CLASS OF 1987 • 40TH REUNION INFORMATION

The Road Back to Culver

Culver Academies • May 20–23, 2027

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MONTHLY UPDATE — Onward!

Your Culver Reunion Committee continues the quest to make this the best reunion yet! Our meeting with representatives from the Culver Alumni Association has been rescheduled to Oct 5, 2026. Here are the highlights from the last meeting:

- **Save-the-Date** postcards from the Alumni Association are going out soon — they're requesting updated contact information from all of us.
- **WhatsApp** will be our main communication tool, along with email and Facebook.
- Friday night **class dinner** locations are being discussed (Our first choice is Eppley Auditorium due to its size and accessibility).
- We've requested to use the Shack for our **Sunday Brunch event**.
- **Reunion registration** will open in November/December of this year.
- Class **Meet & Greet** at Papa's, Thursday evening, May 20 — time TBD.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Reunion registration: Opens November/December 2026
- Early registration deadline: TBD
- Final headcount due to Culver: TBD — please let Brian or Francisco know if you're coming – Attendance poll in WA
- Next reunion committee meeting: Oct 5, 2026

REUNION WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

Thursday, May 20: *Arrivals & informal welcome gathering, Papa's Meet & Greet — details TBD*

Friday, May 21: *Campus tours, Alumni events, Class dinner/evening event — details TBD*

Saturday, May 22: *Parade, alumni luncheon, class meeting, All Class dinner(Food Truck Soiree) — details TBD*

Sunday, May 23: *Farewell brunch & departures — details TBD*

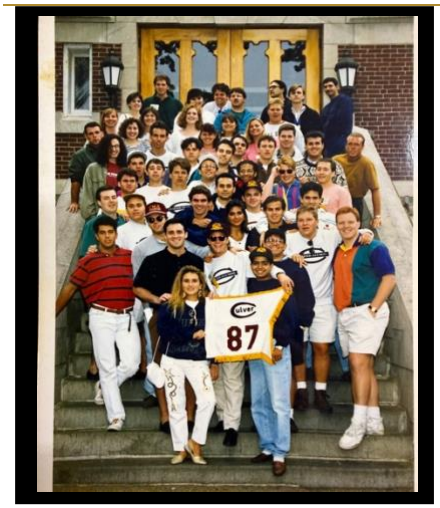
Full schedule will be finalized and shared as details are confirmed with Culver Academies.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES – Please!

Help us build our class memories! We're collecting old Culver photos, favorite stories, music, and updates from classmates for every issue of this newsletter.

Photo submissions: https://photos.app.goo.gl/LWyt3a9nX6dsfu277
Ice Breaker Activity - Story submissions: culverclass87@gmail.com
The Shack Playlist - Music submissions: Share in WhatsApp or email suggestions to hill_bleakley@yahoo.com
Ongoing Updates – Keep us posted on your mini reunions and get-togethers! Share photos in WhatsApp

MONTHLY CLASS SPOTLIGHT — Previous Reunions



When was the last time you came back for a reunion? We have some rockstars that have made it to all of them or only missed one like Caroline Johnson Baxter and Rob McNeill. We have some that make it back when they can like Jody Eckrich Jullian. We have some that have only made it back for one, like Cleo, and some that have never made it back like Lisa Clement and David Walusis. Please let us know if this is your first time returning so we can support you. It can be a bit overwhelming but so much fun! As Hill put it, it's like a warm hug reuniting with your Culver family! The crew that came back for 5th year was impressive!

Our class had a blast with the reunion photo booth at our 25th, back in 2012. We're looking for photo booth pictures from that weekend to showcase in our newsletter. If you can track any down, please send them to culverclass87@gmail.com. (If you would like to share any other fun reunion photos, please do!)



The COVID reunion crew in 2020! What dedication!

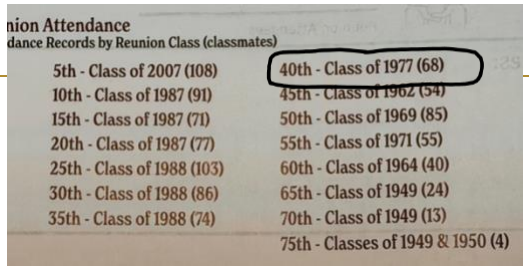
REUNION COMMITTEE TEAM – We are growing!



