CLASS OF 1987 • 40TH REUNION INFORMATION

The Road Back to Culver

Culver Academies • May 20–23, 2027

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MONTHLY UPDATE — Things are falling into place!

Your Culver Alumni Reunion Committee continues its dedicated efforts to make this the best reunion yet. Here are the highlights from the last meeting on October 5th:

- **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. Expect Culver emails soon.
- 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.
- New - **Class Website – Check it out!** http://culver87.com

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Reunion registration: Opens November/December 2026
- Early registration deadline: TBD
- Final headcount due to Culver: TBD — please let Brian or Jimmy know if you're coming – Attendance poll in WA
- Next reunion committee meeting: November 9, 2026

REUNION WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

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

Friday, May 21: *Campus tours, Alumni events, Class dinner/evening event, D&S After Party(see below) — details TBD*

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

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

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

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES – Please, we need more!

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 — 87 Mini Reunions!



Hill, Rachel, Caroline, Cleo, Betsy, Jimmy, Bob, Dillon, Henry, Amy, and Pat just attended the Fall Parents Weekend and participated in the amazing ***Live the Legacy Auction***! The event brought in 3.2 million in Scholarship money for our well-deserving Culver students. The event planning team blew their goal out of the water! What an accomplishment! (Not pictured Maureen Kehoe, photobombed by Catherine Bentley '89)

Brian, Hill, Will, Doug, Mark, David, & Juergen met up for lunch with Mark Key '86 & Chip Redman '88. So good to see their smiling faces! (2 photos)







Brian recently traveled to Costa Rica with his family and was able to connect with Ignacio. They had an amazing time. What a gorgeous country!



Scott, Betsy, Jody, Rachel, Cleo, Caroline & Hill all celebrated the graduation of a new Culver Alumni/Legacy.(Rachel's son)

REUNION COMMITTEE TEAM – A Well-Oiled Machine!

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



- **Class President & Class Historian:** Hill Bleakley — *hill_bleakley@yahoo.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*

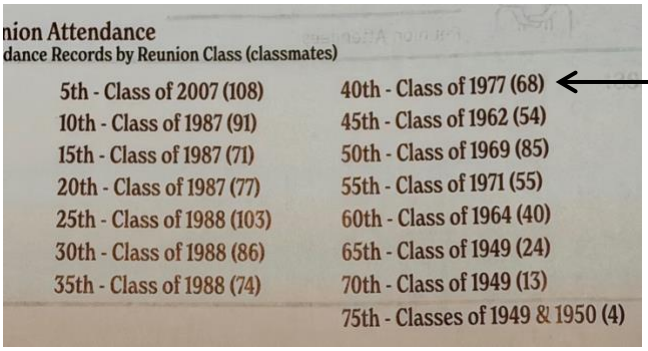
REUNION HYPE – Fun Facts!

Your reunion committee is still planning, scheming, and plotting night and day for you. The excitement is building!

We currently have 125 people on our **WhatsApp group chat**. Right now, looks like we have 57 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. We know it is early, but excitement is contagious! Please help us get others on board.

Here are the stats we are trying to beat for our 40th! Let’s do this! If you are a “maybe,” please reach out to one of us so we can help. We know this can feel overwhelming. We’ve got you.



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, Hill, Pat, Maureen, Bob, Doug, and Cleo. We are hoping to ask some of these amazing kiddos to speak to us at our class meeting.

After the Papa’s Meet & Greet on Thursday, the fun continues with an informal **Block Party** down by the lakefront, hosted at a few of our classmates’ rentals. Locations will be announced soon, and you’re welcome to mingle from one to the next. If you’re renting nearby and would like your place included, please let us know! More details to come.

David Walusis and Scott Reese will be hosting an **80’s themed after-party** Friday night after our class dinner. 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!

For those of you who still have the social stamina of a 20-year-old… **Trevor Curtis and his wife, Amy**, have offered to host an after-party at their home on Saturday night following the All-School Reunion Dinner. More details coming soon!

Hot off the Press - Rachel Berstein’s incredibly talented mother will be designing scarves for our reunion. They are going to be bespoke scarves created just for our class and will be used as our signature unifying clothing element for the All Class Dinner on Saturday. Women can wear them around their necks, in their hair, as belts, wrapped around their wrists, or as purse charms. Men can wear them wrapped around hats, neck ascots, or as pocket squares. So many possibilities! They will help us be able to quickly identify our 87 classmates in the large reunion group dinner. There are tons of videos on-line modeling how to tie scarves for those of us that don’t wear them often. We are going to look sharp! More details coming soon.

We are Listening! We are hearing that not everyone is getting our reunion information through WhatsApp or Facebook so, in addition to those two communication methods, Jimmy Clark is going to be creating a **mini-website** for us to house all our relevant information. We will post the URL and/or QR code as soon as it is ready! The website will allow quick access to all our important reunion details. Thank you, Jimmy!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE – Cheers!

10/2 – Vince Kalamaras	10/3 – Candi Cooper Towler	10/4 – Marco Vojcanin	10/6 – Barbara Coffey
10/10 – Trevor Curtis	10/11 – Brent Fox	10/16 – Maria Romero	10/16 – Ignacio Rojas
10/17 – Jimmy Clark	10/19 – Betsy Bill MacNab	10/24 – Steve Mueller	
10/30 – Chris Prosser Crecelius	10/30 – Digger De Gaetani	10/31 – Damon Schwartz	

WE NEED YOUR HELP- Please support if you can.

Sponsors & Donations Needed For:

- Class uniform (unifying accessory for the weekend) – Scarves designed by Mrs. Bernstein
- Class dinner Photo Booth rental
- 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:

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 4 .https://www.accessculver.com/

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. We are missing current emails for 45 classmates. Please help if you can. Please see website list.