

ALUMNI WEEKEND ◦ COMMENCEMENT ◦ REUNIONS

St. Olaf College hosts Celebration Weekend each May to honor graduating seniors and alumni who are celebrating their class reunions. This year's classes celebrating reunion anniversaries include the classes of **1940, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, and '85**. We invite our alumni back to campus to reconnect with classmates, celebrate with each other, and share memories and stories. At the same time, we invite the families of our graduating seniors to campus to celebrate the many accomplishments of their graduating senior.

This preview booklet highlights the preliminary schedule for Celebration 2010, and the insert included provides options for registration. For alumni celebrating a reunion, class-specific events are listed on the enclosed reunion letter. Some event options and times may change, so your final schedule, complete with updated times and locations, will be available during registration hours throughout the weekend. As updates to the schedule become available, they will be posted online at stolaf.edu/alumni/celebration.

We look forward to welcoming you in person during Celebration Weekend 2010.

— The St. Olaf Alumni and Parent Relations staff

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Friday, May 28

9 a.m. Silver and Gold Golf Scramble

Northfield Golf Club

The silver 25th reunion and gold 50th reunion share the Northfield Country Club for a morning of golf. Pre-registration required. See enclosed letter for more information.

10 a.m.–7 p.m. Registration and Check-In

Buntrock Commons, Crossroads

10 a.m. Residence Halls Open

Pick up room assignments at the Buntrock Commons registration table. If you arrive after 7 p.m., check in at the front desk of Mohn Hall.

10 a.m.–midnight 1960 Hospitality Room

Larson Hall Coffee House

10 a.m.–midnight 1965 Hospitality Room

Lower Level Lounge, Mohn Hall

This room will be available throughout the weekend as a meeting space for the class of 1965. Enjoy a quiet space to relax, reconnect, and renew friendships.

10:45–11:15 a.m. Virtual Tour of Campus in Viking Theater

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Walking Tour of Campus

Gather in Viking Theater

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Regular Lunch Dining for Students, Families, and Friends

Stav Dining Hall

Pay at the door. No charge for students with a valid cafeteria card.

2–4 p.m. Class of 1960 Social Gathering

At the home of President David R. Anderson '74

Join classmates for fun-filled conversations at this informal social gathering hosted by President David R. Anderson '74. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres provided. Shuttle service available between Buntrock Commons and the President's home.

5–6:30 p.m. Regular Dinner Dining for Students, Families, and Friends

Stav Dining Hall

Pay at the door. No charge for students with a valid cafeteria card.

5 p.m. President's Dinner for the Class of 1960

Alumni celebrating their 50th reunion are invited to this special dinner and program, hosted by President David R. Anderson '74.

5–10 p.m. Class of 1955 Gathering

Olympic Hills Golf Club, 10625 Mount Curve Road, Eden Prairie

A round-trip shuttle bus will leave Buntrock Commons at 4:15 p.m. to arrive at 5 p.m. The return shuttle will leave Olympic Hills at 9:45 p.m. to arrive back on campus at 10:30 p.m.

6:30–11 p.m. Class of 1965 Gathering

The Grand Event Center, 316 Washington Street, Northfield

6:30–11 p.m. Class of 1970 Gathering

The Marsh, 15000 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka

6 p.m.–midnight Class of 1975 Gathering

Kieran's Irish Pub (New location), located on the corner of 1st Avenue North and 6th Street South, directly across from the Target Center

7 p.m.–midnight Class of 1980 Gathering

Solera, 900 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

7 p.m.–midnight Class of 1985 Gathering

Vic's on the Minneapolis Waterfront, 201 Main Street S.E., Minneapolis

8 p.m. St. Olaf Band Concert

Skoglund Center Auditorium

Shuttle service will be provided between Buntrock Commons and Skoglund Center Auditorium. A special section is reserved for Golden Oles until 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 29

7 a.m.–midnight Class of 1960 Hospitality Room

Larson Hall Coffee House

7 a.m.–midnight Class of 1965 Hospitality Room

Mohn Hall, Lower level lounge

7 a.m.–6 p.m. Registration and Check-In

Buntrock Commons, Crossroads

7–7:45 a.m. 5K Ole Run/Walk Registration and Check-In

Skoglund Fieldhouse (northwest corner, by the garage door)

8 a.m. 5K Ole Run/Walk

Pre-registration is required for this event.

