Welcome to Alumni Weekend 2020!

Come back to Washington College for a weekend full of friendship and fun. Please plan to register in advance for all events you plan to attend through our registration site, which will open April 1. We look forward to seeing you!
May 15  FRIDAY

**Athletic facilities open for enjoyment**
7 a.m.–7 p.m

**Benjamin A. Johnson Fitness Center** – weight room
(7–9 a.m.; 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; 4–7 p.m.)

**Eugene B. Casey Swim Center** – open swim time
(7–9 a.m.; noon–2 p.m.; 5–7 p.m.)

**Hodson Boathouse** – kayaks available, experience recommended
(10 a.m.–4 p.m.)

**Schottland Pavilion and Tennis Center** – open tennis time
(10 a.m.–4 p.m.)

**Java George open for coffee and snacks**
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • Hodson Hall Commons, First Floor

**College Bookstore open**
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • Casey Academic Center, First Floor
Stop in and grab some Washington College gear!

**Commencement/Alumni Weekend Registration**
2–8 p.m. • Hodson Hall Commons, First Floor
When you arrive to campus, please check in with us so we know you’re here! Those with on-campus room reservations and/or pre-purchased meal tickets should pick up key packets and meal tickets at this location. Late arrivals will need to check in at Public Safety, located on the ground floor of Cullen Hall.

**Tour the Chester River on the Callinectes**, Washington College’s research vessel
2 p.m. and 3 p.m. • Hodson Boathouse Deck
Weather permitting, the Callinectes will take two 45-minute tours, at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are $10 per person. Reservations are required, as space is limited. Reservations must be made in advance on the registration site. First come, first served.

**Dining Hall open for dinner**
5–7 p.m. • Main Dining Hall, Hodson Hall Commons
Re-live your college dining experience, and check out what’s new in the dining hall!
Pre-purchase a ticket on the registration site or pay at the door. Adults, $15; children under 10, $8; 2020 Graduates admitted free.
OWLs Dinner
5:30–6:15 p.m. Cocktails  6:15–7:15 p.m. Dinner
McLain Atrium, John S. Toll Science Center
Our Older and Wiser alumni, those who graduated in 1970 or prior, are invited to a buffet dinner celebration. OWLs alumni attend for free; all others pay $40.

Sophie Kerr Prize Announcement
7:30–8:30 p.m. • Hotchkiss Recital Hall, Gibson Center for the Arts
Join the English department for the announcement of the winner of the country’s largest undergraduate literary prize. You are also invited to stay for a champagne reception in Underwood Lobby following the ceremony.

Alumni Goose Waddle – new this year!
8–10 p.m.
98 Cannon, Bad Alfred’s, Casa Carmen, the Pub at The Kitchen, Retriever Bar
Washington College’s take on a pub crawl, the Goose Waddle is your chance to experience several of Chestertown’s tried and true and brand new restaurants/bars with your fellow alumni. Alumni will be assigned to a starting bar by decade and will be led from bar to bar by a Washington College host. Celebrity guests at each bar! Registration is $10 per person and required in advance. You can register and find more information about this exciting new event on the registration site.

May 16  SATURDAY

Athletic facilities open for enjoyment
7 a.m.–5 p.m

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(7–9 a.m.; 11 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Eugene B. Casey Swim Center – open swim time
(1–5 p.m.)

Hodson Boathouse – kayaks available, experience recommended
(10 a.m.–4 p.m.)

Schottland Pavilion and Tennis Center – open tennis time
(9 a.m.–noon)

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Koffee with Kurt!
9–10:30 a.m. • Hynson-Ringgold House, 106 S. Water St., Chestertown
All are welcome to an open house with coffee and light refreshments at President Kurt Landgraf’s home.

Retiring Faculty Last Classes
10 a.m.–noon
Don’t miss your chance to experience a final class with these amazing retiring professors!

Richard L. Gillin, Ernest A. Howard Professor of English Literature
10–11 a.m.
Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall

Michael Kerchner, Associate Professor of Psychology
10–11 a.m.
Litrenta Lecture Hall, John S. Toll Science Center

Eugene Hamilton, Professor of Mathematics
11 a.m.–noon
Litrenta Lecture Hall, John S. Toll Science Center

Richard Striner, Professor of History
11 a.m.–noon
Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall

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College Bookstore open
10 a.m.–3 p.m. • Casey Academic Center, First Floor
Stop by and grab some Washington College gear!
Painting with Juliet  
11:00 a.m. • Student Engagement Workroom, Hodson Hall  
Join alumna Juliet Gilden ’90, renowned Baltimore artist, for a private painting class of Washington College scenes and personalities. This class is limited to 10 participants. Don’t wait to register!

Picnic  
Noon–2 p.m. • Hodson Hall Commons (Main Dining Hall, The Egg, and The Goose Nest)  
Join all of campus for an indoor picnic! Pre-purchase a ticket on the registration site or pay at the door. Adults, $17; children age 6–12, $5; all children under age 6 admitted free.

