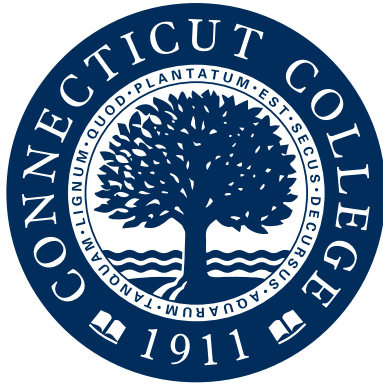


# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

*Alumni*

## CONVOCATION



*Saturday, May 31, 2025*

REUNION 2025

# Alumni Convocation Program

11:15 a.m. | Athey Center for Performance and Research at Palmer Auditorium

## WELCOME

Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10  
*Alumni Association Board of Directors, President*

## PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Andrea E. Chapdelaine, *President*

## PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARDS

Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10

Mach Arom ’89 Award

Jennifer Tejada-Tatis ’10

Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award

Greg Fleischmann ’90

Harriet Buescher Lawrence ’34 Prize

Edward Burger ’85

Goss Award

Mario Laurenzi ’90

Alumni Tribute Award

Patricia Reilly ’75  
Dena Wolf Yeskoo ’75

The Unity Award

Karin Kunstler Goldman ’65

## REUNION CLASS GIFT RECOGNITION

Mario Laurenzi ’90  
*Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10

## ALMA MATER

Derin Gezgin ’27, Katie Caviness ’25  
and Madeline Keithan-Resnick ’26

*Please stand if you are able.*



## **Andrea E. Chapdelaine**

*President, Connecticut College*

Andrea E. Chapdelaine became Connecticut College's 12th president on July 1, 2024, following a unanimous appointment by the Board of Trustees. With more than 30 years of experience in higher education, she is a strategic and inclusive leader committed to academic excellence, student-centeredness and community-building in service to the College's mission. She is a passionate advocate for providing a personalized, purposeful and integrative education that shapes confident global citizens of character, intellect and action. Since arriving on campus, Chapdelaine has focused on meaningful engagement with the entire Connecticut College community, transparent communication, and strengthening shared governance in order to develop a unified vision that will ensure continued excellence and long-term institutional strength and sustainability.

Chapdelaine previously served as president of Hood College, where she led two strategic planning initiatives, expanded academic programs, increased enrollment and retention, and oversaw exponential growth in the College's endowment. In recognition of her contributions to Hood, a scholarship for first-generation students was established in her honor. In 2019, Chapdelaine was named one of The Daily Record's 2019 Top 100 Women in Maryland and was appointed to the Governor's Workforce Development Board, in recognition of her work building partnerships to provide

experiential learning opportunities for students and to benefit the public good.

Chapdelaine's deep belief in the critical role of independent colleges and the liberal arts is reflected in her national leadership. She serves on the boards of the American Association of Colleges and Universities and the Council of Independent Colleges, and previously served on the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. She currently serves as a member of a national task force focused on developing strategies to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of private higher education.

A proud first-generation college graduate, Chapdelaine holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and justice studies from the University of New Hampshire and master's and doctoral degrees in social psychology from the University of Connecticut. She has served five private liberal arts colleges, beginning as a faculty member at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana; Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut; and Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. She also served as dean of undergraduate studies and provost at Albright. Her scholarly work has focused on faculty support, the role of undergraduate research in student learning, ethical issues in community-based learning, and procedural justice.



## **Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10**

*President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Chip Clothier joined the Connecticut College Board of Trustees upon his appointment as President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors on July 1, 2022. Chip is managing partner and co-founder of HFC Executive Search where he has focused on filling senior level positions for privately-held and Fortune 1000 companies for more than 15 years. Prior to joining HFC Executive Search, he spent 20 years in a variety of sales and marketing positions in the consumer and B2B industries, in particular with Nabisco and ShareMax. Before attending business school, Chip spent five years in merchandising management for Filene’s in Boston, MA and Strawbridge’s in Philadelphia, PA. He has received numerous awards including the American Marketing Association’s prestigious EDISON Award, Advertising’s EFFIE Award and Point-of-Purchase Advertising International’s Gold Award. He also has been quoted in publications including The Wall Street Journal, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Ad Age, Brandweek and CFO Magazine.

