

REUNION WEEKEND

April 18-20, 2024



Join the classes ending in 4 and 9 and the Class of 2023 celebrating their traditional “One Year” reunion. We especially welcome the Class of 1974, who will be inducted into the Golden Club to mark their 50th reunion, and the Class of 1999, who will be inducted into the Silver Club to mark their 25th reunion. All Converse alumni are invited to reunite with old friends and make new ones.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 18

Golden Club Registration

3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Wilson Hall, Front Porch

Storytelling for Golden Club Members

3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Moore Seminar Room

Golden Club Cocktails with President and Dean Hopkins

5:00 pm–6:00 pm
Piedmont Club, The Palmetto Room

Golden Club Dinner

6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Piedmont Club



Learn More!
converse.edu/reunion

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19

Golden Club Robing*

10:00 am–11:15 am, Admissions Suite/Former Alumnae Suite

Come enjoy mimosas and breakfast snacks while you get robed and ready for the Founder's Day Procession.

Founder's Day

11:30 am–12:30 pm, Twichell Auditorium
Golden Club processes with faculty and students. You do not have to be registered to attend Founder's Day.

Traditional Lunch on the Lawn with Strawberries and Creme

12:30 pm–1:30 pm, Front Campus

Senior Sip

1:00 pm–2:00 pm, In front of Pell
Welcome our current seniors! IDs are required.

Registration

12:30 pm– 4:00pm, Wilson Hall Porch

Afternoon Activities

Let's Get Back to Class

1:30 pm–2:30 pm, Carmichael Room 203
Enjoy a class with beloved Professor Dr. Joe P. Dunn. The best part: NO homework or tests!

Life After Converse

2:45 pm–4:00 pm, Zimmerli Commons
A panel of outstanding alumni share their life experiences since college. Students are invited.

Sip and Stroll*

4:15 pm–5:15 pm, Meet in Montgomery Lobby
Grab a cold beverage and join Macey Atkins for a leisurely guided tour of campus.

Faculty Emeriti Gathering

5:00 pm–6:00 pm, Wilson Hall Lobby
Enjoy a drink with some of your favorite professors.

Hopkins Happy Hour with Faculty and Staff*

6:00 pm–7:00 pm, Front Campus
The celebration continues with our President Boone Hopkins, his wife, Dean Chandra Hopkins, and current faculty and staff.

BBQ Followed by DJ Party*

7:00 pm–10:00 pm, Front campus
Enjoy dinner and dance the night away with classmates and friends!

Saturday, April 20

State of the College

9:30 am–10:00 am, Twichell Auditorium
Come hear exciting updates from President Boone Hopkins. There will be time for a question-and-answer session.

Class Meetings and All Class Photos (Meetings only for classes ending in 4 and 9)

10:15 am–11:00 am, Carmichael Classrooms and Mickel Library

Tennis Match

11:00, Tennis Courts
Come cheer the Valkyries on as they compete against Francis Marion.

Class Parade

11:00 am, Lineup in front of Carmichael
11:15 am, Parade Begins
Gather along the sidewalk for the traditional Parade of Classes to Barnet for brunch.

Awards Brunch*

11:30 am–12:45 pm, Barnet
Share in the celebration of the newest members of the Golden Club, Silver Club, and our 2024 Alumni Achievement Award recipients.

Afternoon Activities

Mosaic: Black Alumni Celebration

1:00 pm–2:00 pm, SGA Suite in Montgomery
Black, African, and African-American alumni have been, and continue to be, impactful contributors to the Converse community. This gathering will be a time for Black alums to meet each other and learn more about the important history of Black alumni at Converse.

Alumni Soccer Game

2:00 pm, Turf Field
Come cheer on former Valkyries who still have all the skills.

Lavender Tea: LGBTQIA+ Alumni Celebration

1:45 pm–2:45 pm, Cabin

Converse's LGBTQIA+ alumni are a catalyst for bringing and creating community and belonging to the Converse campus. Join us for an inclusive celebration focusing on conversation and connection.

Sip and Paint*

2:00 pm–4:00 pm, Milliken 101

Artist and alum Carlon Steller Grey '10/'16 will lead a fun, do-it-yourself paint class. You will take home your own Converse masterpiece! Limit of 22; register at converse.edu/reunion.

RISE Symposium Drop-In

1:15 pm–3:15 pm, Montgomery

Posters from the 2024 RISE Symposium will be on display from 12–5 pm. This Symposium celebrates students' creative and scholarly achievements as well as the outstanding mentorship of our faculty.

Art Gallery Visit

1:15 pm–3:15 pm, Milliken Art Building

Make your way across back campus and down the hill to wander through the Milliken Art Gallery and view the work of BFA Studio Art Senior Mabel Ni.

Dance Studio Drop-In

1:15 pm–2:15 pm, Montgomery

Meet Allison Roux, Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre Dance, to learn about the new dance major and catch up with Janis Dengler, beloved Associate Professor Emerita of Health and Physical Education.

Alumni Recital

4:00 pm–5:00 pm, Daniel Recital Hall

Join this low-pressure affair full of laughter, love, and great music. To participate in the performance, email mildred.roche@converse.edu by March 29.

Closing Reception*

5:00 pm–6:00 pm, Blackman Lobby

Toast a wonderful Reunion and take any last photos.

**At Your Leisure****In Memoriam**

Gibbs Chapel, Montgomery Student Center

The chapel will be open throughout the weekend with a memorial to those classmates we've lost over the past year. Come by at your convenience to pay your respects and observe a moment of silent reflection.

Montgomery Fitness Facilities

Whether it's hitting the elliptical, TRX training, or spreading out your yoga mat, the fitness facilities will be open for you to fit in your workout if you'd like.

Stock Up on Converse Swag

Bookstore, Montgomery Student Center

We'll have vintage items aplenty, and alumni will receive a discount at checkout.

Support Valkyrie Supply

Please consider bringing items for Valkyrie Supply to the Reunion. We will have a collection bin on the porch during registration. Valkyrie Supply, Converse's basic needs hub located on campus, provides students with basic food items, hygiene products and career-ready clothing. We are able to sustain Valkyrie Supply thanks to items donated from community members.

Be sure to visit converse.edu/reunion for more details!

Purchase tickets separately at converse.edu/reunion.

OPTIONAL SATURDAY EVENTS**Spartanburg Philharmonic Concert**

Doors open at 6:00 pm; show begins at 7:00 pm
Twichell Auditorium

Theatre Converse Production of Hair

2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
Hazel B. Abbott Theatre