The First Women in Yale College: A Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

THURSDAY, September 19:

Opportunities to participate in the Oral History Project (location and times during the weekend will be communicated to classmates who sign up to record an interview)

Afternoon: student led tours and gallery talks
- Tour of the Yale University Art Gallery
- “Women at Yale: A Tour”
- Tour of the new residential colleges, Benjamin Franklin and Pauli Murray

- 2:30 – 3:45: “Time and Change: A Conversation with Yale College Students” (Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street)
  Moderator: Camille Lizarraga, Dean of Student Affairs and Senior Associate Dean of Yale College

- 2:30 – 4:45: Open House: “The Walls Are Tumbling Down: An Exhibit on Coeducation in Yale College” (Sterling Memorial Library Memorabilia Room)
  Michael Lotstein, University Archivist at Manuscripts and Archives, will host and provide tours of the exhibition.

5:00 – 6:15: Reception at Mory’s (306 York Street)
Hosted by the Mory’s Board of Governors

6:30 – 8:00: Dinner (Pauli Murray College dining hall)
Welcome by Tina Lu, Head of College, Pauli Murray College; Colonel John Trumbull Professor of East Asian Languages and Literatures.

8:30: “Movie Night: Films from the Archives” (Sheffield Sterling Strathcona Hall)
Screening of archival films about Yale from the 60’s and 70’s.
Yale College students are invited to attend.

FRIDAY, September 20

Rose Alumni House opens in the morning and will be available throughout the weekend as a place to relax, rendezvous, or converse; coffee, tea, light snacks will be available.

8:30 – 9:15: Breakfast – (Yale Law School dining hall)

9:30 – 9:45: Welcome by Yale President, Peter Salovey (Yale Law School auditorium)

9:45 - 11:15: Morning panel (Yale Law School auditorium)
“Yale Goes Coed”
This panel focuses on Yale’s decision to admit women in ’69: the process/the decision/the reaction surrounding Yale’s transformation.

Moderator: Margaret Warner ’71, Senior Fellow, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs; former Chief Global Affairs Correspondent, PBS NewsHour
• Nancy Malkiel, Professor of history emeritus, Princeton University; former Dean of the College, Princeton University; author of “Keep the Damned Women Out”
• Kurt Schmoke ’71, President, University of Baltimore; former Mayor of Baltimore; former Dean Howard University School of Law
• Garry Trudeau ’70, MFA ’73, author and artist; creator of the comic strips *Bull Tales* and *Doonesbury*
• John Wilkinson ’60, MAT ’63, former Associate Dean Yale College and Dean of Undergraduate Affairs; former Secretary of the University
• Brenda Jubin, MPhil ’67, PhD ’73, Investment Management Professional; appointed Dean of Morse College, April 1970

11:15 – 12:15: Presentation (Yale Law School auditorium)  
“Highlights from the Survey: The Women of ’71, ’72, and ’73”  
Presenter: Alice Young ’71, Founder, Alice Young Advisory LLC

12:30 – 1:45: Lunch (Yale on York, 150 York Street)  
*Tables by residential college affiliation.*

2:00 – 3:30: Afternoon panel (Yale Law School auditorium)  
“A Woman’s Place, a Man’s World: Yale, Society, and the 60’s”  
Moderator: Beverly Gage ’94, Professor of History & American Studies; Brady-Johnson Professor of Grand Strategy
• Nancy Vickers, PhD ’76, President emeritus of Bryn Mawr; Professor emeritus of French, Italian, and Comparative Literature at Bryn Mawr
• Virginia Dominguez ’73, PhD ’79; Edward William and Jane Marr Gutgsell professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
• Linda Greenhouse, MSL ’78, Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School; Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence Yale Law School; former New York Times reporter covering the Supreme Court from 1978-2008
• Laura Wexler, Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and American Studies; Professor of Film and Media Studies; and Director, the Photographic Memory Workshop at Yale
• Sheila Jackson Lee ’72, United States Representative from the Texas 18th Congressional District

3:45 – 5:15: Student-led tours and various activities:  
• Tour of the Yale Center for British Art  
• “Women at Yale: A Tour”  
• Tours of the new residential colleges, Benjamin Franklin and Pauli Murray


• 3:45 – 5:15: “A Tea Celebrating the Founding of the Cultural Centers at Yale” at the President’s House, 43 Hillhouse Avenue. Hosted by Marta Moret, MPH ’84; President, Urban Policy Strategies.

