

MAY 13-17  
2026

Reunion

## OUR MISSION THEIR FUTURE

**W**e are excited to invite alumnae in classes ending in 1 and 6 home to Spelman for Reunion 2026. This newsletter will provide you with the necessary information to make your plans to attend. This will be a perfect time to remember, reconnect, and rejoice with your Spelman sisters.

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# Welcome

**R**eunion serves to encourage alumnae to reunite with classmates and college friends, demonstrate support for the College, and conduct class meetings and activities. From the Reunion Convocation to the True Blue Gala, there are numerous ways to enjoy your Spelman sisters.



## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT REUNION?

For more information on Reunion 2026, send us a message or call:

**SPELMAN COLLEGE**  
Office of Alumnae Engagement  
350 Spelman Lane, SW  
Box 304  
Atlanta, GA 30314

[www.spelman.edu/reunion](http://www.spelman.edu/reunion)  
[reunion@spelman.edu](mailto:reunion@spelman.edu)

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## ★ REUNION REGISTRATION INFORMATION ★

Online registration is open. Please visit [www.spelman.edu/reunion](http://www.spelman.edu/reunion).

### ROOKIE RELIEF (C'2021)

\$400 until 4/1/26 or until capacity is reached.

### JEWEL REGISTRATION (C'41-C'56)

Complimentary for Class of 1956 and earlier. Call 404.270.5048 to register.

### GOLDEN GIRL REGISTRATION (C'76)

\$475 until 4/1/26 or until capacity is reached.

### REUNION REGISTRATION

\$450 until 4/1/26 or until capacity is reached.

### COMPANION REGISTRATION

\$300 — This registration is for one (1) guest of a reunitioner who requires mobility or other ADA assistance for Reunion 2026 college-sponsored events only. To access this registration, please call (404) 270-5048.

#### INCLUDES:

- Personalized Name Badge with Keepsake Lanyard

- Signature Souvenir
- Reunion Lapel Pin
- Transportation between GICC, Spelman, and Host Hotel
- Sisterhood Brunch/Convocation\*
- Blue Box Lunch\*
- True Blue Gala\* (formerly known as Blue Note Banquet)
- True Blue Gala Souvenir (must be present to receive)
- Golden Girl Tea (C'76 only)
- Golden Girl Signature Gifts (C'76 only)
- Golden Girl True Blue Gala Reception (C'76 only)

### TRUE BLUE GALA GUEST TICKETS\*

- \$150 (per guest) This ticket can be purchased for non reunitioning alumnae, family and friends. You must be 18 years or older to attend the gala.
- Due to the increased number of reunitioners wanting to register, a limited number of gala tickets will be made available after the registration closing deadline. Priority will be given to our Class of 1976 Golden Girls and Diamonds Daughters. More information is forthcoming.

\* BADGE OR GUEST TICKET REQUIRED FOR ENTRY



## ★ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★

WED

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- Early Check-in
- Sisterhood Networking Suite
- Blutique

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### THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Check-in
- Sisterhood Brunch
- Reunion Convocation
- Vendors Market
- Arts, Music, and Literature Showcase
- Blutique

FRI

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

- Check-in
- Vendors Market
- Blue Box Lunch
- Class Photo
- Class Meetings
- March Through the Alumnae Arch
- Golden Girl Tea (C'76 only)

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### SATURDAY, MAY 16

- Class Activities
- Baccalaureate\*
- True Blue Gala

SUN

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

- Commencement Viewing\*

\* Limited in-person viewing may be accessible for alumnae in order of seniority by Diamond Daughters, Golden Girls (C'76), and Registered Reunioners. More details regarding Commencement 2026 will be shared at a later date.

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All events on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday will take place at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC). Friday's events will take place on campus.

## PRESERVING THE SPELMAN LEGACY TOGETHER

**Y**our gift helps to preserve the Spelman experience and provides campus resources to enable our students to enhance and complete their education. Global experiences, stellar faculty, and unique academic programming all make the Spelman experience unmatched. Through blended giving—combining your annual gift with a future planned gift—you can maximize your impact and help the College’s ability to keep our students ascending.

