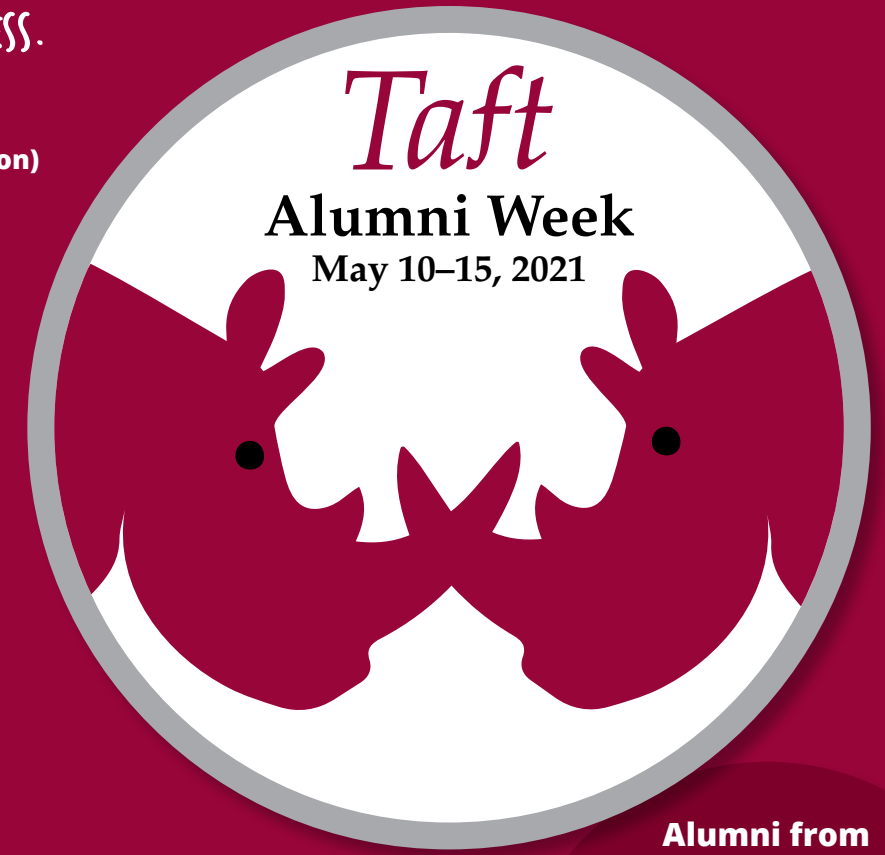


VIRTUAL

2021^ Alumni Week

"THE EVENT WAS A ROARING SUCCESS.
JUST ABOUT TWO FULL HOURS."

—Lou Frank '71 (50th Reunion)



THANKS FOR SHOWING UP...

Yes, it could be done! Alumni reconnected for virtual class reunions that were still fun and deeply moving. Some shared that even while apart, they felt closer than ever in this unusual year. Hundreds joined in for a week of live events, on-demand videos, alumni discussions, and programs with faculty and the head of school. The virtual get-togethers made it easy for alumni to join in from all over the world and different time zones.

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45
virtual events
30
were reunion
gatherings

640
alumni registered for
one or more events

1,100
total event
registrations

Alumni from
46
states and
22
countries
participated



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YOGA SESSION
with **Tommy Rosen '85**

Tommy Rosen '85, an internationally renowned yoga teacher and addiction recovery expert who holds advanced certifications in both Kundalini and hatha yoga, led a virtual yoga session for Taft alumni.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TOMMY ROSEN '85 FOR AN "OM" SO WONDERFUL YOGA PRACTICE. ALUMNI OF ALL AGES AND FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD (EVEN TOKYO), JOINED THE 60-MINUTE SESSION. IT WAS A PERFECT PREVIEW OF VIRTUAL ALUMNI WEEK FESTIVITIES.

"I CERTAINLY ENJOYED OUR SEGMENT- INCLUDING ART HILSINGER '45 WAS A BIG PLUS!"