8:45 a.m. Class of 1960 Memorial and Worship Service

Christiansen Hall of Music, Urness Recital Hall

9 a.m. Morning Chapel

Boe Memorial Chapel

All alumni, parents, and friends are welcome to this worship service led by Pastor W. Bruce Benson and Associate Pastor Jennifer Anderson Koenig '87.

9 a.m. Class of 1985 Choir Rehearsal

Skifter Hall, Studio A

All singers from the Class of 1985 are invited to rehearse music that will be performed at the reunion luncheon.

10–11 a.m. Sammenkomst (“The Gathering” for all alumni)

Boe Memorial Chapel

President David R. Anderson '74 invites all alumni, families, and guests — including our newest alumni from the Class of 2010 — to join together in celebration of all the accomplishments of St. Olaf alumni. Come hear the president’s State of the College address. Special music provided.

10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Celebration of Alumni Authors

Calling all authors! The St. Olaf Bookstore will host a book signing to celebrate alumni authors. Published authors should submit book information to Ruth Block, trade book manager, by calling 507-786-3049 or emailing block@stolaf.edu. You will need to include your name and class year, title of the book, publisher, ISBN, and retail price. Pick a block of time to sign your book. Responses needed by April 15, 2010.

11 a.m. Class of 1960 Reunion Photo

Immediately following Sammenkomst, class members are asked to quickly move to the front of the chapel. Each Class of 1960 registrant will be mailed a copy of their reunion photo after the weekend.

11:30 a.m. Reunion Class Luncheons

Luncheons are scheduled for the classes of 1940, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, and '85. See the enclosed class-specific letter and registration information.

1 p.m. Class of 1950 Hospitality Room Opens

1–8 p.m. Class of 1960 Fine Art and Craft Exhibit

The Pause Game Room

1 p.m. Class of 1970 Walking Tour of the Natural Lands

Starts from the 1970 luncheon location.

1:15–2:30 p.m. Class of 1960 Learning Seminar (Session 1): *Leaps of Faith in the Fourth Quarter of Life*

1:30 p.m. Class of 1985 Reunion Photo

Regents Hall Plaza (Rain Site: Boe Memorial Chapel)

1:30–6:30 p.m. Class of 1970 Open House

Froggy Bottoms River Pub, private room, 305 Water Street South, Northfield

1:45–2:45 p.m. Learning Seminar: 1963–1974 Decade of Change

How did St. Olaf change between 1963 and 1974, the years from Sidney Rand's inauguration as president through the college centennial? Hosted by Professor of History and College Archivist Gary De Krey '71, this presentation examines campus building projects, the curriculum, international study, civil rights and justice issues, war and protest, the women's movement, and changing social mores.

1:45–2:45 p.m. Learning Seminar: *Perspectives on Ecosystems and Change: Notes from the Siberian Arctic and the College Natural Lands*

With the increase in awareness over the past decade about global environmental issues, there is a growing belief that solutions need to be developed to avoid serious humanitarian problems. Learn about the scientific observations and research performed by current students and Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies John Schade.

1:45–2:45 p.m. Alumni Choir Rehearsal

Former St. Olaf Choir members are invited to rehearse for the evening concert performance with the St. Olaf Choir.

2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. Tours of Regents Hall

Sign up for a tour at the registration tables in Buntrock Commons.

2–4 p.m. Class of 1985 Special Group Breakout Reunions

2:30–3:30 p.m. Learning Seminar: *Diversity on the Hill? You Betcha!*

This session will explore the college's current efforts to make access and inclusion a mark of institutional excellence. Engage with others in a discussion on why diversifying the faculty, staff, and student body are no longer "what we would like to do" but have become priorities of "what we must do" as the world becomes more globally and culturally diverse. Hosted by Bruce King, assistant to the president for institutional diversity, and Desiree Keenan, associate dean of admissions and director of multicultural recruitment.

2:30–3:30 p.m. Learning Seminar: *Ole Reels*

Old films that have been recently digitally transferred provide new glimpses of the students at work and play, faculty personalities, and campus life from the 1950s through the 1960s. These treasured images, including some news clips from a local television station, have not been viewed for decades. Meet Associate College Archivist Jeff Sauve, discuss the films, and help bring the past to life.