GIFT TYPE	DEFINITION
OUTRIGHT GIFT	A gift made to Spelman directly from an alumna in the form of cash, personal check or credit card.
RECURRING GIFT	A gift made to Spelman via automatic deduction from a credit or debit card on a monthly or annual basis.
MATCHING GIFT	A charitable gift made by a corporation which matches the gift of their employee to Spelman. The College must have proper documentation to record the matching gift.
SOFT CREDIT GIFT	Examples of soft credit gifts include matching gifts, from donor advised funds or family foundations, or an alumna giving through her own company.
PLEDGE	A documented promise to contribute a designated amount over a set timeframe. All pledge payments must conclude before your next reunion.
PLANNED GIFT	A documented gift to Spelman using a planned giving vehicle such as bequest intentions, insurance policies, etc.

### ARE YOU ALREADY MAKING ANNUAL GIFTS TO SPELMAN?

Consider adding a planned gift to your outright gifts of cash this year. Blended gifts are gifts that help you see the impact of your giving today and continue to sustain Spelman’s mission into the future.

### BENEFITS OF BLENDED GIVING:

- Increase the impact of your giving
- Preserve wealth for you and your family
- Enjoy greater tax savings
- See the results of your giving today, with a plan for tomorrow



## WAYS TO GIVE

### Gifts Online

[Spelman.edu/giving](https://Spelman.edu/giving)

### Gifts by Phone

Call 404.270.6410 Monday-Friday between 9 am - 5 pm ET.

### Gifts by Mail

Using the enclosed envelope, send your check or money order to the following address:

### SPELMAN COLLEGE

Office of Annual Giving  
350 Spelman Lane, SW  
Box 1551  
Atlanta, GA 30314-4399  
[spelmanstrong@spelman.edu](mailto:spelmanstrong@spelman.edu)

### Office Contact

Aaron J. Blake  
Assistant Director of Annual Giving

## FUNDRAISING

Reunion 2026 signifies the return of time-honored traditions where alumnae gather to REMEMBER, RECONNECT, AND REUNITE about their unforgettable experiences on the campus of Spelman College. In commemorating these milestones, we ask alumnae to show their love for Spelman by continuing to further our mission because our students are our future.

Regardless of the amount, **your gifts tremendously impact the students we serve and their choice to change the world.** Contributions to **Spelman Strong** bridge the financial gap between tuition and actual costs for a student to attend Spelman. Make your donation today in honor of your upcoming reunion. Your gift could be the one to help your class win one of the coveted Reunion Philanthropy Awards.

The winners of the following Philanthropy Award Categories will be announced during the True Blue Gala.

### Reunion 2026 Philanthropy Award Categories:

**Every Woman, Every Year Award** goes to the top 3 classes with the highest average participation of alumnae who made outright gifts to Spelman College between July 1, 2021- May 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. ET.

**Beacons of Excellence Award** will be given to the top 3 classes with the largest total amount donated between July 1, 2021- May 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. ET.

**Through the Arch Award** will be given to the class with the largest total dollars raised between July 1, 2025- May 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. ET.

**Supreme in Sisterhood Award** will recognize the class with the highest percentage of alumnae who made outright gifts to Spelman between July 1, 2025- May 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. ET.

Awards will be announced at the True Blue Gala on May 16, 2026. Visit [www.spelman.edu/giving](http://www.spelman.edu/giving) for more details or contact: **Aaron J. Blake, Assistant Director of Annual Giving**, [aaronblake@spelman.edu](mailto:aaronblake@spelman.edu) or

(404) 542-2048.

**Planned Gifts** are documented gifts to Spelman using planned giving vehicles such as your will, trust, retirement assets, life insurance, gift annuities, etc. Once a planned gift is documented, the donor will become a member of the Guardian Society.

For your Planned Gift to count towards your Reunion 2026 Class Gift, alumnae must be 65 years or older and the estate/planned gifts must have been made between July 1, 2021, and Friday, May 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Documentation must be received to the Office of Individual Giving no later than May 1, 2026.

**For more information, contact:**  
**Nicole Randle, Director of Individual Giving,**  
[nicolerandle@spelman.edu](mailto:nicolerandle@spelman.edu) or call 770.883.5176.

## REUNION GIVING FAQs

### HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE FOR MY CLASS GIFT?

Your class Reunion Committee included a Class Letter with this newsletter. In this letter, they may have articulated a class giving goal. We encourage alumnae to make meaningful and thoughtful contributions to the College based on their individual capacity.

