Event Information

**Registration:**
Online Web Registration can be found here:

Early On-Site Registration will open Friday from 4:30-5:30pm although parking is limited. On-Site Registration begins officially on Saturday from 8:30-9:30am.
All lectures, tours, and sponsored events are open to registered Watauga alumni, friends, and family members. A limited number of participants may be eligible for last-minute registration.

**Gift Giving:**
Watauga has established its first student scholarship. Please consider making a gift to assist an undergraduate with demonstrated need and ability. Initial efforts to raise $2000 towards this scholarship are a program priority. Additional opportunities for support are identified online and in the event program.


**Lodging:**
A room block for the Watauga College 45th Anniversary is available through Courtyard Marriott-Boone: http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hkybn-courtyard-boone/ Reserved rooms will be released by 3/23

**Parking:**
Handicapped Reserved Parallel Parking is alongside the LLC Driveway and Pull-in Parking is behind the LLA when proceeding through the cul-de-sac. Others with limited abilities should proceed to Reserved Parking in the three adjacent parking lots off of Bodenheimer Drive within a short walking distance. Able-bodied registrants may elect to park in Stadium Lot besides Frank Hall and hike up the railroad tie staircase to the LLC. Drivers may also Drop-Off passengers at the LLC cul-de-sac and then exit to designated parking areas. Parking Attendants (Freshman Volunteers) will be available to direct and assist you 30 minutes before the start of each session/scheduled event.

**Directions:**
Maps of campus can be found online at:
https://admissions.appstate.edu/sites/admissions.appstate.edu/files/campus_map_side_2_1.pdf
The interactive map will allow you to locate the LLC here: https://maps.appstate.edu/campus-map/15
Tech Savvy individuals should download the Visit Appalachian App found in your Smart Phone App Store or text yourself a link by visiting the following: https://guidebook.com/app/appstate/guide/visitapp/
When using Google Maps, use our street address: 305 Bodenheimer Drive; Boone, NC 28608.
**Meals**
A continental breakfast featuring an assortment of fruits, baked goods, and beverages will be served during an informal Morning Meet-and-Greet.

An extensive Jumbo Potato Bar will be served for lunch on Saturday. This buffet offers dietary-friendly choices with toppings ranging from traditional to the eccentric. These sides or toppings include but are not limited to: steamed veggies, sauteed mushrooms, onions, peppers, cheese, sour cream, turkey, julienne ham, and pulled pork are available in addition to salads, soup, breads, desserts, and beverages.

Please enjoy off-campus dining in the evening as you continue to reminisce with classmates, friends, and family.
Schedule of Events

Friday, April 13th

Afternoon
4:00pm-4:30pm- Pre- Registration Opened.
Receive registration packet and name tag, favor, and identify special needs.

4:30pm-5:30pm- Walking Tour of ASU Campus - Depart from LLC Complex. Meet at the LLC Courtyard at the top of the stairs. Visit Recreation Buildings, Library, Dining Hall, and Academic Halls, total walking distance estimated 2.5 miles

Evening
7:00pm- Informal Social at the Courtyard Marriott for Watauga Alumni
Additional Class Dinner/Socials arranged individually

9:00pm- Film Screening- Friday the 13th!!! LLA 205 -Great Hall
parking is available on campus after 5pm to all; recommended lots include Greenwood, Stadium, and Bodenheimer.

Saturday, April 14th

Morning
8:30am- Registration- Receive Registration Packet and Nametag, Sign up for tours, identify special needs

9:30am- Opening Remarks with greetings from the Dean and Administrators

10:00am-11:00am- Watauga Reflections-Former Faculty and Faculty Emeritus
Bud Gerber, Master of Ceremonies. Additional Speakers: Kinney Baughman, Jay Wentworth, Nancy Wells, Marv Williamson, Mike Moore, Maggie McFadden (TBD)

11:00-12:00- Watauga Stories & Alumni Panel Discussion

12:00pm- BREAK & Live Music in the Courtyard

Afternoon
12:00pm-2:00 pm- Creative Individual Activities- Brief, 15 minute activities opened for the duration of the afternoon. Located in the LLA 2nd story Hallway

- Watauga Residential College Poster Display- View images and gain insights about current Watauga programming, infrastructure, pedagogy, co-curricular, and extra-curricular pursuits.
- Memory Quilting- Add your quote, art, wisdom statement, or signature using fabric markers and fabric squares provided. Or bring your pre-made 8”x8” square to the event and put on display. Squares will be stitched together in May and placed on display in the LLC before Final Exams.
12:30pm-1:30pm- Buffet Lunch in 205 LLA- Great Hall
Enjoy the company of old friends or acquaint with new ones as alumni and current students converge to eat. Bring your Yearbooks and photos to share! A Watauga Slide Show will conclude this event.

1:30pm- Watauga Reunion Group Photo -Everyone is invited!
Meet Outside in the Courtyard next to the LLC Stairs

2:00pm-3:00pm- Watauga Now!
Current Students speak about research, experiential education, co-curricular opportunities, etc.