ESFL Master Class  
On the Rise: Reclaiming Our Approach to Baking Nutritious Bread  
1–3:30 p.m. • Eastern Shore Food Lab, 236 Cannon St., Chestertown  
Join Director Bill Schindler at the Eastern Shore Food Lab for a start-to-finish approach to baking hand-built, real, traditional sourdough bread. Long, slow fermentation transforms difficult, and frankly, dangerous-to-digest grains into nutrient-dense, bioavailable, delicious bread. This introductory course will cover the entire process from harnessing hyper-local bacteria and yeast to start your mother culture all the way through to scoring and baking successful loaves in your home oven. Registration cost for this class is $25, and space is limited to 12 people. Don’t wait to register!

An African American History of Chestertown: a walking tour with the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience  
2–3 p.m. • Custom House  
Join Starr Center staff for a walking tour of Chestertown, focused on the history of African Americans in Chestertown and Kent County.

The Jason Rubin Film Festival with Dramalumni  
2–4 p.m. • Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall  
Join the Dramalumni as they “spill the tea” about future opportunities and events, and have an afternoon of fun on the stage!

WC Alumni Writers’ Union Alumni Reading  
2–4 p.m. • Rose O’Neill Literary House  
WC Alumni Writers’ Union will host an alumni reading with wine and cheese. For information about reading, or to join the private Facebook group for alumni writers, email alumni_writers@washcoll.edu.

Corn Hole  
2–5 p.m. • Lawn in front of Daly Hall  
Gather your friends and come out for a pick-up game of corn hole. Director of Campus Recreation Steve Kaneshiki will set up the boards – you bring the competition!
eSports Tournaments
2–5 p.m. • Goldstein Hall, Room 200
Join fellow alumni in vintage and current multi-player computer games. Multiple consoles will be provided for competitive play.

Phi Beta Kappa Reception
2:30–4 p.m. • McLain Atrium, John S. Toll Science Center
Current and former members of Theta of Maryland, Washington College’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, are invited to a champagne reception.

Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture Talk and Discussion
3–4:30 p.m. • Hillel House, 313 Washington Ave., Chestertown
Please join Joseph Prud’homme, associate professor of political science and Burton Family Chair in Religion, Politics and Culture, and Professor Gabriel Noah Brahm, director of the Center for Academic and Intellectual Freedom at Northern Michigan University, at the Hillel House for a discussion about rising anti-Semitism in the Western world. There will be light refreshments.

Intercultural Affairs Reception
3:30–5 p.m. • Hynson Lounge, Hodson Hall
All graduates and alumni of color and their families are invited to a dessert reception hosted by the Office of Intercultural Affairs.

Alumni Legacy Reception
4–5:30 p.m. • Semans-Griswold Environmental Hall, 485 S. Cross St., Chestertown
All current alumni-parents and their graduates are invited to a reception hosted by the Department of Advancement and Alumni Relations.

Annual Commencement Dinner for all graduates, alumni, parents, and guests
5–7 p.m. • Main Dining Hall, Hodson Hall Commons
Pre-purchase tickets on the registration site or pay at the door. Class of 2020 graduates attend free. Adults, $15; children under 10, $8; 2020 Graduates admitted free.

Crab Feast
5–7:30 p.m. • Events Lawn, between the Hodson Boathouse and Semans-Griswold Environmental Hall, 485 S. Cross St., Chestertown
All alumni are invited to an Eastern Shore crab feast. Tickets must be purchased in advance on the registration site. Adults, $50; children age 6–12, $20; children under age 6 admitted free.
50th Class Reunion Dinner
7–7:45 p.m. Cocktails  7:45–9:15 p.m. Dinner  9:15 p.m. Fireworks
The Skybox, Roy Kirby Jr. Stadium
Members of the Class of 1970 are invited to a buffet dinner to celebrate their 50th reunion. Guests are invited to remain in the Skybox (the best seat in the house!) for the annual Commencement fireworks. Class of 1970 alumni attend free; all others admitted for $40.

Fireworks Party
8–10 p.m.  •  Lawn by Sassafras Hall
All graduates, alumni, parents, and guests are invited. Bring your blanket or lawn chair, and find a spot on the lawn to watch the fireworks! Complimentary ice cream and snacks. Cash bar (beer and wine). Live music. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

May 17  SUNDAY

Campus Accommodations Checkout
8–11 a.m.  •  Hodson Hall Commons, First Floor

Java George open for coffee and snacks
8–10 a.m.  •  Hodson Hall Commons, First Floor

Breakfast for graduates, alumni, parents, and guests
8–10 a.m.  •  Main Dining Hall, Hodson Hall Commons
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College Bookstore open
10 a.m.–2 p.m.  •  Casey Academic Center, First Floor
Stop by and grab some Washington College gear!

237th Commencement Exercises
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  •  Campus Lawn (rain location: Johnson Fitness Center Field House)
Please join the Class of 2020 on the occasion of their graduation from Washington College. If rain, admission is by ticket only to the JFC. Each graduate is given six tickets to distribute as desired.

Commencement Reception
12:30–2 p.m.  •  Martha Washington Square (rain location: Cain Gym)
Light reception for all Commencement guests.