2021 Virtual Reunion Celebration

Program Schedule

April 30 and May 1, 2021
DAY ONE: Friday, April 30

All times are Pacific Time and all events are virtual

Core Values in Action: Lecture Series, Day I

3 – 4 p.m.

**Embracing Our Activist Past and Exploring Our Present: OBSA & CLSA Celebrating Over 50 Years of Building Community**

[Click here to join.](#)

Join us for a dynamic and informative conversation as we go back in time to explore the founding of academic and student support offices at the Claremont Colleges and the powerful, lasting connection among them. We will discuss their history and talk about how today's work has been impacted by student activism of the past—hosted by Pitzer College as a part of Reunion Celebration. Open to our entire 7C community. Facilitated by: Xochitl Casillas, Interim Dean of Students, Chicano Latino Student Affairs, Lydia Middleton, Dean and Director, Office of Black Student Affairs, Suyapa Portillo, Associate Professor of Chicana/o Latina/o Transnational Studies, Pitzer College, and the Intercollegiate Department of Chicanx Latinx Studies, Maryan Soliman, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies, Intercollegiate Department of Africana Studies, and Department of History, Scripps College.

4 – 5 p.m.

**The Study of Friendships**

[Click here to join.](#)

Friends since college? Join Peter Nardi, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, for a discussion most appropriate for a reunion: friendships and what they mean in our lives. Professor Nardi focused a good part of his career at Pitzer on the study of friendships and, in this session, invites us to share stories of making and keeping friends. *Facilitated by Peter Nardi, Pitzer Professor Emeritus of Sociology*
5 – 6:30 p.m.
All-Class Social, Part I: PITZER@HOME PRESENTS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: LYBL
Click here to join.

Groove to musical performances by 5C artists with Live Your Best Life (LYBL) Records, the award-winning Pitzer student-run label. Poet, hip-hop artist, and LYBL co-founder Kay Wright ’21 and fellow LYBL artists will entertain and soothe your soul. Get down to the beats of DJ and LYBL co-founder Ralph Gustavo Zamora ’21, spinning old school favorites from the ’60s through the ’80s. This event is open to our entire 7C community.

DAY TWO: Saturday, May 1
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9:30 a.m.
Reunion Welcome Presentation
Click here to join.

Join us for a brief welcome message from Pitzer College Alumni Association Board President and Board of Trustees member Michele Siqueiros ’95 as we kick off Day TWO of our Reunion Celebration!

Core Values in Action: Morning Lecture Series, Day 2

10 – 10:50 a.m.
Engagement for Systemic/Structural Change
Click here to join.

There is continuing dialogue on the differences between charity, project, and social change in connecting learning to community-based action and research engagement. In this session, we will discuss emerging examples of economic/cultural models that are multi-racial and prioritize our quality of life over the quantity of profit. Facilitated by José Z. Calderón, Pitzer Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Chicano/a-Latino/a Studies
11 – 11: 50 a.m.
The Grove House: A Hand-Made Tale
Click here to join.

Join Barry Sanders, Pitzer Professor Emeritus of History of Creative Ideas for a discussion about the Grove House and how it came to be and almost did not come to be. Hear about the class out of which it arose, and a kind of interesting evolution of events of how it made its way across town.
Facilitated by Barry Sanders, Pitzer Professor Emeritus of History of Creative Ideas

Pitzer Mounds and Milestones

Noon
A Toast to the Class of 2021: A Virtual Reception for the Graduating Senior Class
Click here to join.

Join the Alumni Association Board in welcoming the Class of 2021 to their newest adventure, becoming Pitzer alumni! Celebrate this milestone with us as we share congratulations and hear special remarks for campus leadership. Enjoy live entertainment with a performance from our special guests and 5C artists LYBL.

All-Class Picnic on the Mounds: Reunion Class Chat Rooms

Join a virtual chat room with your classmates! Click on the “Class Chat Rooms” tab in the Cvent platform to catch up with your entire class, relive old times, and share embarrassing or endearing stories. Don’t forget your Pitzer Zoom Backgrounds!

