

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

50th Class Reunion

Department of Alumni Relations

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Mark YOUR calendars and **JOIN** us **IN PERSON** for our 50th Class Reunion on May 11-14, 2023! Get out of your comfort zone because we have planned three (3) FUN days of activities for this incredibly special event! If possible, also **DONATE** at least \$100 for each year of our past 50 years or (\$5,000) toward our class gift.' Help us meet the challenge of the 1970 class who raised \$2.5 million. We can do this. **See the 'Giving and Registration' insert for more information.**

We were the New Directions Era of 1972. Clad in bell bottom pants, miniskirts, and dashikis and big afros we were serious about our activism toward remedying social ills from civil and human rights to free speech and impediments to human progress everywhere. Recall some causes we supported such as the Alabama 86 Project. Who can forget the massive Howard University Mississippi Project?

HU...YOU KNOW Our legacy is rooted in the Homecoming theme - "New Directions." We listened to Marvin Gaye's anthem "Let's Get it On" , as relevant today social/political commentary as in 1972, as we watched the Sonny Liston vs. Muhammad Ali fight of the century. We saw the voting age lowered to eighteen. Stokely Carmichael returned to the campus. We celebrated Melvin Herbert Evans, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rayford Whittingham Logan and Sir. Arleigh Winston Scott as Commencement honorees. Vernon Jordan was our Commencement speaker.

Our *alma mater* has maintained its distinguished reputation for excellence, leadership, service, and truth, and continues to stay true to its original mission as an historic and irreplaceable institution. Howard has a longstanding reputation for producing leaders in politics, law, medicine, music, and entertainment. Today Howard is also a leader in STEM fields. The National Science Foundation has ranked Howard as the top producer of African American undergraduates who later earn science and engineering doctoral degrees. The University also produces more minority doctoral graduates in computer science than any other university in the nation.

Since its establishment in 1867, Howard has produced graduates who have never stopped making their mark, breaking new ground, and firmly establishing themselves as experts in every industry in this nation and around the world. Howard has remained true to its original mission as an historic and irreplaceable institution.

We look forward to seeing you at the "Hilltop" on May 11-14, 2023, to celebrate and reminisce about days gone by and rekindle old—but not forgotten—friendships. We also look forward to your generous gift to the Class of 1972 Reunion Fund.

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