



Hello Classmates,

We hope you have enjoyed the warmth of the holiday season! Your Class Leadership is busy attending to class responsibilities and planning our 50th Reunion events. We want to update you on these efforts and engage your interest and support!

Yours in **Red** and **Blue**,

Mary Ellen and

Jim

Mary Ellen Cianfrani Miller

James P, Druckman

Class of 1969 Co-Presidents

50th Reunion News - May 17-19, 2019

Members of our planning committee had a great day visiting possible sites for our Friday 50th Reunion Dinner Party. Competitive proposals are now under consideration so stay tuned to learn about the winner!



Russ Miller, Susan Penn, Julie Carr, Jean Clemons, Mary Ellen Miller, Peggy Franck

Your committee will next focus on planning additional events designed to make our weekend memorable. The members will also be organizing and initiating an outreach network to contact all the members of the great Class of 1969. So expect a call from a classmate to update you on all our reunion efforts. You can click [here](#) to see the present members of our Reunion Committee. Please consider joining us to have some fun, connect with your classmates and be a part of creating the history for our 50th Reunion! Contact maryemiller@alumni.upenn.edu.

Class News - Class of 1969 Endowed Scholarship Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund 2017-2018 Recipients



Rachel is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a freshman Benjamin Franklin Scholar in the college. She is passionate about policy, education reform, and human rights and plans on entering politics to bring more justice into the world. At Penn, she is on the deputy board of Penn Democrats, a member of the Government and Politics Association, and interns at the Office of Councilwoman and Majority Whip Blondell Reynolds Brown. She is the author of the forthcoming book "Math Renaissance: Growing Math Circles, Changing Classrooms, and Creating Sustainable Math Education." Before coming to Penn, she was appointed by Mayor Nutter in 2015 and Mayor Kenney in 2016 to represent youth in Philadelphia and review legislation through the

Philadelphia Youth Commission, of which she was the Vice Chair. In June she received an official citation from City Council honoring her for her education reform work and her service to the city.

I am incredibly grateful to you for financing my education at Penn. The wealth of opportunity I have been provided with so far at Penn has blown me away and it wouldn't be possible without your extremely generous contribution.

- Rachel C'21



Emily is also working toward a Chemical Biomolecular Engineering degree. She hopes to begin her engineering degree in a company that focuses on pharmaceuticals, sustainability, or the growing field of nanotechnology. Emily is active in the Advancing Women in Engineering Advisory Board, a Quaker Notes A Cappella vocalist, Fundraising Chair for Penn Colleges Against Cancer, a sister in Sigma Kappa Sorority, and an Advisor with Engineering Orientation for Deferred Students.

Thank you so much for this scholarship. It is very important to my family because my brother is also attending Penn and the tuition expenses for two students is a financial hardship for my family, as my father is a math teacher and my mother works part-time. I really appreciate your assistance in helping me to receive my education.

- Emily, SEAS'18

Fall 2017 Scholarship Celebration



Jean, Russ, Mary Ellen, Emily, Rachel, Marylea, Bill

There was nary a dry eye in the John R. Rockwell Gymnasium on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, as scholarship recipients Elizabeth, C'18 and Kayvon, W'18 told a huge audience they're inspiring, and often harrowing, stories of surviving difficult circumstances and defying great obstacles to become Penn students. The occasion was the annual Fall Scholarship Celebration, a gala evening that brought together donors and scholarship recipients for meaningful conversation and a chance to learn what's going on at Penn from students' perspectives. The event gave some of us the opportunity to hear the bright students we directly sponsor, Emily, ENG'18 and Rachel, C'21, talk about their accomplishments and aspirations. It felt great to know that we're making an important difference in the lives of these Penn students. If not for our scholarships, they would have had a difficult or impossible path to Penn. They are sincerely grateful to the Class of 1969. It was an honor and a pleasure to chat with them, and compare campus life in 2017-18 with the years when we were students. President Amy Gutmann spoke of the tremendous value she places on connecting alumni and students. This annual event, now in its 21st year, has expanded to include over 600 people, and filled the Rockwell Gym, next to the Palestra. (The gym sits on the site of the former Weightman Pool, where we had to take and pass our swimming test to graduate--a test no longer required.) It's wonderful to give back and know that Penn alumni are supporting students who will maintain and enhance Penn's stellar reputation.

- Jean Moss Clemons CW'69 WG'82

Please continue to visit our class website www.alumni.upenn.edu/1969 to learn more about 50th Reunion and our scholarship initiatives.

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