching band trips to Chicago, Green Bay, and spring tours where we stayed with host families. Playing in the Jazz Band and opening for Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson and other legends. And meeting Thompson Brandt.

What advice would you give your younger self?

"To thine own self be true." Learn it, live it, honor it. College was fun & difficult at the same time, but I took myself too seriously much of the time. Don't be so hyper competitive in music, & stop comparing yourself to others. It took me a while to get that figured out, but when I did life got immensely more rewarding. I paid my way through Drake and to this day it is one of the things I am most proud of. There were times when I wanted to quit but I didn't & am extremely grateful I did not.



Employee of the Month at Drake
McDonalds



Drake Jazz Band 1975



BANKERS TRUST DRAKE RELAYS
Marathon And 10K
April 28, 1990
Lehigh

Finishing the Drake Relays Marathon in
1990

Rick Latta



Education: BSBA, Marketing, Management

Location: Hendersonville, NC

Campus Life

Dorm and Apt.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

My entire career has been in the Graphic Arts sector. I started with R. R, Donnelly and am finishing with American Solutions for Business.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I can't figure out where the last 50 years went.

Favorite Drake memories...

Learning and growing as a person.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Study hard but real learning is developing people skills.



Dorothy Lueck



What advice would you give your younger self?

Hang on, it'll be a tough ride!

Education: Bachelor of General Studies
1975 (Statistics); BS Bus Admin 1980 (Mktg);
BA Journ 1980 (GraphicArts)

Location: Urbandale, IA

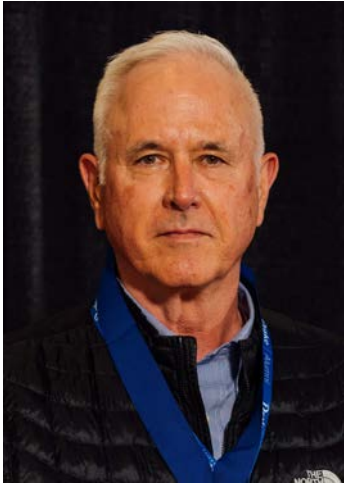
Campus Life

I Lived in Herriott Dorm, then off campus. I
played clarinet in various Drake Bands.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I had the very last "shirt" on the very first
women's basketball team in 1975.

Doug Mertz



Education: Journalism, emphasis in advertising

Location: Urbandale, IA

Campus Life

I lived at home in Dallas Center, IA. I was a member of 1971/1972 Men's Basketball team.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

Upon graduation in the spring of 1975, I immediately went to work for Campbell-Mithun in Minneapolis. In 1977 my wife Deb (Pharm 76) and I were married, and she began her pharmacy career. In the fall of 1979 we moved to St Joseph, MO, where I was an account manager for Fletcher/Mayo/Associates. In 1988 I joined Anderson Communications based in Dallas, TX and helped open a Kansas City office, which is where my affiliation with Pioneer began. I am now with Corteva Agriscience.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I have never lived more than a few miles from I-35.

Favorite Drake memories...

Kim Dreher and I owned the foosball table at The Pointe. My freshman year on the basketball team taught me more about myself than any other experience I have had. The spring blizzard of 1973 was crazy. Several professors who impacted my career are Bill Francois, Bob Largent, Bob Woodward, Jim Duncan, Charles Smith, Lou Ann Simpson, Lou Wolter, and I am sure I am missing a few more...it was a great faculty.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Don't be so cautious. Those years are a time to explore and find your passion.



That's me in the upper left picture...a beast!

Doug Person



Campus Life

I lived in Goodwin-Kirk for three years and an apartment on Kingman Blvd. during my senior year. I was an officer in the Residence Hall Association and a member Alpha Kappa Psi.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

Upon graduation I spent 30 years in commercial real estate investments (malls and apartments). I became a small business owner by purchasing a Molly Maid home and cleaning service franchise in 2005. Like any new business, the first three years were hard, and I cleaned a lot of houses myself, but I purchased a second franchise in 2013. In 2018 I sold the business and retired, but starting and owning my own business is an accomplishment I'm very proud of.



Education: BSBA in Accounting

Location: Kansas City, MO

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

In retirement I'm a golf rules official. I work amateur tournaments from juniors to seniors throughout Missouri and Kansas as well as several college tournaments. Additionally, I am a course rater where our work is used to determine course ratings and slope which are used to compute golf handicaps. In 2024 my wife and I were named Volunteers of the Year by Central Links Golf, which is the local PGA association we officiate for.

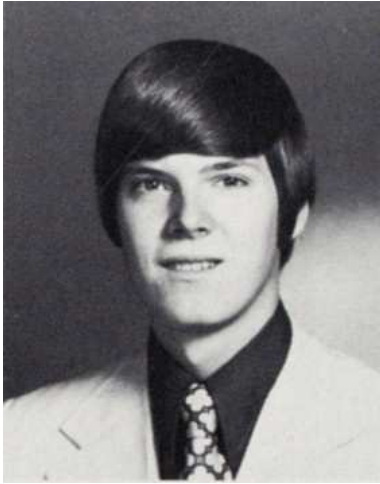
Favorite Drake memories...

