

# St. John Fisher University • Class of 1975



50th Reunion Celebration

# 1975

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## 50TH REUNION



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### CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

We are excited to share that the Class of 1975 will be gathering in the fall to celebrate your 50th reunion during Alumni Weekend, September 26–28, 2025. Mark your calendars, register online, and start to make accommodations for your stay in Rochester. More details on the weekend are available on the next page.

Get ready for a weekend of revisiting your favorite places and reconnecting with classmates to make new memories. Campus may have changed, but it is also very much the same and your time together will surely be filled with nostalgia.

Have Fisher apparel from back in the day? Be sure to bring it!

# OUR REUNION

ALUMNI WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025

## 50TH REUNION EVENT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

Alumni Weekend Kickoff Party (7-9 p.m.)  
*Dennis '72 and Denise Tepas Commons*

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Campus Tour

Fisher Family Carnival (Noon-3 p.m.)  
*Dennis '72 and Denise Tepas Commons*

Alumni Tailgate at Growney Stadium (1 p.m.)  
*With Class of 1975 Coin Toss*  
*(1:50 p.m. coin toss, 2 p.m. football kickoff)*

**50th Reunion Dinner & Pinning Ceremony (6 p.m.)**  
*Monroe Golf Club*

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

Reunion Mass

Alumni Brunch

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WEEKEND AT

[go.sjf.edu/alumniweekend](http://go.sjf.edu/alumniweekend)

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Find local hotels in the  
"Accommodations" section  
at the site above.

### TRANSPORTATION

Lyft and Uber available in  
Rochester at your discretion



## PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

Scan this code with your smartphone camera to go  
directly to your 50th Reunion page or visit  
[go.sjf.edu/alumniweekend](http://go.sjf.edu/alumniweekend)

## QUESTIONS?

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for more information.





**ON FEBRUARY 12, 1948**, Cardinal Francis Spellman traveled from New York City to address 3,000 members of the Rochester Catholic Diocese at Eastman Theatre. At the close of his speech, he presented a check for \$25,000 to Bishop James Kearney, Rev. Hugh Haffey, and the Basilian Fathers, the first gift in a successful campaign for the newly-founded St. John Fisher College.

With the combined generosity of civic leaders, the Catholic church, and the Rochester community, the “College on the Hill” was born.

# THE STORY OF FISHER



**1948**

St. John Fisher College is chartered with the goal of educating men in the liberal arts, sciences, and commerce.

**1949**

Groundbreaking for what would become Kearney Hall takes place on **June 20**.

**1955**

The Pioneer Class graduates. The New York State Board of Regents awards Fisher an absolute charter to grant the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration.

**1968**

Fisher becomes independent. A lay Board of Trustees assumed ownership and control of the University.

**1971**

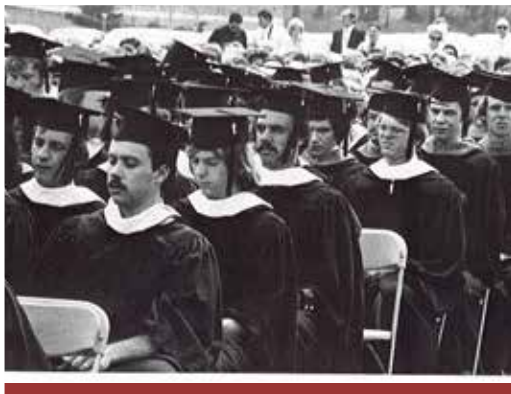
The University welcomes women as full-time matriculated students.

In the 77 years since its founding, Fisher has grown and changed, remaining a dynamic institution committed to teaching young men and women under the guidance of the Basilian motto, "Teach Me Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge."

The Class of 1975 was at Fisher during a time of great change, both at the institution and in society. Your Fisher education helped you become professional, civic, and social leaders.

Fisher is a strong institution today because of the path you paved during your time as students and because you have stewarded the University's growth in the 50 years since your graduation.

