

How are we doing, 2001? Though it feels a little odd to say it for a number of reasons, our 20-year Carleton Reunion is right around the corner, and is scheduled for **June 17-20, 2021**.

While we don't know what the world will look like in two weeks, never mind in June, we wanted to make sure that we still had the opportunity to reconnect with people and a place that means so much to so many of us. As current events have unfolded over the last six months, our alma mater has had a growing reckoning with moments in its past and present where it hasn't lived up to its promise to its students and alumni, particularly with respect to BIPOC members of our community. And while we respect the various places many of us are at with these issues and the College's handling of them, the Reunion Committee feels like now is the time to come together and engage with each other and the College to create the type of safe space that lives up to the pledge "You are a part of Carleton, and Carleton is a part of you."

To that end, we're working to create a flexible Reunion experience that will allow us to come together to have the fun and serious conversations that Reunion weekend affords us every five years. Because at the end of the day, the best parts of Reunion are the opportunities we have to catch up, reconnect, and have authentic conversations about the issues that are most important to our lives, as we are currently living them. It is our hope that you will be willing to take us up on our invitation to participate in this opportunity.

Logistically, this will be a Reunion unlike any other in Carleton's history. In addition to the traditional inclusion of 1s and 6s, we will be joined by 0s and 5s this summer. Which means the chance to catch up with those older kids down the hall, the class of 2000. Having twice as many alums also gives us the opportunity to program some unique events and discussions with people we get to see even less than our fellow 01ers.

We hope you will join us this summer, no matter what Reunion ends up looking like. Keep an eye out for future communications and updates as we move forward. We really are looking forward to seeing everyone next summer.

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