### HOW WILL MY REUNION GIFT BE COUNTED?

All gifts to Spelman College, regardless of designation, are counted in your reunion class gift for the current fiscal year. You may designate your gift to an existing scholarship fund, program, or to the annual fund Spelman Strong.

### CAN I SUPPORT SPELMAN THROUGH A MATCHING GIFT FROM MY EMPLOYER?

Yes! Employee matches can double or even triple the impact of your reunion contribution. When you make your gift, notify your employer of your contribution to begin the match process. All match funds must be received or documented by the College by Friday, May 1, 2026 at 2pm ET. in order to count for the Reunion Philanthropy Awards. You may contact The Office of Annual Giving at [spelmanstrong@spelman.edu](mailto:spelmanstrong@spelman.edu) for more information about employee match contributions or visit [www.spelman.edu/giving/ways-to-give.html](http://www.spelman.edu/giving/ways-to-give.html) to find out if your company has a matching program.

### HOW CAN I CREATE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPELMAN STUDENTS?

There are specific criteria that an individual or group must meet to establish an annual or endowed scholarship. To create a scholarship, please contact **Paulette Myers-Ervin, Leadership Gift Officer**, [pmyerser@spelman.edu](mailto:pmyerser@spelman.edu) or call 404.270.6421.

### HOW DO I GET A TRUE BLUE NECKLACE?

True Blue necklaces are awarded to alumnae with 5 years or more of consecutive outright giving to the College. The distribution of necklaces occurs each year based on the previous fiscal year giving. If you have any questions, please send inquiries to **Lakesha K. Jones, J.D., C'2016, Associate Director of Stewardship** at [lakesha.jones@spelman.edu](mailto:lakesha.jones@spelman.edu).

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1976

1981

1986

1991

## THE WHITE DRESS TRADITION



**T**he White Dress Tradition establishes a uniform appearance among those present and denotes the significance of the occasion or event. In the spirit of this tradition, it is required that alumnae wear this attire for the March Through the Alumnae Arch held during Reunion.



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!**

## ★★★ FAQs

**WHICH CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED TO REUNION IN 2026** All of the alumnae classes ending in the numbers 1/6 are invited to celebrate Reunion. Hence, the following classes will celebrate Reunion this year: **1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021**

**HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR REUNION EVENTS?** You may register online at **[www.spelman.edu/reunion](http://www.spelman.edu/reunion)**. Additionally, you may complete the printed registration form on page 7 and use the enclosed return envelope to submit your form and payment. (Please submit payment by check or money order; cash cannot be accepted.)

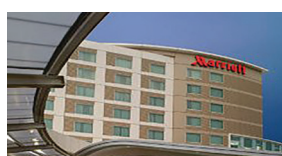
**CAN I GET A COMMENCEMENT TICKET?** Plans for commencement have not been finalized as of the printing of this newsletter. Please check the College website for updates: **<https://www.spelman.edu/commencement/index.html>**.

**WHERE CAN I PURCHASE SPELMAN PARAPHERNALIA?** Paraphernalia can be purchased through the online Spelman College Bookstore link and on campus.

**WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE TRUE BLUE GALA?** The True Blue Gala is a grand affair that includes the Golden Girl Class of 1976 presentation, Donor Recognition, Reunion Class Gift Presentations, and entertainment.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

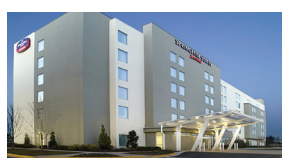
Reservation link for Marriott, Renaissance, and Springhill Suites Hotels: **<https://www.spelman.edu/alumnae/reunion/accommodations.html>**



**PRIMARY HOST HOTEL: ATLANTA AIRPORT MARRIOTT GATEWAY**  
2020 Convention Center Concourse  
Atlanta, GA 30337  
1-888-239-1203 or 404-763-1544  
Host Hotel for Spelman College Reunion, group rate is \$199/night\*.  
Available dates: May 13-17, 2026



**RENAISSANCE ATLANTA AIRPORT GATEWAY**  
2081 Convention Center Concourse  
Atlanta, GA 30337  
470-306-0100  
Spelman College Reunion group rate is \$199/night\*.  
Available dates: May 13-17, 2026



**SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT ATLANTA AIRPORT GATEWAY**  
2091 Convention Center Concourse  
Atlanta, GA 30337  
770-907-8880  
Spelman College Reunion group rate is \$199/night\*.  
Available dates: May 13-17, 2026

## REUNION 2026 REGISTRATION FEES

You can register online at [www.spelman.edu/reunion](http://www.spelman.edu/reunion) beginning November 1, 2025, or fill out the form below and include in the enclosed envelope or mail to: Spelman College, Office of Alumnae Engagement, 350 Spelman Lane SW, Box 304, Atlanta, GA 30314.

**Closing date for ALL packages is April 1, 2026.**

**Please circle your selection(s):**

- Reunion Registration (\$450) | Golden Girl-C'76 (\$475) | Rookie Relief-C'2021 (\$400) | Companion Registration (\$300)

**FIRST NAME FOR BADGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please be advised: The name written here will be your first name in bold on the top line with your full name below.)*

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED CLASS YEAR: (IF NOT GRAD YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

- ☐ No Nuts
- ☐ No Shellfish
- ☐ No Fish
- ☐ No Chocolate
- ☐ No Pork
- ☐ No Beef
- ☐ Vegan
- ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- ☐ I understand that this registration is non-refundable. Packages are transferable no later than April 22, 2026.

### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Do you have any hearing or visual impairments that Spelman needs to accommodate for this event?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

**Questions?** Email us at

[reunion@spelman.edu](mailto:reunion@spelman.edu) or leave a message at (404) 270-5064.

### PAYMENT METHOD

#### CHECK

A check or money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, made payable to Spelman College. (Please include in the memo section "Reunion Registration Fees" and a home phone number on all checks or money orders. **Please include a separate check for your class gift.**

#### CREDIT CARD

Please record the best number to call you to complete your credit card payment or you can call us at 404.270.5048 to make your registration payment.

### TRUE BLUE GALA GUEST TICKET REGISTRATION

Purchase of True Blue Gala Guest Tickets will be made available after the close of Reunion 2026 registration on April 1, 2026. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase and will be sold in the following order:

- Golden Girls (C'76): up to three (3) guests
- Diamond Daughters (C'41 - C'71): one (1) guest
- Based on availability, remaining reunioners: up to one (1) guest ticket on April 13, 2026.





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# WAYS TO GIVE

## GIFTS ONLINE

[www.spelman.edu/giving](http://www.spelman.edu/giving)

## GIFTS BY PHONE

Call 404.270.6410 Monday-Friday between 9 am - 5 pm ET.

## GIFTS BY MAIL

Please mail your contributions to arrive at Spelman ahead of the reunion giving deadline of May 15, 2026, by 2 pm ET. Using the enclosed envelope, send your check or money order to the following address:

Spelman College  
Division of Institutional Advancement  
350 Spelman Lane SW, Box 1551  
Atlanta, GA 30314-4399

## REUNION 2026 CLASS GIFT

Making a gift is quick and easy through our new platform, GiveCampus. Scan the QR code with your phone to get started, or visit [Spelman.edu/giving](http://Spelman.edu/giving) to make your gift online.



**Make Your Class Gift Today!**

### Because of you, we remain Spelman Strong.

Every contribution—no matter the size—makes a meaningful impact on our beloved Spelman. Thank you for helping us continue our tradition of excellence and sisterhood.

**Join us in making this Reunion** unforgettable by submitting your class gift before the deadline — May 15, 2026, at 2 PM EST. Every gift, whether directed to Spelman Strong or another area you're passionate about, strengthens our shared legacy and boosts your class's standing in the Reunion Philanthropy Awards.

Please complete the form below and include it with your gift, then mail to:

Spelman College  
Office of Annual Giving  
350 Spelman Lane SW, Box 1551  
Atlanta, GA 30314-4399  
Email: [spelmanstrong@spelman.edu](mailto:spelmanstrong@spelman.edu)

### For mailed donations:

A check or money order in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed and made payable to Spelman College. In the memo section, please include your designation and class year on all checks or money orders.

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED CLASS YEAR: (IF NOT GRAD YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_