Chip majored in History at Conn and earned an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1986. At Connecticut College, Chip served as the Student Government Association parliamentarian, senior class president and was a recipient of the Anna Lord Strauss Medal. Since graduation, he has served as alumni class president, class gift officer and has hosted frequent College events in the Philadelphia area. He is the chair of the nominating committee of the Merion Cricket Club and former chair and board member of the Agnes Irwin School in Bryn Mawr, PA.

# Alumni Awards

**THE MACH AROM '89 AWARD** *honors young alumni for service to Connecticut College and for distinguished achievements in their professional field or in society. The award is named in honor of Mach Arom, who died of a heart attack in Rwanda while on a humanitarian mission for the International Rescue Committee. Mach is remembered for his service to his class and Connecticut College and the ways in which he carried out everything he did with intense commitment, strong presence, attention to detail and unbelievable energy.*



**Jennifer Tejada-Tatis '10**, *Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging at Fried Frank*

Jennifer is a passionate advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging—a commitment that has defined her career. At Conn, she was deeply involved in Unity House, La Unidad and the ALANA program and served as a floor governor and housefellow, experiences that ignited her lifelong dedication to community building. Jennifer continues to make an impact at Conn as a Class Gift Officer, Reunion Committee member, CCAC Mentor and Alumni Board member. Jennifer says, “Conn truly prepares students for a globalized world and shapes us to be changemakers. As a student, I fell in love with diversity, equity and inclusion and made it my life’s work.”

**THE AGNES BERKELEY LEAHY AWARD**, *established in 1961, honors alumni who have contributed outstanding service, demonstrated by continued interest in the Alumni Association and sustained active participation in class, club or Board of Directors activities. Agnes Berkeley Leahy '21*

*served as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors twice and was a member of the Board of Trustees for 10 years.*



**Greg Fleischmann '90**, *Director of Client Development, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP*

Greg has provided outstanding service to Conn through six years on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, in addition to participating in the Career Mentoring Program and serving on his Reunion Committee. Greg has mentored numerous Conn students and graduates for over 20 years, offering valuable career guidance and direction. Greg says, “As I look back over a 30-year career built on the foundation that Conn provided, I am compelled to help other Conn students and grads find their unique paths.”

**THE HARRIET BUESCHER LAWRENCE '34 PRIZE** *recognizes alumni who are leaders in improving society or inspiring others for good, either through direct service or through changing the climate of human life materially, socially, ethically or spiritually. Harriet Buescher Lawrence spent the last years of her life increasingly involved with charitable activities and in support of higher education.*



**Edward Burger '85**, *President and CEO, St. David's Foundation*

Edward serves as president and CEO of one of the

largest health foundations in the nation. A president emeritus and professor emeritus of mathematics at Southwestern University, he is a leading voice on thinking, innovation and creativity. Previously, he was the Francis Christopher Oakley Third Century Professor of Mathematics at Williams College, where he was awarded an honorary doctorate-level academic degree in law in 2013. Edward says, “At Conn, I not only found my voice, discovered who I am and flourished, but I also began to develop the self-confidence to take on difficult challenges and not fear failure.”

**THE GOSS AWARD** *recognizes alumni who, through their enthusiastic participation in programs and activities, have made a significant contribution to the Connecticut College community. This award was established by Cassandra Goss Simonds '55. Cassandra served in a wide range of positions as a student and as an alumna, including as class president and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.*



**Mario Laurenzi**  
**'90, Sales and Merchandising Executive**

Through his impactful service on the Alumni Association Board

of Directors and as Class President and his participation on his Reunion Committee and as a Class Gift Officer, Mario has helped guide his classmates to a stronger connection with the College. His outside-the-box approach, combined with his deep commitment to fostering community, has made a lasting impact. Mario says, “My liberal arts education is the foundation of all I do. I was fortunate enough to experience Conn, and I'd like to pay it forward.”