Questions, ideas, or want to help plan? Reach out to the committee:

- **Class President & Class Historian:** Hill Bleakley — *hill_bleakley@yahoo.com*
- **Class Communications Director:** Brian Diver — *briandiver@hibiscusgolf.com*
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- **Legacy/Legion Board Members:** Rachel Bernstein & Dillon M. Dalton – *blongu@aol.com*
- **80's After Party Coordinators:** David Walusis & Scott Reese- *dmwalusis@hotmail.com*
- **Culver Memorabilia/Bricks:** Dillon Dalton – *dmdalton24@aol.com*

REUNION HYPE – Fun Facts!



Your reunion committee is still charging ahead working tirelessly for you. Hill, Dillon, Caroline, and Rachel just recently attended the **Ambassador Weekend at Culver**. They were privy to some pretty impressive reunion attendance records. Looks like we need to beat the class of 1977 for our 40th! We can do this people!

We currently have over 125 people on our **WhatsApp group chat**. Right now, looks like we have 56 committed to coming and 7 maybes. Thanks to Francisco for creating our poll for us. If you know someone that is coming, but is not in the WhatsApp group, please let us know. These numbers help the committee plan for all the fun stuff we want to do. Please help us encourage our "maybes" to attend. Our committee's goal is to have a least 100 people return for this one. This is the communication method that will continue beyond our upcoming reunion. Please help us get others on board.

We have been working with Jeff Kenney, the Culver Academies Museum Archive Manager, to schedule a special **Culver Underground Tour** for our class. It sounds absolutely fascinating.

We currently have **7 members of our class** that have children/family attending Culver right now: Rachel B., Hill B., Pat C., Maureen K., Bob K., Doug M., and Cleo S. We are hoping to ask some of these amazing kiddos to speak to us at our class meeting.

David Walusis and Scott Reese will be hosting an **80's themed after-party** Friday night. Stock up on your 80's garb! Reach out to them if you are willing to help or donate supplies. Get ready to get up and Go-Go!

WE NEED YOUR HELP- Please support if you can.

Sponsors & Donations Needed For:

- Class uniform (unifying accessory for the weekend)
- Class dinner Photo Booth
- Shack Sunday Brunch
- Swag bag items – treats for our reunion attendees

Looking for a Place to Stay or People to Share a Rental With?

Please let us know if you've secured a place to stay and if you have a vacant spot to fill. We can post it here and have people reach out to you directly.

David Walusis & **Scott Reese** are renting this amazing house and have beds/rooms available from Thursday to Sunday for reunion. If interested, please contact David at 310.755.0660 or dmwalusis@hotmail.com

Looking for other housing options, here are a few links to get you started:

1. https://www.accessculver.com/
2. Culver Alumni Newsletter Suggestions listed below:

There are numerous accommodation options in the area, including traditional hotel chains, bed and breakfasts, and private homes with rooms for rent.

Make your lodging reservations at: 1. Airbnb.com 2. VRBO.com 3. Visitmarshallco.in

During Reunion Weekend in May, on-campus accommodations are limited to Woodcraft Camp. Woodcraft is similar to camping, there is no heat or running water in the cabins, which means having to walk to a separate building for sinks, showers, and lavatories. Culver will provide sheets, blankets, and towels. Please call the Alumni Relations office at 574-842-7200 to reserve a Reunion Weekend cabin.

Culver offers a small number of local accommodations, including:

1. The Inn By The Lake (Next to Papa's) 2. The Culver Cottage

Communities that offer accommodations nearby include:

1. Plymouth, IN – 20 min North of Culver
2. Rochester, IN - 30 min South of Culver
3. Warsaw, IN - 50 min East of Culver

Class Updates — "Where Are They Now?" – Who are you trying to find? Let us know.

We're missing a few of our classmates. Culver needs updated info for a few of us. Please let us know if you know how to get in contact with any of these people:

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(X) Hector A. Romero 1987 GD
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