I met Peggy (Behrens), my wife of over 48 years. I also met numerous lifelong friends that I still see regularly today. After graduation I lived in Des Moines until 2004. In that time, I served a term on the National Alumni Association board of directors, and Peggy and I have regularly hosted admitted student receptions in both our Des Moines and Kansas City homes.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Enjoy your time at Drake, it's the best years of your life!

Mike Peterson



Campus Life

Goodwin-Kirk Dorm - First 2 years

Off Campus - Final 2 years

Social Director - Goodwin-Kirk Dorm

Pledge of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

Active in intramural sports

I was, and still am, an avid Drake Men's Basketball fan. I missed just 5 home games during my time at Drake. I was asked to play on the Drake Freshman Basketball Team. I practiced with the team for a week, but ultimately determined a 3.5 GPA was more important than a 3.5 PPG (points per game) scoring average!



Education: Political Science

Location: Des Moines, IA

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I was scheduled to begin law school at Creighton University in the fall. However, over that summer I made the decision to forego a legal education and embarked on a lifelong career in sales. My initial sales position was with IBM. I eventually joined Meredith Corporation, where I was employed for nearly 30 years and served as a Vice President and Publisher. I also represented Meredith on several industry boards. Meredith was an outstanding place to work!

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I've been married to a 1973 Drake graduate for the last 25 years, even though we did not know each other while students. Our first introduction was a 3 1/2-hour Saturday breakfast at the Drake Diner, where we discovered neither of us were verbally challenged. We then went to a Drake men's basketball game on Tuesday and a women's game on Friday. We ended the week having dinner at the Varsity Restaurant adjacent to campus, which is where we eventually got engaged. A true-blue Drake couple!

Favorite Drake memories...

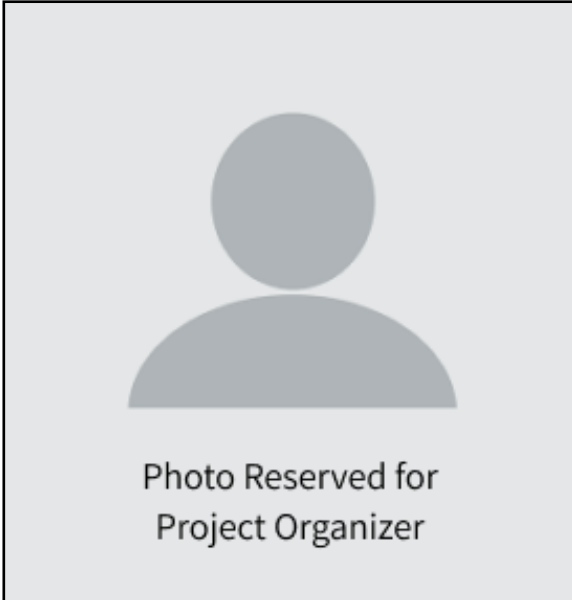
I have many wonderful memories of my time at Drake, but my friendships with Doug Person, Steve Soper, and Bob Starkey mean the most to me. I think of attending Drake basketball games, playing intramural sports, dorm and fraternity events, dinners at Noah's Ark and Mama Lacona's, attending movies and concerts, Spring Breaks in Florida, studying at Cowles Library, the snowstorm of 1973, Monday Skip Day, Vietnam War protests, streakers, and many enjoyable classes and outstanding professors.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Actively seek out mentors for advice and direction related to one's career. I've been very fortunate to mentor a number of Drake Business students during my own business career. I am currently in the fourth year of mentoring a Drake graduate living in Philadelphia. Upon his graduation, Logan asked if I would consider continuing our mentoring relationship on a long-distance basis. We talk minimally once a month and send each other pertinent materials as needed. A very fulfilling experience!

Betsy (Sanders) Slager

Michael J Slager



Location: Evergreen, CO

Campus Life

I lived in Stalnaker dorm and Delta Gamma house.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

Michael and I had a 20-year courtship (?!?!) and finally married in 1992. Our son, William, was born in 1994. He lived in the Chicago suburbs for many years and has now been living in Colorado for 15 years.

Favorite Drake memories...

BullDog Tales, snow days, Delta Gamma house, Peggy's, and so much fun with lifelong wonderful friends.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Always try new things and never give up.



Education: Liberal Arts



For those of you who thought I started
smoking at Drake???





1.18.92

Carl Suchar



Education: Bachelor of Arts. I majored in biology/premed.

Location: Clinton, ME

Campus Life

My freshman year was spent in Goodman. I also lived in Kirk, and Harriet the first year it became coed. I was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and lived in the fraternity house.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I graduated from osteopathic medical school in Des Moines & spent time in NYC & Edinburgh University in Scotland, training. I interned at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI & did my residency at Walter Reed in D.C. After my years in the service, I practiced internal medicine in Clearwater, FL for 33 years. 8 years ago, I moved to Clinton, ME to live in the country & practice in a small hospital & am enjoying the laid-back lifestyle. I am married with 2 children & 3 grandchildren.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I play the guitar and jam with both amateur and professional musicians in the northeast and am still an active tennis player on a somewhat competitive level.