2:30 - 4p.m. Class of 1960 Gathering for Nurses

2:45–4 p.m. Class of 1960 Learning Seminars (Session 2): *Leaps of Faith in the Fourth Quarter of Life*

3 p.m. St. Olaf Orchestra Concert

Skoglund Center Auditorium

Shuttle buses will be provided between Buntrock Commons and Skoglund Center Auditorium. A special section is reserved for Golden Oles until 2:45 p.m.

3–4:30 p.m. Shaw-Olson Center for College History Open House and Collection of Memorabilia

The college archives actively collects diaries, letters, photographs and slides, sports memorabilia, scrapbooks, recordings, and other personal items that reflect life on the Hill. Donations of these items are welcome during the open house. In addition, the college archives will run a yearbook sale and exchange during its open house. Unwanted yearbooks will be accepted for donation or for exchange for books from other years (subject to availability). Yearbooks from many years will be on sale for \$15.

3–6 p.m. Class of 1975 Gathering

The Contented Cow, 1001 Division Street South, Northfield

3–6 p.m. Class of 1965 Small Group Gatherings

4–7 p.m. Class of 1985 Great Conversation Gathering

11455 Dennison Boulevard, Northfield

Hosted by Justin Stets '85 and Kristin Carlson Stets '84 at their home.

4–9 p.m. Class of 1985 Party

J. Grundy's Rueb 'N' Stein, Upstairs Room

503 Division St. S., Northfield

4:30 p.m. Last Lecture for the Class of 2010 and Guests

Boe Memorial Chapel

The last lecturer — a class-selected faculty member — will address graduating seniors, families, and friends.

5 p.m. Class of 1950 Dinner

Buntrock Commons, Kings' Dining Room

4:30–7 p.m. Festive Family Dining in Stav Hall

Parents, families, alumni, and friends are invited to enjoy the delicious variety of foods offered by Bon Appetit, the St. Olaf food-service provider.

Take the time to feast on fresh and tasty foods, presented with distinctive flair by the Bon Appétit chefs at this all-you-can-eat dining experience.

Ticket required. No charge for students with a valid cafeteria card.

5:30 p.m. Class of 1960 Dinner and Dessert Reception

At 5:30 p.m. the class will gather for dinner in the Black and Gold Ballroom, followed by dessert and entertainment in the Lion's Pause.

5:30 p.m. Celebration Banquet

Skoglund Fieldhouse

Graduating seniors and their guests are invited to register for this special banquet offering a delicious assortment of splendid foods. This elegant event will be held in the Skoglund Fieldhouse, which is transformed into a gorgeous banquet hall. Musical entertainment and a message from President David R. Anderson '74 will add a festive dimension to the evening. Business casual attire is recommended. REGISTER EARLY as this event may sell out. Tickets for students and their guests are required for this banquet. Cafeteria cards are not valid for this meal. Seating begins immediately following the Last Lecture. For the best chance of being seated with your entire party, please proceed directly to the venue.

8 p.m. St. Olaf Choir Concert

Skoglund Center Auditorium

The St. Olaf Choir will be joined by the Alumni Choir for part of the performance. Shuttle buses will be provided between Buntrock Commons and Skoglund Center Auditorium. A special section is reserved for Golden Oles until 7:45 p.m.

8 p.m. The Ghosts of St. Olaf Tour

Begins on the steps of the Speech-Theater Building

Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Greg Kneser leads a tour of haunted venues on the Hill, ending with the Illumination.

9–11:30 p.m. Campus Illumination

Throughout the day, seniors are asked to stroll through the campus green and find their personalized lantern. At 9 p.m. the campus green will be filled with music and refreshments served. At a brief candle-lighting ceremony at 10:15 p.m. in Boe Chapel, the Class of 1960 will pass the light to the Class of 2010. Following, each senior will be asked to find and light their own lantern and illuminate the campus. At the end of the evening seniors may take their lantern home as a remembrance.

Sunday, May 30

7–8:30 a.m. Golden Ole/Golden Anniversary Breakfast

Members of the classes of 1940, '45, '50, '55, and '60 are guests of the college for this meal. Register to reserve your space.