3:00-4:45pm- Break Out Sessions* Requires Pre-Selection during Registration
1. Guided Campus Tours- Accompany the Ghosts of Watauga Past, Present, and Future- Visit the innards of the LLC complex. View perks and pedagogical venues. Travel by vehicle to East Dorm and old stompin’ grounds. Explore the multitude of changes across campus. Meet at the end of the LLC Quad under the Arch leading to the cul-de-sac. Cameras Recommended.
2. Outdoor Hiking- Explore trails from our back doorstep to the LLL (Living and Learning Laboratory) also called the Nature Preserve (must have average physical fitness to participate). Meet at the South end of the Grass Quad facing the recycling center. Wear shoes appropriate for walking/hiking on mud and dirt trails with roots and rocks. Bring a Water bottle if desired.
3. Dances of Universal Peace- Experience song and gentle movement during a facilitated circle gathering. Accessible to all physical abilities. Led by Akal Dev Sharonne
https://dancesofuniversalpeacena.org/ Meet in the Great Hall at 3:15pm after the floor has been cleared.
4. ASU Home Sports Events-
   a. ASU Baseball vs Ragin Cajuns of Louisiana-Beaver Field at Jim & Bettie Smith Stadium* Requires $10 adult General Admission or $5 group rate for 10 or more (pre-order only) call Elizabeth Probst in Baseball Ticket Office: (828)-262-2079
   b. ASU Softball vs Georgia State Panthers- Sywassink/Lloyd Family Stadium Free General Admission
5. Four Square- Meet outside by the LLC Dumpster for the favorite pastime of contemporary Wataugans!

Evening
5:00pm- Closing Remarks

5:15pm -5:45pm- Informal Social & 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting
Seeking 10-12 volunteers to help plan and implement the 50th Anniversary Event! Those interested, please stay for an organizational meeting in the Great Hall. Additionally, all are welcome to sit and visit longer, catch up with friends, converse with former faculty, and finish your Memory Quilt piece.
6:00pm- Alumni Social-
The Local- $$$- 179 Howard Street; Boone, NC http://www.thelocalboone.com/
Just 5 blocks from campus, The Local features creative appetizers and a diverse drink menu. The lounge offers couches, tables, and chairs for a festive social environment and specialty drinks.

Dinner and Evening Opportunities

The Local- $$$- 179 Howard Street; Boone, NC http://www.thelocalboone.com/
Dinner options include woodfired flatbread pizzas, artesian sandwiches, and more. Billiards TV, and live bands kick up the evening. For those interested in dinner together, reservation for a table or a private party are suggested by calling: (828) 266-2179 or see http://www.thelocalboone.com/reservations

Dinner Cha Da Thai- $$- 173 Howard Street; Boone, NC  http://www.chadathaiboone.com/
For a quieter location and ethnic dining experience, try the Cha Da Thai after drinks. Next door to The Local! Reservations are not required, but suggested: (828) 268-0434

CoBo- $$- 161 Howard Street; Boone, NC https://cobosushi.com/
Quality Sushi Bar in a unique dining atmosphere. Reservations required: (828) 386-1201

Cafe Portofino- $ - 970 Rivers Street; Boone, NC  http://www.cafeportofino.net/
An affordable favorite student hang out only 3 blocks from campus. Beer drinkers may enjoy the popular Tap Room while enjoying traditional American fare.

Wild Craft Eatery- $$- 506 West King Street; Boone, NC http://www.wildcrafteatery.com/
Locally & regionally sourced Meats & Veggies. Delicious Vegan, Vegetarian & Gluten Free edibles.

Lost Province - $$ - 130 N. Depot St. Boone, NC http://lostprovince.com/
Local Microbrewery and Gastropub featuring locally sourced foods, creative entrees, and wood-fired fare.

Appalachian Mountain Brewery- $$- 163 Boone Creek Drive; Boone, NC https://amb.beer/
Local Craft Beer Brewery for those with discerning taste buds.

Boonshine- $$- 246 Wilson Drive, Boone, NC http://booneshine.beer/
Microbrewery with a tasting room next to Basil’s Italian Restaurant near the Boone Mall.

Please plan to cover your own expenses and arrange for safe transportation.
45th Anniversary Gift

Please consider making a monetary contribution in honor of a faculty member, staff, or peer who made a significant impact on your Watauga experience! Honorees will be recognized on our website for the duration of the 2018-2019 school year. Additionally, donors receive a bi-annual newsletter featuring Watauga updates and current events.

Watauga is fortunate to have several Special Accounts begun with seed money from previous donors. They broadly support student research, travel, and experiential educational opportunities. When making your Anniversary Gift, the following may be earmarked for your contribution:

1. Watauga Residential College Scholarship - Newly created, this scholarship fund was conceived by current students and will be awarded to a Watauga College student based primarily on demonstrated need and, secondarily, on merit.
2. OK Webb Fund - This fund supports student and faculty pursuing interdisciplinary programming in Watauga College
3. McFarlane Family International Travel and Research- This endowment provides stipends for Watauga students to study abroad
4. McFarlane Family Distinguished Professorship for Interdisciplinary Education- This endowment supports one Watauga Professor during a three-year term.
5. Derek J. Stanovsky Social Justice Fund- This new account provides funding for students who as they work on social justice projects or research related to social justice. Named in honor of Derek Stanovsky, a former Watauga faculty member, who died unexpectedly in fall 2017.

Donors may choose to be identified or gifts may be given anonymously. You may also share a check [payable to ASU] at the registration table.

Use the “Give Now” link on the Watauga Homepage or visit:

Other arrangements for large gifts, endowments, or contributions may be made in consultation with the Director- Dr. Clark Maddux- madduxhc@appstate.edu

45th Anniversary Planning Committee
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