Favorite Drake memories...

I remember many of my fraternity brothers and am glad that a group of us communicate and get together at times. I remember good times with my friend Doug Devine and his wife Dawn when we studied for our science classes. I also fondly remember my girlfriend Carol who graduated from education and had a wonderful teaching career in Chicago.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Go with the flow. Enjoy the people around you. Keep experiencing different places. May the force be with you.

Stephen Thompson



Since graduation from Drake, I...

I worked as a respiratory therapist and then earned my Master's and Doctorate degrees and taught in higher education for 40+ years.

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

That I turned out OK.

Favorite Drake memories...

The SUK House (1973-1975)

What advice would you give your younger self?

Pay attention more to what is around you.



Education: BA Biology

Location: Park Ridge, IL

Campus Life

I lived in Herriott Dorm and then at 2909 Cottage Grove.





Munya Avigail Upin (formerly Mary Upin)



Location: Lenox, MA

Campus Life

I lived in Morehouse for three years and then worked as an RA in Goodwin Kirk my senior year. I was a cheerleader and competed on the gymnastics team.

Since graduation from Drake, I...

After leaving Drake, I apprenticed with a jeweler in Southern California and then attended graduate school in San Diego. After that, I was an artist in residence at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts and later taught at the University of Wisconsin and Southwest Texas State University. After moving to the Boston area, I taught at many schools and opened a fine craft gallery.



Education: BFA Drake University, MA San Diego State University, MFA California State University at Fullerton

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

I'm painting again and still love ballroom dancing.

Favorite Drake memories...

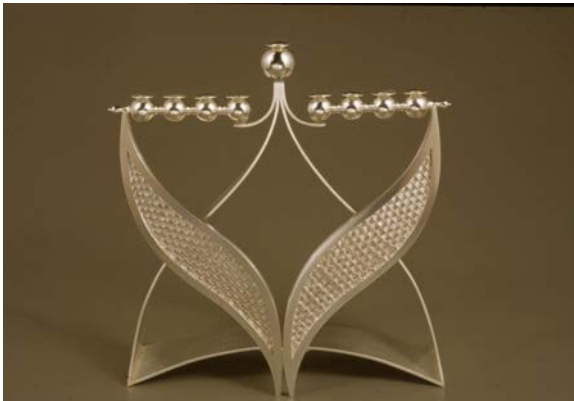
Our floor in Morehouse dormitory housed some of the most wonderful women I've ever met and I'm still friends with some until this very day. I also appreciate the opportunity that Drake provided by having a campus in Florence, Italy. Being in Italy was a life altering experience.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Go to Italy for the whole year, not just one semester!



Fabricated, twined, sterling and fine silver
Menorah.



Fabricated, hand woven, sterling silver
Menorah.



Fabricated sterling silver, gold and carnelian
bracelet.

Susan Colloton Ursini



Education: Education

Location: Glenview, IL

Campus Life

Freshmen dorm - Crawford

Delta Gamma House

Since graduation from Drake, I...

I am married to a fellow Drake grad from the class of 1973, Frank Ursini. Although he and I did not know each other at Drake. We met several years after I graduated. Frank and I have two daughters who both live in the Chicago area, and we have a five-year-old grandson. I worked in the banking industry for sixteen years and as a special education teacher until Covid and I am now retired!

My classmates may be surprised to learn that I...

My husband, Frank, and I did not know each other at Drake. We met several years after I graduated.

Favorite Drake memories...

I loved being a Delta Gamma and cherish all the friendships and memories. One of my favorite events at Drake was Skip Day!!

Drake University
Class of 1975 Deceased Alumni

Last Name	First Name	Maiden Name	College and Year
Aldrich	Darrell		BN'75
Allaire	Bobbie	Childers	LA'75
Alley	Frederick		ED'75, ED'78
Anderson	Larry		BN'75
Asbille	S	Watt	LA'75
Barton	Gary		LA'75
Beane	Celia	Meeker	BN'75
Bell	Marcy		ED'75
Berkley	James		LA'75
Berkus	Craig		BN'75
Bird	Julie		LA'75
Birocci	Paul		LA'75, ED'76
Bishop	James		BN'75
Blackett	Thomas		JO'75
Bloedow	Nance	Thomas Burke	FA'75
Bodnar	Alice		FA'75
Boling	Gary		JO'75
Bonner	Donald		ED'75
Boos	Earnestine		ED'75
Bradish	Virginia		LA'75, LA'76
Brandt	Cynthia		ED'75
Breheny	Patrick		LA'75
Brightman	Theodore		LA'75
Brittain	Carol		LA'75
Brown	Mary		ED'75
Cady	Mark		LA'75, LW'78
Campbell	Joseph		ED'75
Campbell	William		PH'75
Carter	Dale		FA'75
Cochran	Melinda	Miller	JO'75
Cohen	Edward		JO'75
Colson	Richard		PH'75
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