**THE ALUMNI TRIBUTE AWARD**, *established in 1986, honors an alumna or alumnus who has given sustained and extraordinary service to the College. Service must be in keeping with the purposes and spirit of the Alumni Association, but it doesn't have to be given through the Association. Nominees cannot be currently employed by the College or members of the Association's Board of Directors. The award is presented annually to a member of a Reunion class during the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.*



**Patricia Reilly**  
**'75, Retired, Vice President, Intelligence Alliances and Product Unification, Pharma Intelligence**

*President and Founder, North River Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc.*

Patricia has served as Class President for over 25 years and works tirelessly to keep the Class of 1975 connected and engaged. She also brings a wealth of experience from her career in the pharmaceutical industry and her involvement in local politics. Patricia continues to show her unwavering dedication to Conn by serving as Class Gift Officer and on the Reunion Committee. Patricia says, “I was a scholarship student from an inner city high school. My experience at Connecticut College was life-altering. I was exposed to art, music and science—what an amazing liberal arts education! Conn gave me the confidence to reach out for goals and challenges that I wanted to accomplish.”



**Dena Wolf  
Yeskoo '75,**  
*Retired, Counsel,  
McDermott Will  
& Emery LLP*

Dena  
demonstrated  
remarkable

leadership during her time at Conn, where she was actively involved in student government, sports and various campus organizations. As an alumni leader, Dena has focused her efforts on connecting the Class of 1975 and giving back as a Class Correspondent, Class Gift Officer, Reunion Committee member, Pre-Law Advisory Board and as an Alumni Association Board member. Dena says, “My experience at Conn gave me the confidence to believe in myself and believe that I could succeed at whatever I chose.”

**THE UNITY AWARD**, *new in 2024,*  
*recognizes individuals who have gone*  
*above and beyond in their contributions*  
*towards promoting diversity, equity,*  
*inclusion and accessibility (DEI) in their*  
*personal and professional lives.*



**Karin Kunstler  
Goldman '65,**  
*Deputy Chief,  
New York State  
Attorney General's  
Charities Bureau*

Karin has had  
a distinguished

career as an Assistant Attorney General in New York where she has served since 1982, and as Deputy Chief since 2014. Her dedication to social justice has been evident throughout her career, from her work with South Brooklyn Legal Services to her continued volunteerism, including assisting asylum seekers and working at a

homeless shelter. At Conn, Karin made a lasting impact by organizing the first Inter-Collegiate Civil Rights Conference in the U.S. and participating in the 1964 Freedom Summer Voter Registration Project in Mississippi. Karin says, “I’m most grateful for the education I received there and the lasting friendships I made. Every year since 1961, my roommates and I, now in our 80s, have exchanged holiday gifts.”



# **Class Achievement Awards**

Thank you to all alumni who have participated in their Reunion class gift effort. Giving back to Connecticut College is a meaningful way to commemorate your Reunion while making a difference for today's students.

Every Reunion class gift is a volunteer-led initiative with classes working together to set goals and promote participation at all levels. Many classes choose to focus on a certain initiative and often pursue multi-year commitments up to five years.

To fulfill the College's mission of educating students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society, we must raise funds to support all areas of campus while continuing to attract the best and brightest students and faculty.

Alumni support allows the College to provide a world-class liberal arts education. It is an investment in our continued success and allows students to benefit from the same great education that our alumni received.

## **Reunion Class Gift Recognition**

To celebrate the impact of Reunion class gifts, the College established two awards in honor of renowned class agent chairs, C.B. Rice '31 and Ann Crocker Wheeler '34, who cared deeply about giving back to their alma mater.

The Reunion class with the highest percent participation receives the C.B. Rice '31 Award and the Ann Crocker Wheeler '34 Award is given to the class with the greatest increase in donor participation percentage over the previous year.

Today, we share highlights and current standings of Reunion class gifts. The winners of these awards are based on fiscal year-end results, which closes on June 30, 2025.

