



WISCONSIN ACADEMY

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Dear W.A. Alumni,

Happy New Year! It is our prayer that as we begin 2023, that we can embrace the humbleness of Jesus as an example for us. We pray that everyone was surrounded with family and loved ones during the holiday season and that the new year will bring family and loved ones closer.

We have been planning for Alumni Weekend and wanted to give some highlights of what the Alumni Association officers along with the W.A. Administration have been discussing.

First and foremost are the dates: April 14 – 16, 2023.

Secondly, we wanted to introduce the 2022-2024 Alumni Association Board of Directors:

Lamont Taylor (1986), President
Deanna (Hanson) Watts (1985) Secretary
Maritza Sarmina, W.A. Development Director

Enrique Serna III (2009) Vice President
Sandy (Nelson) Berg (1976) Board Member
Teresa (Bigford) Fitzgerald (1973) Board Member
TBD () Board Member

There are several ways we are trying to keep all alumni informed – newsletters sent from the W.A. Principal and/or Development Director; the Alumni link on W.A. website (www.wisacad.org); and Facebook group Wisconsin Academy Alumni and has the W.A. logo. If you haven't joined the Facebook group or bookmarked the W.A. website with Alumni link, please take time to do that now. And invite other W.A. Alumni so that this platform can help keep as many W.A. alumni connected as possible.

For Alumni Weekend 2023, the honor classes will be:

1953 — 70th reunion 1963 — 60th reunion 1973 — 50th reunion 1983 — 40th reunion
1993 — 30th reunion 1998 — 25th reunion 2003 — 20th reunion 2013 — 10th reunion

We are working with class representatives to coordinate all the weekend events including Sabbath reunion supper locations and festivities. The webpage and Facebook pages will be updated as soon as all the coordinators have been reached. All that info will also be in the next newsletter mailed the beginning of February. Some coordinators may have already reached out to their classmates, so watch for other communications from them also.

As always, there will be the annual basketball games following sundown – ladies' game will be played first and then the men's game to finish the Saturday night time-honored event.

NEW for this upcoming Alumni Weekend is a Career Day during school hours on Friday, April 14. We want the current students and especially the seniors that will be joining our Association upon their graduation in May, to see what career paths W.A. alumni have chosen. We want to show the wide variety of careers that our talented W.A. alumni are in and inspire these current students that they can attain so many options and still serve the Lord in any capacity in life. So, if you have a desire to highlight your career path, whether it took you to college, trade school, apprenticeship, or the mission field or other, please reach out to our W.A. Development Director, Maritza Sarmina as she will be helping our Alumni President, Lamont Taylor coordinate this fantastic opportunity! Call or email maritza.sarmina@wisacad.org or 920-626-4022 or Ltaylor@ilcsda.org or 847-890-2749.

We will once again be having our Sabbath afternoon music program that we invite all alumni to praise the Lord with their God-given musical talents. Please reach out to the W.A. Music Director, Davina Fingerson with your musical selection and/or recording to apply for a spot on the Sabbath afternoon program by March 10. Email is davina.fingerson@wisacad.org and phone is 920-626-4122. There will also be a link on the Alumni Association link from the W.A. website for easy submission as well.

We are looking for nominations for The Alumnus of the Year honor. The criteria for this honor is an alumnus who exemplifies the W.A. motto: Fit to Serve/In His Spirit. Nominees should have a loyalty to Christ and Christian education; supportive to Wisconsin Academy; their home SDA church and/or worldwide SDA church through spiritually, their service, and philanthropically.

The Educator of the Year is also a nomination process with a deadline of January 31, 2023. The criteria for this honor is: past or current staff/faculty at Wisconsin Academy that has devoted their talents to our Seventh-Day Adventist education and Christ.

Both submissions can be done online on the Alumni Association link from the W.A. website or you can email your submission to maritza.sarmina@wisacad.org or call the Development office at 920-626-4022. **Please include a paragraph of how your nomination meets each criteria.**

There are several hotels in the area that we have arranged discounted group rates for Wisconsin Academy Alumni. The Holiday Inn Express in Beaver Dam 920-392-7900 and the Super 8 in Sun Prairie 608-837-8889. You may call either hotel directly to make reservations or there will be easy online links on the Alumni website soon. There are rooms being held for reservations for the class of 1973 at Boarders Inn in Columbus. Class of 1973, please reach out to your class coordinators for further instructions.

The academy makes every effort possible to keep addresses updated. We'd like to start an email database too, so if you'd like to update your email address with any mailing address or phone updated contact info, it would be greatly appreciated. Call or email the Development Office maritza.sarmina@wisacad.org or 920-626-4022.

Alumni Weekend isn't possible without the support of our Association members. From the newsletter mailings, to the program printing, to the stage décor, to the food order, to the basketball referees – all have a financial cost to make the weekend a success. Please prayerfully consider a monetary donation specifically for Alumni Weekend. You may use the enclosed envelope with a check or donate online using the link on the W.A. website www.wisacad.org that is at the top of the page.

We look forward to another glorious Alumni Weekend!

May God bless You and Your Families,

Ken Smith
Principal

Maritza Sarmina
Development Director

Lamont Taylor
Alumni Association President