Click below to join chat room:

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12:30 – 1:15 p.m.
Pitzer College Alumni First-Gen Social: Here and Now
Click here to join.
Learn more about our first-generation alumni and student community at our social and panel discussion during this year's virtual Reunion Celebration. Hosted by Pitzer College Alumni Association Board member Josue Pasillas ‘17.

Core Values in Action: Afternoon Lecture Series, Day 2

1:30 – 2:20 p.m.
Many Cultures Create Mathematics: A Cool Example and a Pitzer Perspective
Click here to join.
All cultures have some sort of mathematics, and they develop mathematics that solves problems that their culture thinks are important. We will look at a cool piece of mathematics about the kinship system of a traditional society of the South Pacific. And we'll briefly look at how Pitzer’s focus on the value of all people and all peoples got me into the study of mathematics in many cultures. Facilitated by Judy Grabiner, Flora Sanborn Pitzer Professor Emerita of Mathematics

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
A Virtual Interlude: Reunion Class Chat Rooms and Welcome Lounge for Pitzer@Home
Waiting on your next session to begin? Re-join a virtual chat room with your classmates by clicking on the "Class Chat Rooms" tab above. You can catch up with your entire class, relive old times, share embarrassing or endearing stories, and even schedule small group private chats on-demand. Available chat rooms and Pitzer@Home On-Demand!

Click below to join chat room:

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2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
A Conversation with Civil Rights Activist Ambassador James A. Joseph and Pitzer College alumna Sara Smith ’66
Click here to join.

Join us for this engaging opportunity to hear from Civil Rights Activist, Ambassador, and former Claremont College Chaplin, James A. Joseph. Ambassador Joseph is professor emeritus of the practice of public policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. He is also leader in residence for the Hart Leadership Program and founder of the United States – Southern Africa Center for Leadership and Public Values at Duke and the University of Cape Town. I Ambassador Joseph has had a distinguished career in business, education, and civil society. An ordained minister, he has taught at Yale Divinity School and the Claremont Colleges where he was also Consortium Chaplain. After graduating from Southern University and Yale, Ambassador Joseph began his career at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1963, where he was also founding co-chair of the local civil rights movement. This conversation will be facilitated by Pitzer College alumna Sara Smith Class of 1966 and will be open to the entire Claremont College community with time allocated for open Q&A.

4 – 5 p.m.
Pitzer College Alumni Awards Ceremony
Click here to join.

On an annual basis, the Pitzer College Alumni Association recognizes two graduates who embody the values of the College and our community. This year’s Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Susan Feniger ’76, and Young Alumni Achievement Award winner, Adrian Brandon ’15, will be honored during our virtual Reunion Celebration 2021. Due to the postponement of Alumni Weekend 2020, last year’s Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Romarilyn Ralston ’14, and Young Alumni Achievement Award winner, Steven Liang ’10, will also be honored during Reunion Celebration 2021.
5 – 6:15 p.m.
True Equity Part III: Our Stories: Pitzer's Inaugural Black Alumni Caucus
Click here to join.

An inter-generational conversation about the lived experience of Black students, now alumni, of Pitzer College and the actionable next steps for upholding our core values through accountability, community, and resolution to create true equity for the next generation. Led by Pitzer Alumni Association Board member Derric J. Johnson '95 and hosted by Pitzer College as a part of Reunion Celebration. Open to our entire 7C community.

6:30 p.m.
All-Class Social, Part II: Pitzer@Home Presents "Mixology and Trivia"
Click here to join.

Let's end this evening in true Pitzer-style with fun, fellowship, and FACTS! Join us for a festive mixology class hosted by Claremont Village’s Bardot. We will unveil how to make our latest signature Pitzer cocktail/mocktail as we gear up for an evening of Pitzer-specific Trivia with our very own Jim Marchant, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives & Community Relations & Interim Vice President of Advancement & Communications. Who knows Pitzer best?! Tune in to find out!

Mix along with us!
To join in on the mixology fun and prepare your own signature Pitzer cocktail, you will need the following ingredients: El Jimador Blanco tequila (optional), Cointreau Noir, Blue Curacao, Agave nectar, Lime juice, Limes and oranges, Shakers, Strainers, Jigger, Any 9 oz. glasswear