# Previous Class Award Winners

## Ann Crocker Wheeler '34 Award

*For the Reunion class with the greatest increase in donor participation percentage over the previous year*

2024	Class of 1974	2019	Class of 2014
2023	Class of 1973	2018	Class of 1968
2022	Class of 1972	2017	Class of 1967
2021	Class of 1971	2016	Class of 1991
2020	Class of 2010	2015	Class of 1965

## C.B. Rice '31 Award

*For the Reunion class with the highest donor participation percentage*

2024	Class of 1969	2019	Class of 1969
2023	Class of 1973	2018	Class of 1968
2022	Class of 1957	2017	Class of 1967
2021	Class of 1971	2016	Class of 1966
2020	Class of 1970	2015	Class of 1955

*If you have not yet made your Reunion gift there is still time! The winners of these awards are based on fiscal year-end results, which closes June 30. To make your gift today visit: [giving.conncoll.edu](http://giving.conncoll.edu).*

# Thank you!



*Looking  
Back...*

# Noteworthy From Reunion Class Years

## Class of 2020

#1 Single: The Weeknd, “Blinding Lights”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Nomadland*

Average price of gas: \$2.17 a gallon

Historic event: United Kingdom formally withdraws from the European Union (Brexit).



## Class of 2015

#1 Single: Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars, “Uptown Funk!”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Spotlight*

Average price of gas: \$2.45 a gallon

Historic event: U.S. Supreme Court rules in a 5-4 decision that same-sex marriage is a legal right across all country.

## Class of 2010

#1 Single: Kesha, “Tik Tok”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *The King’s Speech*

Average price of gas: \$2.79 a gallon

Historic event: President Barack Obama signs the Affordable Care Act (ACA), nicknamed ‘Obamacare’, expanding the availability and affordability of health care insurance.

## Class of 2005

#1 Single: Mariah Carey, “We Belong Together”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Crash*

Average price of gas: \$2.30 a gallon

Historic event: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is elected Pope Benedict XVI, the 265th pope of the Roman Catholic Church.



## Class of 2000

#1 Single: Faith Hill, “Breathe”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Gladiator*

Average price of gas: \$1.51 a gallon

Historic event: The last original “Peanuts” comic strip appears one day after Charles M. Schulz dies.

## Class of 1995

#1 Single: Coolio feat. L.V., “Gangsta’s Paradise”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Braveheart*

Average price of gas: \$1.15 a gallon

Historic event: Longest strike in American major league sports history (232 days) ends as MLB owners accept players’ offer to return to work without a contract.

## Class of 1990

#1 Single: Wilson Phillips, “Hold On”

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Awakenings*

Average price of gas: \$1.15 a gallon

Historic event: David Dinkins is sworn in as first African American mayor of New York City.



### *Class of 1985*

#1 Single: Wham!, "Careless Whisper"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Out of Africa*  
Average price of gas: \$1.12 a gallon  
Historic event: Ban on leaded gas ordered by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



### *Class of 1980*

#1 Single: Blondie, "Call Me"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Ordinary People*  
Average price of gas: \$1.19 a gallon  
Historic event: President Jimmy Carter announces boycott of winter Olympics in Moscow after Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

### *Class of 1975*

#1 Single: Captain & Tennille, "Love Will Keep Us Together"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*  
Average price of gas: 57 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Microsoft is founded as a partnership between Bill Gates and Paul Allen.



### *Class of 1970*

#1 Single: Simon & Garfunkel, "Bridge Over Troubled Water"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Patton*  
Average price of gas: 36 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Paul McCartney officially announces the break-up of the Beatles.

### *Class of 1965*

#1 Single: Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs, "Wooly Bully"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *The Sound of Music*  
Average price of gas: 31 cents a gallon  
Historic event: President Johnson deploys first U.S. combat troops to South Vietnam.

### *Class of 1960*

#1 Single: Percy Faith And His Orchestra, "Theme From A Summer Place"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *The Apartment*  
Average price of gas: 31 cents a gallon  
Historic event: The Anne Frank House opens in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

### *Class of 1955*

#1 Single: Perez Prado, "Cherry Pink And Apple Blossom White"  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Marty*  
Average price of gas: 29 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Elvis Presley makes his first TV appearance.