—Tony Allerton '46 (75th Reunion)



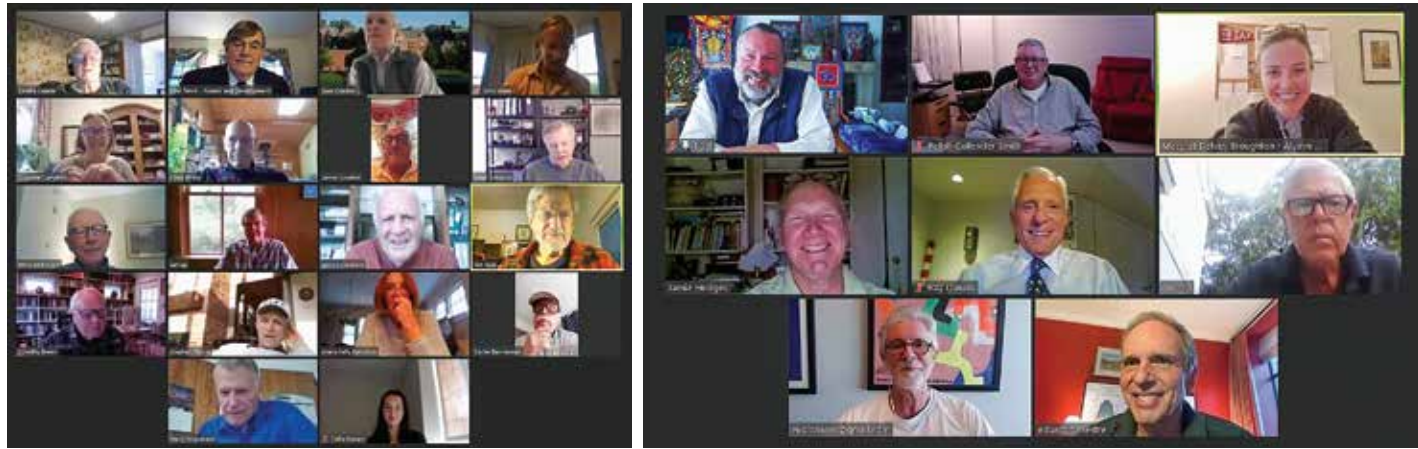
- 1945
 - 1946
 - 1950
 - 1951
 - 1955
 - 1956
- Reunion Gatherings

VIRTUAL ^



MONDAY

MAY 10



"I KNOW OUR SMALL GROUP OF CLASSMATES ENJOYED GETTING TOGETHER AND HAVING A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH EACH OTHER. I CERTAINLY ENJOYED DOING SO."

—Carl Henrich '65 (55th Reunion)

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB
Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
 Hosted by Faculty Emeritae Robin Blackburn Osborn and Linda Saarnijoki.

- 1960
- 1961
- 1965
- 1966
- 1970
- 1971

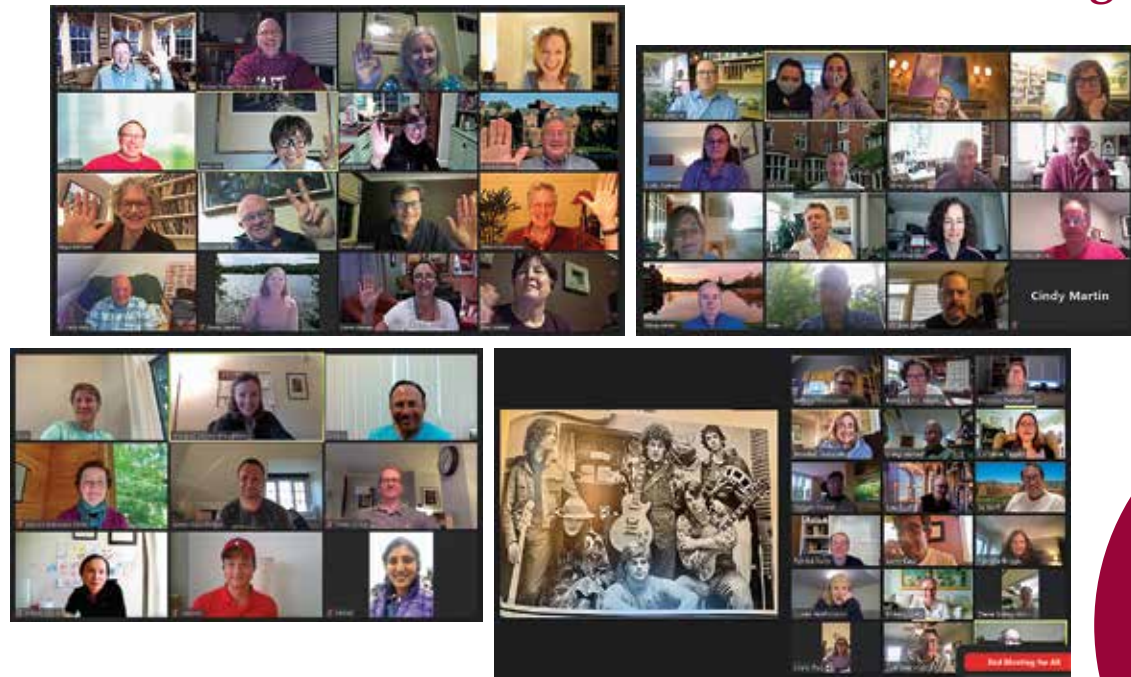
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TUESDAY **MAY 11**

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB
The Way of Wanderlust by Don George '71
 A conversation facilitated by Patience Smith Bloom '86.

