



March 2018

Dear Class of **1983**:

Believe it or not, it will be time to return to Salem in just a few short months to celebrate your **35th Reunion!** Your Reunion Weekend Leadership Team, **Ferebee Brown Ruffalo (ferebee@ruffalolaw.com)**, **Vicki Estes Lucas (vickilucas9@gmail.com)**, and **Sarah Lee Robinette Michaels (thevoicestudio_ct@yahoo.com)**, have been busy planning your reunion and cannot wait to see you on Salem's campus April 27-29, 2018. Enclosed you will find a schedule of Reunion Weekend activities, a registration form, and other helpful information. We're going to start things off on Friday night with the Reunion Weekend Kick-off Party in Bryant Hall. The band, *The Black and Blue Experience*, will be playing and there will be all the great Salem food you love! At the luncheon on Saturday, you will hear the latest information from the Alumnae Association and will take pride in presenting your class gift. You will also be able to congratulate your Salem Sisters who are receiving alumnae awards. Don't miss this special luncheon! Reserve your spot no later than April 6, 2017 in order to guarantee your spot at the table with your classmates.

For your Saturday night plans, Amanda Mays Budd will be hosting your dinner gathering at her farm located at 201 Maplewood Lane, Advance, NC 27006. The suggested contribution is \$30 per person. Spouses and dates are welcome and the use of Uber is strongly recommended. Contributions will be collected at the party. **RSVP to Ferebee at ferebee@ruffalolaw.com.** In addition to Salem's room block, the Class of 1983 has hotels reserved at the Fairfield Downtown and the Hampton Inn near the farm.

If you haven't done so already, please remember to include a gift or pledge for the Salem College Fund with your registration form. Since it is your reunion year, please try to give as large a gift as you're comfortable with, but the amount of each individual gift is not as important as your participation! A gift of any amount will help Salem and increase your class giving participation percentage. To give online, visit **purpose.salem.edu/give**. Please be generous this year in honor of Salem and your reunion. Remember: five-year pledges count toward your total class gift presented at the Reunion Weekend luncheon so consider making a multi-year commitment. In addition, if you make a gift of \$1,200 or more this fiscal year, you will be invited to the special Society Donor Breakfast at the President's house.

Now is the time to get on Facebook and the phone, and to fire up your email account! Contact all of your Salem friends and encourage them to make a special effort to attend reunion from April 27-29. Remind them that you only have a reunion every five years! We hope you are excited to see Salem's amazing campus and all of your classmates.

See you in April,

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