# Reunion Committee Members

## *Class of 1955-70th Reunion*

Henrietta Jackson Schoeller '55  
Carolyn Diefendorf Smith '55 P'84

## *Class of 1960-65th Reunion*

Elizabeth Hood McAfoose '60  
Mary Hope Missimer McQuiston '60 P'87  
Mildred Price Nygren '60  
Louise Lane Talbot '60  
Adele Merrill Welch '60

## *Class of 1965-60th Reunion*

Patricia Antell Andrews '65  
Leslie Setterholm Curtis '65  
Sonya Paranko Fry '65  
Marjorie Landsberg Goldsmith '65  
Pamela Gwynn Herrup '65  
Susan Peck Hinkel '65  
Judith Trauner Stone '65

## *Class of 1970-55th Reunion*

Mary-Jane Atwater '70  
Patricia Bernstein '70  
Ann Dille Bushe '70  
Cynthia Conrad '70  
Martha Sloan Felch '70 P'07  
Gwendolyn Goffe '70  
Cynthia Howard Harvell '70  
Barbara Hermann '70  
Nancy Pierce Morgan '70  
Barbara Sagan '70  
Margaret Larkins Sweeting '70  
Lucy Thomson '70  
Katherine Brown Torchia '70

## *Class of 1975-50th Reunion*

Elizabeth Brininger '75  
Alexander Farley '75  
Anne Marie Bussmann Heiser '75  
Estella Johnson '75  
Patricia Reilly '75  
Susan Rotenberg '75  
Carrie Santore '75  
William Thomson '75  
Mark Warren '75  
Richard Wechsler '75  
Miriam Josephson Whitehouse '75  
Elizabeth Goldsen Yarboro '75  
Timothy Yarboro '75  
Dena Wolf Yeskoo '75

## *Class of 1980-45th Reunion*

Holly Burnet Mikula '80  
Judson Dayton '80  
Timothy Dempsey '80  
Jill Eisner '80  
Marcia Spiller Fowler '80  
Elizabeth Orzack Friedman '80  
Constance Smith Gemmer '80 P'10  
Prescott Hafner '80  
Ellen Harris '80 P'14  
Janice Mayer '80  
Lois Mendez Catlin '80  
Lucia Santini '80 P'12  
Thomas Speers III '80  
Anne Verplanck '80  
Denise Wheelless '80

## *Class of 1985-40th Reunion*

Brian Crawford '85  
Sharon Ephraim '85  
Steven Geiser '85  
Susan Brandes Hilger '85  
Jonathan Stavin '85  
Elizabeth Marston Twitchell '85

## *Class of 1990-35th Reunion*

Riye Aoki '90  
Alicia Dieni Furgueson '90 P'21 '24  
Mario Laurenzi '90  
Mary Neary-Rubin '90  
Karen Mossman Salvato '90  
Kristin Lofblad Sullivan '90  
Kirsten Ward '90

## *Class of 1995-30th Reunion*

Molly Wilcox Ingle '95  
Melissa Carleton Kranowitz '95  
Edward Metzendorf '95  
Alison Mitchell '95  
Martha Maher Sharp '95  
Amy Malkin Snyder '95

## *Class of 2000-25th Reunion*

Ryan Chan '00  
Kristen Bell Farman '00  
Erik Gammell '00  
Tauheedah Muhammad Jackson '00  
Anna Longstaff '00  
Madeleine McChesney Wisbrun '00  
Michael Muller '00

## Reunion Committee Members cont'd

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Jonathan Roses '00  
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Hilary Bishop Scott '00

### *Class of 2005-20th Reunion*

Alison Brooks '05  
Zachary Cohen '05  
Paige Diamond Kraft '05  
Sarah Fleet '05  
James Folger '05  
Allison Read '05

### *Class of 2010-15th Reunion*

Grace Astrove '10  
Michael Boswell '10  
Alexandra Felfle '10  
Peter Friedrichs '10

