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.

To view recorded videos of events visit www.taftschool.org/alumni/reunions/rhino-recordings

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

—Lou Frank ’71 (50th Reunion)
"I certainly enjoyed our segment— including Art Hilsinger ’45 was a big plus!"

—Tony Allerton ’46 (75th Reunion)

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 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.
**Alumni BOOK CLUB**

*The Way of Wanderlust* by Don George '71

A conversation facilitated by Patience Smith Bloom ’86.

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*Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

Hosted by Faculty Emeriti Robin Blackburn Osborn and Linda Staunjioki.

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**TUESDAY MAY 11**

"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 Hennrich ’65 (55th Reunion)

**WEDNESDAY MAY 12**

"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)

**Virtual Reunion Gatherings**

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AFFINITY SPACE for Alumni of Color
Hosted by Dean of Multicultural Education Andrew Prince and Director of Multicultural Recruitment Shanique Garcia.

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

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)

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“RISE & SHINE RHINOS”
Yoga/Stretch Session

VIRTUAL REUNION GATHERINGS

THURSDAY MAY 13

FRIDAY MAY 14

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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.

A Day in the Life of a Taft Student
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.

Volunteer Appreciation Gathering
Thank you to Reunion Chairs, Class Agents, and Class Secretaries

**Rise & Shine Rhinos**
Yoga/Stretch Session

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.

**The Rhinorita**
An alumni gatherings favorite!

1 part fresh lime and grapefruit juices
2 parts of your favorite tequila
½ 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.

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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.

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