8 a.m.–2 p.m. Registration and Check-in

Buntrock Commons, Crossroads

9 a.m. Baccalaureate

Skoglund Center Auditorium

Graduating seniors, their families, friends, and alumni will gather together to give thanks to God for the life and community that was shared by the Class of 2010. This capstone worship service hosted by President David R. Anderson '74, and led by St. Olaf Pastor W. Bruce Benson, Associate Pastor Jennifer Anderson Koenig '87, and Pastoral Intern Andy Willis '03, will also feature the St. Olaf Band and the St. Olaf Choir.

10 a.m. Class of 1965 Worship Service

Calvary Lutheran Church, 3901 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis

Worship service followed by a catered lunch

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Brunch in Stav Hall

Stav Dining Hall

Enjoy brunch with family, friends, and students. Tickets required. No charge for students with a valid cafeteria card.

10:30 a.m. Jazz Brunch

Skoglund Fieldhouse

Enjoy an elegant and festive brunch. This buffet brunch will feature delicious food in the tradition of New Orleans, including classic eggs, maple-pecan French toast, trinity potatoes, scallion sweet potato biscuits, spring vegetable frittata, and more. Soothing jazz melodies performed by a live jazz band will top off this celebratory brunch. Tickets required; student cafeteria cards are not valid for this meal.

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Academic Department Receptions

Seniors and their families are invited to attend academic department receptions at various locations across campus before commencement. You'll receive a complete list of reception times and locations at registration. (Note: Most department receptions begin at 11 a.m.)

12:30 p.m. Commencement Rehearsal and Line-Up for 2010 graduates

Tostrud Center, Lower Level

A light lunch will be provided for seniors, who should arrive in cap and gown.

12:30 p.m. Commencement Seating Opens

2 p.m. Commencement

Commencement is scheduled to be outdoors on Manitou Field; no tickets are required for general seating at this location. In case of rain, Commencement will be held in Skoglund Center Auditorium and tickets will be required. Each graduating senior is entitled to three tickets for his or her guests. Seniors must pick up their tickets in the main office in Buntrock Commons between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, the week prior to Commencement. If your family will need more than three tickets, your senior is encouraged to ask classmates for extras.

Special seating is available at both Manitou Field and Skoglund Center Auditorium for those who cannot climb bleacher steps. Please note that tickets for this section are required whether Commencement is indoors or outdoors. Seniors may exchange their general seating tickets for those in special seating when they pick up their tickets. If you have questions about seating for physically challenged guests, call Pam Dresow in the office of the Dean of the

College at 507-786-6799. If you will not see your student before Commencement, he or she may leave tickets at the information desk in Buntrock Commons.

The decision to hold Commencement outdoors or indoors is made Sunday morning and is announced during Baccalaureate, posted in Buntrock Commons, available through the main switchboard at 507-786-2222 and posted at *stolaf.edu*. If Commencement is held in Skoglund Center Auditorium, the ceremony will be broadcast at various locations on campus. No tickets are required at these locations. Space is limited.

4 p.m. Commencement Reception

Stav Dining Hall

Graduates and their guests are invited to celebrate together following the ceremony. Seniors must turn in their cap and gown in Buntrock Commons and pick up their diploma in Dittmann Center. Your personalized lanterns will be at diploma pick up for those seniors who did not collect them on Saturday. Light refreshments will be served.

Register to attend

Your pre-registration must be received by **Friday, May 14, 2010**. Most registration fees are assessed on a per-activity/meal basis. We encourage you to register early, as some events sell out. If an event does not sell out, tickets will be available for purchase during registration hours.

Pick up your registration packet in Buntrock Commons Crossroads when you arrive on campus. Those who register in advance will receive all necessary tickets (including meals), a complete weekend schedule (including event locations), and their housing assignments at registration. Tickets are not mailed in advance. All tickets are held at registration tables throughout the weekend and can be picked up during registration hours: Friday, 10 a.m.

to 7 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Three ways to make a reservation:

1. Register securely online at *stolaf.edu/alumni*; select "Celebration Weekend."
2. Fill out the enclosed form and mail to: St. Olaf College, Alumni and Parent Relations Office, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057. You may pay by check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover). Make checks payable to St. Olaf College.
3. Fax your reservation form with credit card number and expiration date to 507-786-3313.

For more information about reservations call 888-865-6537 or email *alum-office@stolaf.edu*.