Claire Gould '10  
Jacqueline Hutchins '10  
Ivan Tatis '10  
Jennifer Tejada-Tatis '10  
Aidyn Urena '10

### *Class of 2015-10th Reunion*

Alexandra Friedman '15  
Eleanor Hardy '15  
Andrea Levinsky '15  
Kevin Saunders '15  
Olivia Wilcox '15

### *Class of 2020-5th Reunion*

Margaret Davey '20  
Wesley Morris '20  
Natasha Strugatz '20

## Convocation

The word convocation originates from the Latin word, *convocare*, meaning to call or come together. In academia, it can refer variously to a gathering of all of an institution's alumni, to a ceremony at the start of the academic year to welcome incoming students and to a graduation ceremony, also known as commencement. The Alumni Convocation held during Reunion weekend at Connecticut College brings together all the alumni in attendance to celebrate the accomplishments of alumni and their dedication and commitment to their alma mater.

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*\* Connecticut College and the alumni community greatly appreciate the generous commitment of the trustees and directors whose terms will be completed on June 30, 2025.*

**Boldface** *Alumni celebrating milestone Reunion*

# A Short History of Connecticut College

The College was founded in 1911, but its history began in 1909 when Wesleyan University announced that it would no longer offer admission to women. At that time, more women than ever were seeking higher education and demanding the right to vote. A committee was formed and towns across the state of Connecticut began offering prospective sites.

A New London hilltop, later described as “the finest college site in the world,” was the committee’s first choice, and they asked New London to raise \$100,000 to ensure that their proposal would succeed. A 10-day fundraising campaign exceeded the goal by \$35,000. Nearly a third of the inhabitants of the city and the surrounding communities contributed, including many children, along with virtually every business and organization.

A board of incorporators petitioned the State of Connecticut for a charter, which was granted in April 1911. The incorporators became the board of trustees, whose first responsibilities were to appoint a president and a campus architect. As it prepared to make these decisions, the board learned with some astonishment that its chairman, Morton Plant, was giving \$1 million for an endowment. The future of the College was assured.



When Connecticut College welcomed its first students in the fall of 1915, it became the only baccalaureate institution in the State of Connecticut chartered solely for the purpose of providing higher education for women. From the beginning, the vision was for a different kind of institution and a different kind of education. The founders believed it was their duty

to create new opportunities for what the Progressive Era called the “New Woman,” and so the curriculum was appropriately progressive, designed to advance students both academically and professionally. One of the College’s earliest catalogues announced the young institution as “an academic and technical college,” promising a modern program that combined the “universal elements in a liberal education” with in depth study of an “important branch of knowledge.”

Connecticut College embraced co-education in 1969, fifty years after its first commencement, but it never forgot the pragmatism of the original educational vision. The most recent articulation of the College’s mission, adopted in 2004, makes this continuity clear, with its straightforward emphasis on active citizenship: “Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society.” With the celebration of the anniversary of its 100th commencement in 2019, a set of values upholding the importance of academic excellence, equity, integrity, holistic education, civic responsibility, and environmental stewardship shape the educational context that supports the College’s mission today.

Today, Connecticut College is a thriving private, coeducational liberal arts institution known for developing extraordinary students who are drawn here by rigorous, interdisciplinary academics and an integrative residential life program, as well as by diverse opportunities to explore their interests through funded internships, community outreach and international study.

# Alma Mater

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OLVIE LITTLEHALES Class of 1921  
EDITH C. SMITH Class of 1920



Al - ma Ma - ter by \_\_\_\_ the sea, Our hearts \_\_\_\_ in love are \_\_\_\_  
Hail to our col - lege, white \_\_\_\_ and blue. \_\_\_\_ Keep through the years all our



lift - ed to thee; We'll car - ry your stand - ard for - ev - er, \_\_\_\_  
love deep and true, Our Al - ma Ma - ter we love thee, \_\_\_\_



Loy - al - ty To C. C. Faith, Friend-ship and Love. \_\_\_\_  
I - vied walls, C. C. calls To Loy - al - ty true. \_\_\_\_

