

NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

"GOLD Nuggets" will enjoy a new spot in the broader Alumni Newsletter, in an effort to provide your email inbox some relief and keep the whole alumni community in-the-know about young alumni news. Watch for GOLD-specific content, including young alumni profiles, articles from GOLD Council members, and young alumni events. Although this is the finale for "GOLD Nuggets," you'll see GOLD content in the Alumni Newsletter starting in the January issue!

Learn more about Clark's GOLD Council at our [website](#), or contact us at gold_council@clarku.edu.



GOLD Nuggets - December 2023

Councils on Campus



Last month, members of the Alumni and GOLD Councils came back to Worcester for an annual meeting to reconnect with fellow alumni volunteers, meet members of the Clark community, learn about new additions to campus, conduct committee work, and plan upcoming projects and initiatives.

Some GOLDies are current 5th year students who have seen campus changes unfold, while others just celebrated their 5th reunion and saw a very different campus than the one they graduated from.

[Here's how they felt about being back on campus, plus some advice for current students and recent grads alike >](#)

Alumni Awards Nominations

Each year at the Friday night dinner during Reunion Weekend, several alumni are presented awards for their achievements, service, and dedication to Clark and the world at large.

The recipients are selected by the Alumni Council Awards Committee. Four awards are presented and we need your help with nominations, especially for the Young Alumni Award!

Nominate a fellow Clarkie

(full descriptions of the awards are listed in the form)

The call for nominations will close on Friday, January 12. Awards will be presented on Friday, May 17, as part of Clark's Reunion Weekend 2024.



*Thank you for making
GivingTuesday a SUCCESS!*

GivingTuesday Success

Thank you to everyone who supported Clark students this GivingTuesday.

182 donors raised over \$60,000 to support the Student Emergency Fund!

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If you missed GivingTuesday, there is still time to make a tax-deductible gift to Clark before the end of the calendar year. [Make a gift today to the area that means the most to you!](#)

Identity & Heritage Happenings

Black History Month Programming:

February 8 – Clark's Alumni & Friends Virtual Book Club, co-sponsored by the [Clark Black Alumni Association](#) (CBAA), Featured book: ["Kindred"](#) by Octavia Butler. See our [Upcoming Events](#) page for more book clubs this spring.

February 12 – Come back to campus for a lecture, book signing, and reception with [Dr. Tameka Ellington](#), the Black Beauty Activist. This event starts at 2 p.m. Reach out to odi@clarku.edu with questions.

February 23 – Alumni and student panel from 7-8:30 p.m. Interested in sharing your experience with current students and alumni? Email cbaa@clarku.edu to learn

more and participate.

February 28 – Diversity & Inclusion book club: “Rainbow Rainbow” by Lydia Conklin. Run by Professor [Alena Esposito](#), this in-person event will take place from 5-6 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge - [details here](#).

Pride Events on Campus:

March 15 – Drag Show hosted by the Office of Identity, Student Engagement and Access (ISEA), open to the community, on campus, time TBD. Reach out to ETejadaIII@clarku.edu with questions.

March 19 – [Susan Stryker](#), a renowned transgender author comes to campus, 5-6:30 p.m., Jefferson 320.

[More Heritage & Identity Events >](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events

Save the date for our upcoming events. Stay tuned, registration is coming soon!

- **Alumni Basketball Game (January 27):** Meet and mingle with coaches Tyler Simms and Bridgette Reyes, current players, former teammates, and fellow alumni.
- **Clark Snow Day at Wachusett Mountain (February 10):** Alumni and friends return to the slopes for skiing and snowboarding.
- **Regional Receptions (Multiple Dates):**
 - **February 25** at Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, in Sarasota, FL
 - **March 13** at the Conrad Washington DC
 - **April 10** at SECOND, in New York City
- **GOLD Day of Service (April 20):** Join fellow GOLDies, Clark students, and the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering to help make Worcester a healthy, clean and beautiful place with a city-wide clean-up in honor of Earth Day. More details coming soon.
- **Reunion Weekend (May 17-19, 2024):** Clarkies from classes ending in **4s and 9s** will celebrate milestone reunion years during Reunion weekend! Interested in helping generate excitement around coming back to campus and reconnecting with your classmates? **[Join a Reunion Committee](#)**

[See more upcoming events](#)

If you have any questions about these engagement opportunities, please contact Clark's Alumni & Friends Engagement Team at alumni@clarku.edu or 800-793-6246.

Get Involved

- **Update your info** - Update your name, pronouns, and contact information to receive exciting news and upcoming event information from Clark!
 - **Grow our GOLD community** - [Fill out this form](#) to become a GOLD Volunteer, to host an event or join a panel, or apply to become a GOLD Council member.
 - **Share your ideas and feedback** - Please feel free to submit feedback, event ideas, and suggestions to the GOLD Council members.
 - **Join an alumni affinity group** - The Clark Black Alumni Association (CBAA) and/or the Clark LGBTQ+ Alumni Association (CLAA) welcome you. [Sign up for community-specific emails](#).
 - **ClarkCONNECT** - You can play an important role in the career and professional development of Clark students and alumni by posting internships, jobs, and projects on the ClarkCONNECT platform. [Check out the new affinity communities](#).
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