

H X M E C O M I N G

OCT 13-15, 2023

Hello, fellow classmates!

As much as it seems impossible, we are soon to celebrate our 50th Homecoming reunion at X, October 13th-15th, 2023!!! And, if you are like me, I thought it would take much longer to get to this, our Golden Grad Celebration weekend!

And what a weekend it will be! We are hoping to welcome a great turnout of classmates. Mark your calendar and start planning your trip back to “our university” ...one of the most welcoming, cherished and accoladed universities in Canada, a university that opened the doors to a wider world for so many of us.

The Alumni Office is planning and hosting all our special events. Scheduling and registration is now open online: <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni-affairs/homecoming>. (Please note that Golden Grad events are scheduled for Friday offering lots of opportunity to reconnect.)

Speaking of reconnecting...

Many of you will remember Stewart LeForte, the Editor-in-Chief of our Yearbook in 1973. For our 40th reunion he kindly put together a video of photos from our years at X...a great hit with the crowd!

For our 50th he has offered to add more photos to this video, both current or of your days at X. If you can help him out, please send photos by September 15th via his email: sleforte@bellaliant.net

Stewart suggests that if you are no longer using your maiden name please include with your photos, so he can add the names of Golden Grads to more current photos of you and perhaps your family.

Stewart has also set up a private Facebook page for our class, a fun way to reconnect and form community, especially before we gather for our Homecoming. Whether you plan to make the trip or not to the “Nish”, please check out the site.

Class of '73 The Golden Grads Homecoming 2023
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/782558223499449>

Interested in knowing who is returning for our reunion? Now that registration has opened, you will be able to click on our class year and the list of attendees should be posted.

Nostalgic? The following is a link to a video of Hail and Health, taken in earlier days at X.
https://www.goxgo.ca/fan_zone/school_song_-_hail_-_health

I hope you all received the video message (June 1st email from X) thanking our class for supporting X with our Class of '73 Service to Others Legacy Fund. Launched at our 40th reunion we presented the university with a gift of \$40,000. Currently the fund is closing in on \$95,000! Thank you to all who have and continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

<https://stfx.thankview.com/video/60bd6478e6002c036>

Sadly, our class has lost beloved friends who shared our times at X, including 2 of the 3 class life officers: Bernie O'Connor and Marie Belliveau. For all who have gone before us, or for those who are currently facing serious health challenges, we carry you with us as we once again "come home" to X this fall.

We are 50 years out from a Time, A Place and a Community that had tremendous impact on us all. We left with a sense of belonging, wearing the beloved symbol, the X-ring, of our Alma Mater. We left not only as graduates, but, as Xaverians.

We hope you will be able to join fellow classmates October 13th-15th for a very special weekend in a very special place.

Quaecumque Sunt Vera- "Whatsoever things are true".

Mary Bergin Dickinson
Class Life Officer- President