

Honor the Past ...
Embrace the Future

MAY 16-18, 2025



WILSON
COLLEGE

THURSDAY, MAY 15

3 - 5 p.m.

Early Check-In

Alumni House

Early check-in for on-campus lodging
Thursday Night ONLY.

*Late night key pick-up requires prior
arrangement with Alumni Relations.*

FRIDAY, MAY 16

9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Check-in & Information Hub

Visit Lenfest Commons to get nametag and tote. Make sure to check out tables for our raffle, AAWC Emporium, and resource materials.

After-hours keys available at Security desk in Lenfest

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hankey Center for the History of Women's Education

Visit with Hankey Center Director, Maxine Wagenhoffer, Ph. D. You can view exhibits, and hear how current students incorporate the collections into their studies.

Noon - 2 p.m.

Lunch

Jensen Dining Hall

Multiple food stations, salad bar, dessert options, & beverages, \$20 fee.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

John Stewart Memorial Library (JSML)

Tours available at 10 a.m. and 4:30p.m.,
Meet at lower-level desk area.

10 - 11 a.m.

Visit to Rocky Spring Historic Presbyterian Church

A Wilson MUST if you have not been

- Tour the grounds and church, and visit the grave of Sarah Wilson.
- College van will be available or follow by carpool leaving from the front of Lenfest. Directions available at check-in area.

11 a.m. - Noon

Enrollment Management Information Session

Lenfest Learning Commons, JSML
Vice President of Admissions, Bill Sommers, will share an overview of the dynamic enrollment management landscape and how Wilson College is navigating the challenges, including the strategies and tactics used to recruit students.

1 - 4 p.m.

College Store

Lower Level, JSML

Visit the college store for the latest in Wilson apparel and swag.

1 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Campus Tour

Walking tours begin at Norland Hall. Contact us if you need other accommodations.

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Penn Hall Equestrian Center

See one of the facilities that make our campus unique. Take a tour and learn how our Equine Studies Programs are growing. The Center is easily accessible by the pedestrian bridge behind Rosenkrans or golf cart.

2 - 11 p.m.

Complimentary Lounge Space

Jensen Dining Hall

Complimentary beverages provided.

2 - 3 p.m.

Wine Pairing & Tasting

Jensen Dining Hall

Join our partner Sage Dining Services for a light, interactive wine and food pairing. Pre-registration required, \$20 fee.

3 - 3:30 p.m.

Author's Hall Induction

Join us as we listen to readings and honor our 2025 Inductees -- Teresa Cader '69 and the late Jeffrey Bardwell, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wilson Book Talk

Career Books for Girls: "Jane, Stewardess of the Airlines" (1934)

Career books for girls were a popular genre in the mid-twentieth century, and one of the most popular professions documented in these books was the flight stewardess. Join Michael G. Cornelius, Ph.D. dean of The School of Arts and Sciences, owner of one of the world's largest collections of girls' flight stewardess books, to explore the first girls' stewardess book "Jane, Stewardess of the Airlines" by Ruthe S. Wheeler (1934).

Download the book for free here:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/33976>



4 - 6 p.m.

Golf Cart Tours of Scenic Fulton Farm

Enjoy a guided tour of Fulton Center for Sustainable Studies and see the latest in sustainable farming. Golf carts leave from the front of Lenfest. Sign-ups for departure slots will be available at check-in.

5 - 6:30 p.m.

President's Pines & Maples Society Reception

By invitation only.

6 - 10 p.m.

Welcome Event

Join us under the tent for a family-friendly picnic to celebrate Wilson- A REUNION FAVORITE EVENT! \$20 fee includes buffet, beer, and wine.

**The buffet will close at 8:30 p.m.; last call for alcoholic beverages 9:00 p.m.*

Evening Activity

7:30 - 9 p.m.

Succulent Workshop

JSML Patio

No experience necessary! Stop by the Succulent Bar and plant your own succulents in an adorable Wilson College ceramic pot to take home and remember Reunion 2025!

Pre-Registration is Required, cost \$20.