Your class is an important part of Fisher's history and you have contributed to Fisher's success. And, you will continue to move Fisher forward. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with all of you.



**May 18, 1975**

The Class of 1975 graduates in the College's 21st Commencement Ceremonies.

**1983**

MBA becomes the first master's program.

**2010**

Fisher reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral/Research University - now Doctoral/Professional University.

**2002**

The School of Business is created, followed by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education (2003), the School of Arts and Sciences and the Wegmans School of Pharmacy (2005), and the Wegmans School of Nursing (2006).

**2022**

The institution becomes St. John Fisher University on **July 1, 2022.**

**2025**

The Class of 1975 Celebrates its 50th Reunion (*photo above from the Class of 1974 Reunion in 2024*)

## MILESTONES & TRADITIONS

Like Class Day when you were a student, the 50th Reunion Class Gift is an annual tradition. This collective gift is made in honor of your special milestone and will make a difference for students following in your footsteps.

### The Class of 1975 Reunion Gift

We hope you will consider a gift today to an area of the University that means something to you, such as financial aid, Lavery Library, an athletic team, an academic department, or a University program. All gifts and pledges made through December 31 will count toward the 50th Reunion Class Gift.

#### Reunion Gift Match by Randy White '75

Classmate and Trustee Randy White '75 will match all gifts made by the Class of 1975 up to \$10,000. Make a gift and double your impact!



“ I give back to Fisher because Fisher gave so much to me—lifelong friendships, a foundation for my career, and values that still guide me today. Supporting the next generation is my way of saying thank you.” **-Randy White '75**

### Join your classmates in supporting the 50th Reunion Class Gift

- Mail your gift with the enclosed form.
- Visit [go.sjf.edu/1975classgift](https://go.sjf.edu/1975classgift) to make your gift online.
- Contact Christine Grout in the Office of Institutional Advancement to plan your gift: [cgrout@sjf.edu](mailto:cgrout@sjf.edu), (585) 385-8426.



# Become a Member of our Gift Societies

## SPIRE SOCIETY

Join Spire Society with a pledge of \$1,000 or more to one of our eleven annual funds. Learn more about joining this wonderful network of University leaders and their impact at [go.sjf.edu/spire](http://go.sjf.edu/spire).

## 1948 SOCIETY

Named in honor of the year that St. John Fisher University received its charter, this society recognizes individuals who have named the University as a beneficiary of a planned future gift. Learn more about leaving a lasting impact and member recognition at [go.sjf.edu/1948](http://go.sjf.edu/1948).

## DID YOU KNOW?

One-time or multi-year gifts count toward your Reunion Class Gift Campaign. This includes cash, stock, or an IRA rollover.

You can also consider opportunities like bequests, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, or retirement assets.



## In Memoriam

As we celebrate our 50th Reunion, we honor and remember our classmates who have passed. May they always be in our hearts.

Terry E. Allen	Joseph A. Licata	Benjamin K. Tomasetti
Mark J. Blair	Frederick M. Madigan	Samuel R. Tortorici
Maryangela L. Butcher	Frank A. Marticelli	Jane D. Tranello
Myron J. Crispino	William J. Monnat	Thomas E. Urckfitz
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William C. Flad	Peter O. Provenzano	Mary Lynne T. Winkler
Mary J. Garland	Richard W. Ransom	James T. Woods
Timothy J. Gimbel	Dennis W. Rawlins	Stephen E. Zamparelli
Thomas N. Hodges	James M. Reinhardt	Joseph P. Ziarko
Joseph B. Holland	Christopher G. Schott	
Alfonso Ippolito	Thomas M. Smith	
Kenneth H. Leising	Lee I. Spencer	
Rev. Philip D. Lembo	David E. Sturgis	

# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 1975!

Your 50th Reunion marks a very special milestone.

We are excited for your return to campus this fall!

As you look forward to your 50th Reunion weekend, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement with any questions.



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