



Note: This newsletter was ready to be sent last week. We struggled with the balance of outreach and communication. On the one hand, we wanted nothing more than to reach out, connect and express our pain and rage. On the other, communicating details about light-hearted activities felt wrong. We know a class letter and a follow-up postcard regarding our gift challenge went out via snail mail. We recognize the potential dissonance of that message, with so many lives and cities in chaos. In my city of Minneapolis, the boards are coming down, all four have been arrested, and the real work has just begun.

J Nelson



On our last Reunion committee call, we joked about how we sometimes don't even know what day it is anymore. Now, more than ever, we find ourselves disoriented and longing to be together to celebrate and to grieve. There are, however, some dates we can lean into:

- We are less than three weeks from our originally planned 25th reunion.
- We are over a year away from our newly rescheduled reunion, June 2021.
- We are almost thirty years removed from the police beating of Rodney King. The current protests happening around the country takes many of us back to our freshman year and the rage, confusion and- for some- newfound awareness we felt. Here we are again: just 42 miles from Division Street, Minneapolis Police murdered George Floyd. There is so much work to be done. Our story is far from over.

Some of us have been recalling the songs that were played at our graduation. (*Don't worry if you don't even *remember* music at graduation - it was too cold. It stands as one of THE coldest commencements on record with a high of 59°F!*) We recessed to R.E.M.'s "It's the End of The World as We Know It," without knowing the world would be transformed so greatly.


We want and need to see each other. Our Reunion committee has virtual plans for our June weekend this year including storytelling, Reunion swag, and Zoom connections. This is your chance to show off your curated bookcase or artwork or Stay at Home Hair! Laugh, ugly cry, toast and nosh in your finest sweats n' slippers.

Please head to the [Reunion 2020 page](#) for all the specifics.

Here's a rundown of what we can look forward to:

Friday, June 19, 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CST

Class of '95 Happy Hour!
It's happy hour, dinner quints, late-night trivia, and Playfair all rolled into one. Kick off reunion weekend with a Happy Hour with all your classmates and a chance to mix and mingle with folks around a virtual "table."



Saturday, June 20, 2020, 10:30 am CST

We can share achievements, gift numbers and come together on what would be our Reunion Convocation. We will celebrate our five (!!) Award Recipients. As someone wise once said, "Look for the helpers":

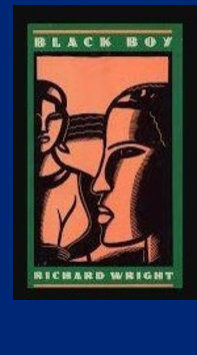
- ◆ Rukaiyah Adams, Distinguished Achievement
- ◆ Ben Halpern, Distinguished Achievement
- ◆ Michael Hasenstab, Distinguished Achievement
- ◆ Dennis Quirin, Distinguished Achievement
- ◆ Dana Wright, Exceptional Service

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm CST

Class of '95 Pop-in Party!
"Pop-in" to themed virtual rooms hosted by our classmates and visit with old and new friends. You can also host a room on any theme you like -- freshman floor, major, sports team, whatever. To be a host, [sign up on this form](#).

Beginning June 20...

Class of '95 Revisiting Common Reading



Let's re-read (or perhaps read for the first time?) [Black Boy](#) by Richard Wright. Join us in a private Facebook group this summer to discuss the book as it relates to us today. If we feel so moved, we may move to another book after we discuss [Black Boy](#). Pop in any time to engage with the discussion on your own schedule.

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Carleton95CommonReading/>

And don't forget...



Our [Bio Book](#) is as alive as ever and means more than ever. Just as the [Zoobook](#) is a miniature time capsule of our 17 year old selves, our Bio Book is a way to share our "now" and our collective experiences. You can [update and edit](#) and make this a living document, reflect of our Gen X wisdom!

Class of '95 25th Reunion Gift

When a classmate came to us with the idea of the Carbon Offset Challenge, we were excited but knew it was unknown territory and did not know exactly what was in store. While we did not meet our goal of 32 new donors, the enthusiasm from the 21 classmates who gave during this challenge really excited our sponsor, and they decided to offset a portion of the anticipated emissions from classmates' travel to our reunion next summer, equivalent to the portion of the donor goal that was reached, an offset of 75 tons of carbon emissions. Thank you!



We still have the opportunity to break records with our Class Gift to the Alumni Annual Fund. The Fund was vital this year in helping students who needed to stay on campus or create fast travel plans in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our final class challenge - **Exit 69** starts Tuesday, 6/9 and goes until Friday, 6/19. We are pulling out all the stops to get to **69%** participation and earn a \$619,000. If you haven't yet donated, your gift, **of any size**, earns a \$250 match. If you've already donated, your gift will garner an additional \$95 match. (Can you tell that the gift committee likes playing off numbers?) Making waves, shattering records, helping students, and taking care of Carleton: our class has got this down!

Our page go.carleton.edu/exit69 goes live on Tuesday, June 9.

Reunion means coming together again, telling our stories and giving back to Carleton, an anchor in these uncharted waters. Our stories are only getting deeper.

Your Class of 1995 25th Reunion Committee

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