Planned Giving: **Creating Your Legacy**



Wilson College partners with FreeWill to make it simpler than ever to create your will and, if you choose, include a bequest to Wilson College. FreeWill's online estate planning platform is 100% free and the process is simple and secure.

Contact us at 717-262-2010 for more information about creating your lasting legacy at Wilson!

SATURDAY, MAY 17

7 - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

Jensen Dining Hall

Variety of food options available, \$15 fee.

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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8 - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Stretch

Phoenix Fitness Center

Join Tina Flohr, fitness center supervisor, as she leads some light stretching and yoga movements to “get the day started.” While you’re there, see the newly renovated space!

9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Complimentary Lounge Space

Jensen Dining Hall.

Complimentary beverages provided.

9 - 10 a.m.

State of the College with President Wesley R. Fugate

Auditorium, Brooks Science Center

Join President Fugate as he shares an exciting update on every aspect of the College, including the student experience, enrollment and retention, our campus community, and Wilson’s financial outlook.

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

AAWC General Meeting

Auditorium, Brooks Science Center

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

John Stewart Memorial Library

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11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

College Store

Lower Level of JSML

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11:45 a.m.

Class Lineup & Procession

Gather on the Laird Green and celebrate Wilson with the ringing of the bell in Edgar Hall. Each class should meet in its designated area, where staff guidance will be provided. Class photos will be taken at this time. All reunion classes will march into the luncheon. Classes will be directed in order of youngest to oldest. We will save the 50th class celebration entrance for last.

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

All-Alum Luncheon

Join us as we give special recognition to our 50th reunion class and other reunion years. Buffet Style luncheon with brief remarks and class award presentations, \$20 fee.

1:45 p.m.

Poetry Readings with Former President Gwendolyn Jensen

Join President Emerita Gwendolyn Jensen as she reads from her latest book of poems “We Owe the Dead the Truth.” She will be joined in the reading by President Wes Fugate, her friend Stephanie Levine, and perhaps also by her son Don.

1 - 4 p.m.

Hankey Center for the History of Women’s Education

Visit with Hankey Center Director Maxine Wagenhoffer, Ph.D., to view exhibits and hear how current students incorporate the collections into their studies.

3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Class Meetings

Class Officers – please reach out to the AR Office to schedule location for your class meeting and let us know of any streaming needs. AROffice@wilson.edu

4 - 5 p.m.

AAWC Awards Presentation

Auditorium, Brooks Science Center

5:15 p.m.

AAWC Raffle Drawings

Names will be attached to prizes for pick up. Please stop by the table in Lenfest Commons before you depart campus.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

6 p.m.

Class of 1975 Reception & Dinner

John Stewart Memorial Library

Hosted by: President Wesley R. Fugate.

No fee for 1975 class members, \$40 fee for guests.

6:30 p.m.

Class Dinners Under the Tent

Classes will be grouped together under the big tent. Buffett style, \$40 fee.

Evening Activities

6 - 9 p.m.

Music Under the Tent

9 - 10 p.m.

Ghost Stories

By Special Request, we offer this Reunion Favorite! Join Sandy Huffman '86, as she thrills us with some ghost tales of Wilson College.

10 p.m.

Golf Cart Karaoke

Enjoy a late-night ride around campus singing your favorite songs with Wilson friends. Will depart from under the tent.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

7 - 9 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Jensen Dining Hall

Variety of food options available, \$15 fee.

7 a.m. - Noon

Check-Out & Information Hub

Return your keys and fill out evaluation forms.

8:30 a.m.

Choir rehearsal

Alumnae Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Memorial Chapel Service

This special chapel service will be held in Alumnae Chapel to remember our friends and classmates who have passed away since Reunion 2024 and whose passing was shared with the College. Names of the deceased will be read while daisies are processed to the Wilson "W" memorial centerpiece.

10:45 a.m. - Noon

Brunch

Jensen Dining Hall

Variety of food options available, \$20 fee.

Noon - 2 p.m.