5:30: Reception (Sterling Memorial Library nave and adjacent Franke Room)
6:30 PM: Dinner (Yale on York, 150 York Street)
Classmate’s guests are welcome at dinner and for the after-dinner programming

8:00 – 9:30: After Dinner Programming (Yale on York)
A Fireside Chat with Sam Chauncey ’57 and Margaret Warner ’71
- Sam Chauncey, ’57, former Special Assistant to President Kingman Brewster; former Secretary of the University
- Margaret Warner ’71, Senior Fellow, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs; former Chief Global Affairs Correspondent, PBS NewHour

SATURDAY, September 21

8:30: Breakfast at the President’s House, 43 Hillhouse Avenue; greeting by Peter Salovey and Marta Moret

9:45 – 11:30: Morning panel (Yale Law School auditorium)
“Bright College Years, 1969-1973”
A discussion and reflection on the first years of coeducation by classmates, followed by audience participation: why we made the decision to come to Yale, what we found, what we took away…


Classmate panelists:
- Billie Tsien ’71, Pierson
- Kathy Murphy ’71, Calhoun
- Jerylle Kemp ’72, Morse
- Kay Hill ’72 Jonathan Edwards
- Joan Abrahamson ’73, Davenport
- Cai Emmons ’73, Jonathan Edwards

11:45 – 1:15: Buffet lunch (Yale Law School dining hall and a nearby residential college dining hall)

1:30 – 2:45: Afternoon Panel (Yale Law School auditorium)
“Why Coeducation Matters”
Opening and summation by Yale President, Peter Salovey

Moderator: Karen Lawrence ’71, President, the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens; former President, Sarah Lawrence College
- Richard Brodhead, ’68, MPhil ’70, PhD ’72, former Dean of Yale College, President Emeritus of Duke University
- Marvin Chun, MAH ’03, Dean of Yale College; Richard M. Colgate Professor of Psychology
- Kimberly Goff-Crews, ’83, JD ’86, Secretary and Vice President for Student Life at Yale
• Catharine Bond Hill, PhD ’85, Senior Trustee of the Yale Corporation; Managing Director Ithaka S & R; President Emeritus Vassar College

3:15 – 4:45: “Saluting The First Women in Yale College” (Sprague Hall)
Classmates’ guests will be welcome here and on through the rest of the evening.
A commemorative program celebrating Yale’s first women undergraduates: a narration of milestones and events, 1969-1973, with live performances by student groups, and videos created for the event.

Classmate Narrators:
Shelley Fishkin ’71, MPhil ’74, PhD ’77 Ezra Stiles
Connie Royster ’72 Jonathan Edwards
Julia Preston ’73 Branford

5: 15- 5:45: Dedication of the Threshold Stone (Old Campus, Phelps Gate)
• Opening remarks by Yale President, Peter Salovey
• Spoken words: Elizabeth Alexander ’84, President of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, poet, essayist, playwright
• Group photos – all classmates

6:30: Reception  (Omni Hotel ballroom)

7:30: Gala Dinner  (Omni Hotel Ballroom)
Welcome and remarks by President Peter Salovey

9:00: After Dinner Celebration
A “block party” on Old Campus with Yale College students

SUNDAY MORNING, September 22:

8:00 Breakfast – (Rose Alumni House)
Continental buffet; Yale College Students are invited to attend.

9:00 – 10:15: Service of Remembrance  (Yale University Art Gallery auditorium)
A non-denominational service

10:30 – 12:00: Farewell Brunch and Closing Remarks  (a Residential College dining hall)