- 1975
- 1976
- 1980
- 1981
- 1995
- 1996

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 Reunion Gatherings



"THANKS AGAIN FOR HELP WITH OUR REUNION. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE 20-PLUS FACES ON THE CALL, SOME OF WHOM HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH SINCE GRADUATION."

—Jane Rosenberg '81 (40th Reunion)

WEDNESDAY **MAY 12**

FRIDAY

MAY 14



VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS
with **Serena Wolf '05**
Fiesta Lasagna and Clementine Jalapeño Margaritas were on the menu. Participants were not required to cook to attend.

AFFINITY SPACE
for **Alumni of Color**

Hosted by Dean of Multicultural Education Andrew Prince and Director of Multicultural Recruitment Shanique Garcia.





MORNING COFFEE
with **Mr. Mac**



"ONCE AGAIN A HUGE THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT INCREDIBLY SEAMLESS FOR OUR CLASS TO GATHER FOR A 15TH REUNION. WE HAD AN AMAZING TIME FILLED WITH LOTS OF LAUGHS."
—Orlando Watson '06 (15th Reunion)

JOURNALISM
in the **Age of Globalization**

A conversation with Steven Erlanger '70, chief diplomatic correspondent for Europe for *The New York Times* and recipient of the 2020 Horace Dutton Taft Alumni Medal, and fellow journalists Susie Banikarim '93, and Neil Vigdor '95.






1985
1986
1990
1991
2000
2001
VIRTUAL ^ Reunion Gatherings



2005
2006
2010
2011
2016
VIRTUAL ^ Reunion Gatherings

THURSDAY

MAY 13



"RISE & SHINE RHINOS"
Yoga/Stretch Session

MAY

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SUNDAY

VIRTUAL

2015 Reunion Gathering

MORNING COFFEE with Mr. Mac

Taft Virtual RHINO RUN/WALK

Walk, run, skip! Tafties showed their BIG RED pride and shared photos that the school posted on social media.



Amanda Costanzo McGovern '93 and her boys were among the runners who joined in.

ADMISSIONS 101

Access and Affordability

A presentation by Director of Admissions Peter Frew '75, Director of Financial Aid Mike Hoffman '97, and Admissions Officer Jessica Goldmark Shannon '01.



Taft's Global Leadership Institute STUDENT PRESENTATION



Taft's GLI is a competitive and rigorous cocurricular program that brings students from Taft and Waterbury public schools together, both in and out of the classroom, for shared learning and leadership experiences. A discussion with student leaders and hosted by Faculty Advisor Baba Frew.

"RISE & SHINE RHINOS" Yoga/Stretch Session

AFFINITY SPACE for Alumni of Color

TAFT TOGETHER Volunteer Appreciation Gathering



THE RHINORITA An alumni gatherings favorite!

Do not try this at home—or anywhere else—if you are under 21.

- 1 part fresh lime and grapefruit juices
2 parts of your favorite tequila
1/2 part agave nectar
Muddled jalapeño to taste
Garnish: a grapefruit wedge and chili-salt rim

Build up all ingredients in a shaker with ice, shake, and strain into an ice-filled glass.

To add to the fun, special cocktail recipes were posted on the reunions website.

Several prerecorded VIDEOS were available throughout the week:

A Student Parade and State of the School by Taft's head of school, Service of Remembrance, Meet the Faculty and Virtual Classes, Life at Taft, Gallery Tour, and a Campus Tour. Livestreaming of sports was also offered during the week.

Taft volunteer students held a virtual Alumni Parade using signs representing reunion years, and alumni could watch the video on demand.



This year, Head of School Willy MacMullen '78 and The Reverend Robert Ganung, school chaplain, shared their prerecorded remarks to honor those members of the wider Taft community who have passed away in recent years, along with a choral piece by Collegium Musicum. Each year on Alumni Weekend, a Service of Remembrance is usually held in Woodward Chapel.

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SATURDAY MAY 15