Online information

For information about Celebration Weekend visit *stolaf.edu/alumni* and select "Celebration Weekend." Here you can access updated information about the weekend and register for activities. Information will include online registration, class-specific reunion details, and a list of people who are planning to attend class reunions. The website will be updated as information becomes available, so visit often.

Getting to St. Olaf

Shuttle service

EcoTrans, a privately owned shuttle service in Northfield, is available for fee-based transportation to and from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. For reservations and information about EcoTrans, call 888-492-7433 or visit *goecotrans.com*.

When you arrive

Parking

Park the easy way. Find a parking spot and then call the Ole shuttle to bring you where you need to go. This on-call service is available at 507-786-6880 or dial 6880 from any campus phone. Shuttles will not leave campus. The Ole shuttle is available during the following hours: Friday, 10 a.m.–midnight, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Members of the Class of 1960 who will be staying on campus and arriving on Friday may drop off their luggage at Larson Hall before parking in the Skoglund/Tostrud lot. Then catch the continuous shuttle to Buntrock Commons to pick up your registration packet.

Check In

Make your way to Buntrock Commons Crossroads to pick up your registration packet, which includes housing assignments, tickets to events, nametags and a weekend schedule of events. Registration is open Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are staying on campus, you will need to check in at the registration table to receive your housing assignment. Housing desk hours and locations are:

Friday

10 a.m.–7 p.m. *Buntrock Commons, Crossroads*

7 p.m.–1 a.m. *Mohn Hall, front desk*

After 1 a.m. *closed*

Saturday

7 a.m.–6 p.m. *Buntrock Commons, Crossroads*

6 p.m.–1 a.m. *Mohn Hall, front desk*

After 1 a.m. *closed*

Sunday

8 a.m.–2 p.m. *Buntrock Commons, Crossroads*

2–4 p.m. *Mohn Hall, front desk*

After 4 p.m. *closed*

Where to stay

On-campus housing

In order to make this a very special weekend and help bring back memories of college, our office has hired student staff to make various rooms in campus residence halls ready for your stay and to ensure your comfort. Our goal is to provide a pleasant on-campus housing experience at an affordable price. The cost is \$25 per person, per night.

Each room is furnished with two single beds. Bed linens (pillow, sheets, and blanket), towels, and a washcloth are furnished, along with a coffee and pastry breakfast in the residence hall lobby each morning.

For your added comfort, you may wish to bring an extra blanket, hangers, an alarm clock, a fan, a reading light, and a sleeping bag for children wishing to sleep on the floor. Bathrooms are not located in individual rooms. Keys are not issued, so please leave your valuables at home. Pets are not permitted in the residence halls.

If you have questions about special housing needs, please email alum-office@stolaf.edu or call 888-865-6537.

Other Housing Options

There are numerous hotels, motels, and bed-and-breakfasts in the surrounding area. For a complete list of overnight accommodations, visit stolaf.edu/admissions/visiting/hotels.html. Make reservations immediately, as rooms fill quickly.

Campus accommodations

Special accommodations

If you or any of your guests require special accommodations for the weekend, please contact the Alumni and Parent Relations Office early. Campus wheelchairs are limited to emergency use only. If you need a wheelchair for use throughout the weekend, you will need to make arrangements with your local medical supply store.

For those who find it difficult to walk long distances, transportation to and from many campus events is available throughout the weekend. Before and after all three concerts, Baccalaureate, and Commencement, a special shuttle bus with wheelchair accessibility will transport guests to and from Buntrock Commons.

If you have special dietary needs, indicate them on your reservation form, or attach a note when you make your reservations.

Recreation

Skoglund Athletic Center and Tostrud Center are open throughout the weekend for use and touring. The fitness room, indoor track, tennis courts, and racquetball courts are open throughout the weekend. The climbing wall is not available for use.

Moving out for Graduates

If you live nearby, you may want to transport some of your senior's belongings prior to Celebration Weekend. If you will be moving your senior out on Sunday afternoon or Monday morning, be forewarned that parking will be tight. Park in designated spots only and follow the flow of traffic. "No parking" areas will be marked clearly. Your senior is required to be out of his or her residence hall by 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31.

Questions

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Space cannot be guaranteed after May 14, 2010. **Register now!**