History of The Class of 1969 Gift Projects

The Class of 1969 has always set records for alumni donor participation in our reunion years.

For our 25th Reunion, 634 classmates raised $2.1 million dollars for Penn. Of that amount, $1.2 million in unrestricted dollars went to our class project for the renovation of the Class of 1969 Periodicals Section of the Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center and also directly to Penn students through scholarship and financial aid. The remainder of restricted dollars funded various projects throughout the University.

For our 30th Reunion, from 485 classmates, we raised in total $2.6 million dollars of which $1.4 million of unrestricted monies funded the Class of 1969’s Lecture Room in Logan Hall (now Claudia Cohen Hall) plus undergraduate scholarships and financial aid. The remainder of restricted monies again funded several important University projects.

Our 35th Reunion had a participation level of over 450 alumni for our Class of 1969 Hill Hall Field Gateway plus undergraduate scholarship and financial aid.

We are proud for our 40th Reunion that over 473 classmates donated $535,506 directing $150,000 to naming the Class of 1969 Music Rehearsal Room in the Platt Performing Arts House. The room has is dedicated to serving the needs of student vocal and instrumental groups, including the Penn Jazz Ensemble, the New Spirit of Penn Gospel Choir, the Penn Glee Club, and several a cappella groups. Additional monies raised for our 40th Reunion were earmarked for our class scholarship and financial aid.
Looking forward to our 45th Reunion gift

This year, we set the ambitious goal of raising **$900,000** from **450 donors** – your gift will help us to achieve this goal! Gifts from the Class of 1969 will collectively support the following initiatives to benefit Penn and its students:

**Class of 1969 Reunion Project**
Our class will join together to raise $250,000 to name the Green Roof of the Penn Libraries Special Collection Center for the Class of 1969. Located on the 6th floor of Van Pelt-Dietrich Library, the green roofs not only offer stunning views, but they also absorb rainwater, provide insulation and help to lower the urban air temperatures. This project directly supports the University’s sustainability initiatives and will be a source of pride for our class.

**The Penn Fund**
The Penn Fund provides immediate unrestricted support for the highest priorities of the University. A total of $500,000 of our class gift will help to fund student aid, residential life, classroom technology and student activities.

**Individual Endowed Scholarships**
Our class has the opportunity to provide further support for talented Penn students with financial need through individual scholarships. As part of our class gift, we are relying on seven classmates to endow a scholarship or add to an existing scholarship for a total of $150,000.