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## Princeton Class of 1966

Dear Classmate,

We are writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity this summer for you to connect with classmates and members of the Class of 2016. But first some background.

When the Class of 1966 celebrates our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, the Class of 2016 will be celebrating its graduation. Therefore, by relatively recent Princeton tradition, '66 is the "Grandparent Class" of '16 and our combined goal is to set a new University standard for across-the-generations relationships.

So far we have made great progress towards achieving that goal, which has been widely recognized in articles in the *Daily Princetonian*, *Princeton Alumni Weekly – Online*, and *Class Exchange* (a publication of the Class Affairs Committee of the Alumni Association). We are especially proud that of the current 25 Class of 1966 and class-related scholarships, 24 have been awarded to members of our "grandchild" class. This is not a coincidence!

During the past three academic years, there have been various '66-'16 social and career events on campus and in town hosted by our class, individual classmates, and/or by '16, ranging in size from a pizza party at Campus Club over intersession attended by over 150 then-freshmen members of '16 to various smaller group events, including:

- "Meet the Mayor" of Princeton luncheon coordinated by Walter Bliss;
- "Evening of Journalism/Writing" at the home of Sarah and Lanny Jones, with presentations by Lanny, Jim Merritt and Griff Witte '00 k66;
- An evening of unconventional career paths hosted by Pam and Gary Mount at Terhune Orchards;
- Screening of John Heminway's *Battle For The Elephants* and dinner at the Woodrow Wilson School, co-hosted by '66 and '16;
- "Evening of Finance" with Jeff Shafer at the Nassau Club;
- Tailgate party prior to a Princeton Women's Basketball game at Jadwin Gym, hosted by '16;

- “Evening of Community Service” with Bill Leahy and Henry Von Kohorn at the Frist Campus Center; and
- A first-of-its-kind “Special Networking Evening” for ’16, co-hosted by ’66, ’91 (’16’s Parent Class”) and Career Services.

’16’s class officers and recipients of the ’66 scholarships have also attended our annual class dinner at the Nassau Club on Alumni Day, and some of our “grandchildren” have joined our post-Harvard/Yale football game parties, marched with us and carried the ’66 banner in the P-rade, and joined our class dinner at Terhune Orchards over Reunions.



In addition, over the past two summers we have organized a program intended to create connections and mentoring opportunities among members of ’16 and ’66 scattered around the globe. All told, there have been over 40 such gatherings [“meet-ups” according to our “grandchildren”] with more than 160 members of ’16 and almost 70 ’66ers participating, many attending more than one event. Activities have ranged in size and venue from one-on-one or other small gatherings over a meal in restaurants, clubs, offices and homes in 20 domestic locations as well as Jerusalem, Paris and Toronto, to larger events, including:

- Receptions at the Princeton Club of New York;
- Cookouts at Plohn Hall in Princeton;
- A reception at the apartment of Mary Lou and Jeff Shafer in NYC; and
- A Giants baseball game at AT&T Park in San Francisco in a luxury suite and box seats, hosted by John Scully.





We are delighted to announce a program to initiate such connections again this summer and to expand the participation from members of both classes. The Class of 2016 officers have already sent an email to their classmates asking them if they are interested in meeting with members of the Class of 1966 over the summer and more than 200 of them signed up on the first day. **Your class officers are now looking for volunteers to host, coordinate and/or participate in a '66-'16 event. If you are interested in connecting with members of our "grandchild" class this summer, please respond to this email or contact [cplohn@aol.com](mailto:cplohn@aol.com) as soon as possible so that we can start to coordinate the activities.** In major cities we hope to host group events, perhaps in coordination with local Princeton alumni organization activities. In other locations, the meet-ups are more likely to be one-one meetings. **Also, please let us know if you are aware of any possible job or internship opportunities for our '16 grandchildren.**

We have undertaken this relationship because we are at the stage of our lives where we are able to provide insights that may be of great value to the members of our grandchild class. Those of us who have been involved in the '66-'16 relationship will attest that the connections can be just as rewarding for the grandparents. It keeps us involved with Princeton University and, within reason, helps to keep us young.

Please sign up now and participate in what we are confident will be a rewarding experience for members of both classes. It is also a great opportunity to meet today's undergraduates as we start on the road again back to the best old place of all and our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Sincerely,

Charles Plohn, Ron Landeck, Henry Von Kohorn, Dave Stitzer, Jim Parmentier