



REUNION 2020

Carleton Reunion: June 18-21, 2020

Hey there. Are you coming to our [40th Carleton Reunion](#) next summer? The one going from June 18 to June 21? Have you got it down in the calendar and lined up a dog-sitter? Good. Stop reading this letter right now, and enjoy the gift of an extra three minutes in your day. (You're welcome.)

It's the rest of you we're writing to. You free spirits, you die-hard introverts, you "I wish I'd gone to Middlebury" folks, you "I already see everyone I want to on Facebook" lurkers. First off, good for you. Carleton taught us to be independent and think for ourselves, so props for mindful planning and resisting the urge to just go with the crowd. But Carleton is also where we learned to value new ways of looking at the world. So we're hoping your mind is open to a few good reasons to join your classmates in Northfield next summer:

o **Things have changed.** Those steam tunnels we once scurried through in our jammies (and covered in witty-to-us graffiti)? They are soon to be quaint relics of a carbon-heavy past. Carleton spent most of the past two years tearing up Bell Field and the Bald Spot, among other sites, to drill hundreds of geothermal bores, each a tenth of a mile deep. A combination of these six-inch pipes plus super-efficient boilers will keep Carleton students toasty warm starting in winter 2021; the goal is to become a carbon-free campus by 2050. (Learn more at go.carleton.edu/geothermal.) There have been a few above-ground changes as well over the past four decades. Come back to check out the alumni complex where the Village once stood, a revitalized Scoville, the fancy science center, the jaw-dropping Weitz Center for Creativity, more than a dozen new student residences, not one but two wind turbines, and probably a whole bunch of other things we forgot.

o **Things have stayed the same.** In June 2020, our class will be housed in one of the "new" residence halls on what used to be the lawn between Nourse and Myers: Cassat Hall. ("New" is relative; it's 10 years old.) So that's different. But you can still eat in Burton, work out in the West Gym, run (or stroll) through the Arb, commune with the Hill of Three Oaks, say Om in the Japanese garden, make fun of the ducks on Lyman Lakes, throw a frisbee on the Bald Spot, take a nap in the Libe, and hike down to what used to be the Rueb — now appropriately renamed Reunion. And stay up late and talk for hours with friends new and old. Oh, and in the basement of Cassat? Next to a lounge area you would have killed for sophomore year, there's a tunnel to our dorm's twin, James Hall.

o **People like you, even if they aren't like you.** Our class theme for Reunion is "Still too young for the 60s," marking our generation's sneaking suspicion that our older brothers and sisters were cooler than us. (Let's face it: the only way we got to Woodstock was if our parents drove us there.) And yes, when we look back on our college-age selves, some of us cringe — the hairstyles alone were an exercise in doofusness. But guess what? We are way nicer now, we have better social skills, and we have learned to celebrate differences. Also we are smarter. And younger.

o **A college with its own ski resort?** That's just weird. We bet Middlebury's class of 1980 has Rotblatt envy.

Still sitting on the fence? Take a virtual stroll over to go.carleton.edu/1980, write a note in the [Bio Book](#), and let the people and activities you see there convince you that **Carleton is still the right choice, even 40 years later.** And for those of you who knew you were coming to Reunion all along and still kept reading: Thank you. See you in June!

Your 40th Reunion Committee:

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