AAWC General Board Meeting

Patterson Board Room, Laird Hall



**Come see student
research and immerse
yourself in the history
of the College at the
Hankey Center**



PRESIDENT EMERITA, GWENDOLYN JENSEN

WE OWE THE DEAD THE TRUTH

Poetry Reading and Book Signing

Saturday, May 17

*Immediately following All-Alum Luncheon
Laird Hall*

Join President Emerita, Gwendolyn Jensen, as she reads from her latest book of poems “We Owe the Dead the Truth.” Joining her in the reading will be President Wes Fugate, her friend Stephanie Levine, and her son Don.

This latest book of Jensen’s poetry is what the publishing trade refers as new and selected, which means her editor has chosen poems from her previous three books, as well as a substantial selection of new work, much of it previously published in journals. It is autobiographical, and most especially in the later work, speaks of old age and death.

Jensen was born in 1936 and grew up in Lansdowne, PA. In her academic career, she taught history, served as academic dean at several places, and, of course, was president of Wilson College from 1991 to 2001. When she began to muse about retiring, she wanted to keep working and thought about writing as a possible outlet. “No need to be jealous of Emily Dickinson, just do it”, she thought, and settled down to writing poems, perhaps impossible, but still worth doing.

This book is a fine press limited edition hand printed by letterpress and will be available at the reading for \$25 (cash or check only, no credit cards, please). The hardcover edition is mainly sold out, but a few may be available at a higher price (scan QR code to purchase). She will be happy to sign a book for you.



PAYPAL CHECKOUT

REUNION 2025 RAFFLE

During Reunion 2025, the AAWC will once again sponsor a round-robin raffle to raise funds for the Association.

The raffle rules are easy: Tickets can be purchased for \$2 each or seven for \$10. Drop your ticket into the jar for the item or items you are interested in, and cross your fingers for luck. Prizes will be drawn Saturday, May 17.

The Association is also currently accepting donations for the raffle. Donate a piece of Wilson memorabilia (in good condition), a merchant gift card, a themed basket, or an item tied to your business, hobby, or art.

For more information on the raffle or how to donate, send inquiries to aawc@wilson.edu.

AAWC reserves the right to deem some donations better suited for other sales.



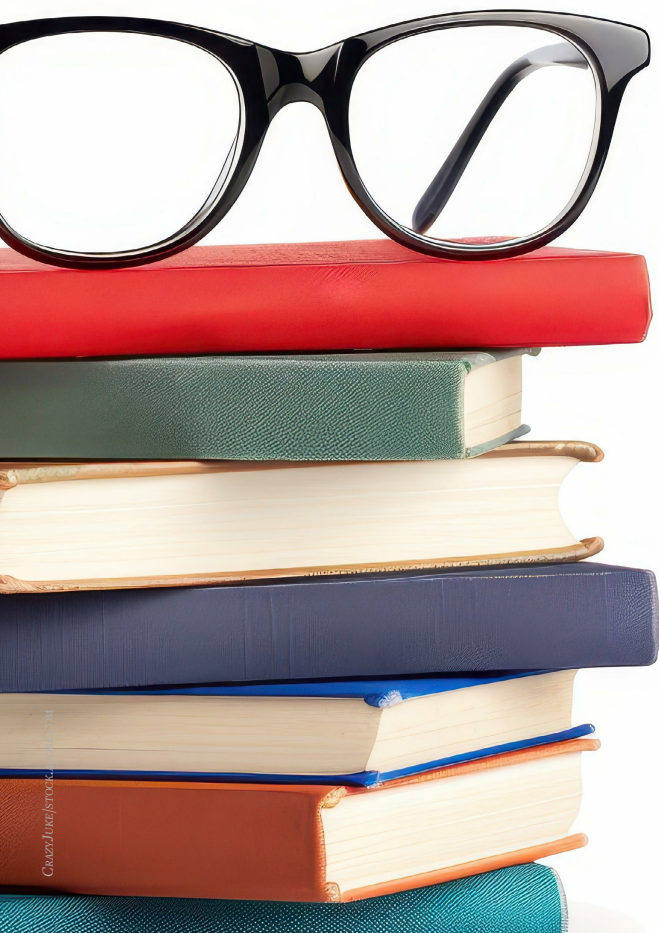
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