

**Cavalier Celebration 2022**  
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## **Cavalier Celebration**

### **September 23 - 26**

**Class Reunion Coordinator Guide.** Thank you for serving as coordinator for your class reunion during Cavalier Celebration, Mount de Sales Academy's official alumni weekend. While the focal point of the weekend is five-year interval class reunion activities, we also provide opportunities to experience the current campus life and connect with alumni in other classes.

This year, classes ending in 2 and 7 will celebrate reunions.

**Special Note Regarding Safety.** We respect the fact that everyone will have a different comfort level regarding group activities as we (hopefully) emerge from the pandemic. We have planned group events on campus as outside activities. We encourage you to plan your reunion based on the comfort level of the majority of your class. We also encourage you to follow state and local guidelines at the time to protect the health of all guests.

**Alumni Awards.** Alumni awards will be presented this year and awarded every-other year thereafter. We will take nominations this year until May 1.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Friday, September 23, 7:30PM: Homecoming Game**

*Bring the entire family to cheer on the Cavs. Alumni families have free admission to the game and can enjoy family-friendly alumni activities and refreshments at the pavilion throughout the game. Alumni award winners and Sports Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced before the game.*

#### **Saturday, September 24, 5PM-7PM: All-Class Happy Hour & Campus Tours**

*Reconnect with friends from other classes and MDS faculty while enjoying live music and cocktails at this outdoor event.*

#### **Saturday, September 24: Evening Class Reunions**

*Individual class reunions are planned by class agents and may be virtual or in-person.*

#### **Sunday, September 25: Enjoy Macon**

*Downtown Macon is better than ever! We'll recommend shops, eateries, and events to enjoy the long weekend.*

#### **Monday, September 26: Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament**

*Tee off at Barrington Hall and raise money for Cavalier athletics. Reservations required.*

## Possible Reunion Party Locations (\*Designated Event Space)

### North Macon

Bonefish Grill, [www.bonefishgrill.com](http://www.bonefishgrill.com) , 478-477-5256  
Wild Wing Café, [www.wildwingcafe.com](http://www.wildwingcafe.com), 478-477-9453  
Margaritas (Bowman Road), [www.margaritasmexicangrill.com](http://www.margaritasmexicangrill.com), 478-477-8833  
Natalia's, [www.natalias.net](http://www.natalias.net), 478-741-1380  
\*Mellow Mushroom, [www.mellowmushroom.com](http://www.mellowmushroom.com), (478) 254-6789  
\*Fountain of Juice, [www.fountainofjuice.it/](http://www.fountainofjuice.it/) (478) 755-5000  
Christian's [christiansmacon.com](http://christiansmacon.com) (478) 238-6300

### Downtown

\*Downtown Grill, [www.macondowntowngrill.com](http://www.macondowntowngrill.com), 478-742-5999  
Bearfoot Tavern (Sports Bar), [www.hotplatesrestaurantgroup.com](http://www.hotplatesrestaurantgroup.com), 478-743-4645  
The Rookery, [www.rookerymacon.com](http://www.rookerymacon.com) , 478-746-8658  
Dovetail (above Rookery), [www.dovetailmacon.com](http://www.dovetailmacon.com)  
The Hummingbird, [www.hummingbirdmacon.com](http://www.hummingbirdmacon.com) , 478 741-9130  
The Crazy Bull, <https://www.facebook.com/thecrazybullga>  
\*Hargray Capitol Theatre, [www.hargraycapitoltheatre.com](http://www.hargraycapitoltheatre.com), (478) 257-6391  
\*Just Tap'd, [www.justtapd.com](http://www.justtapd.com), (478) 599-9951  
The Brick, [www.thebrick93.com](http://www.thebrick93.com), (478) 254-3632  
Michael's on Mulberry, [www.betweenbreadcafe.com](http://www.betweenbreadcafe.com) (478) 743-3997  
Macon Beer Company, [www.maconbeer.com/](http://www.maconbeer.com/) (478) 200-1199  
Piedmont Brewery & Kitchen, [www.piedmontbrewery.com/](http://www.piedmontbrewery.com/) (478) 254-2337  
Ocmulgee Brew Pub, [www.ocmulgeebrewpub.com/](http://www.ocmulgeebrewpub.com/) (478) 254-2848  
\*Emerson Ballroom, [www.emersonballroom.com/](http://www.emersonballroom.com/) (478) 957-0005  
\*Taste & See Coffee Shop, [www.tasteandseecoffee.com/](http://www.tasteandseecoffee.com/) (478) 238-5191  
\*Fall Line Brewing Co. [www.falllinebrewingco.com](http://www.falllinebrewingco.com) (478) 200-1957  
\*Kinjo [prscprnhmjs3tr](http://prscprnhmjs3tr) (478) 219-9944  
\*Yollah [~toqfmr fhts3tr](http://~toqfmr fhts3tr) (478) 259-4251  
\*Lofte [www.loftega.com](http://www.loftega.com) (478) 845-0006  
\*The Wheelhouse rooftop bar at Kudzu Seafood [kudzuseafood.com/](http://kudzuseafood.com/) 478-292-2085  
\*Hotel 45 [www.hotel45](http://www.hotel45) (855) 840-9141

### Ingleside

\*Society Garden [www.thesocietygarden.com](http://www.thesocietygarden.com) (478) 292-8369  
Ingleside Pizza, [www.inglesidevillagepizza.com](http://www.inglesidevillagepizza.com), 478-750-8488  
The Back Burner, [www.backburnermacon.com](http://www.backburnermacon.com) ,478-746-3336

### Mercer Village

Margarita's, [www.margaritasmexicangrill.com](http://www.margaritasmexicangrill.com) , 478-254-7707  
JAG's Pizzeria & Pub, [www.jagspizzeria.com/](http://www.jagspizzeria.com/) (478) 743-4113  
Amici Pizzeria [www.amici-cafe.com](http://www.amici-cafe.com) (478) 336-5999

### Lake Tobosofkee

Fish N'Pig, [www.fishnpig.com](http://www.fishnpig.com), (478) 476-8837

## **Party Planning Tips**

The individual class coordinators are independent of the Mount de Sales Office of Institutional Advancement and do all the work in organizing and planning their event. MDS advancement staff members provide administrative assistance, mail reunion invitations, and accept reunion payments by individual class members. We also provide special gifts to classes celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> reunions.

There are many aspects of planning which will ensure the success of your event. For example, two of the most important things to do are to keep the cost low and generate excitement about the event. In addition, a cash bar and requiring registration payments prior to the event are two best practices that all committees should implement.

Choosing the venue will take the most time. Event spaces book up early and may have limited capacity this year, so make your decisions about location as soon as possible. The ultimate cost saver is to hold the event at the home or business of a local classmate.

### **Examples of Class Activities:**

Dinner at a local restaurant  
Dinner at the home of a class member  
Dinner/Dance  
Picnic or Cook Out

Some classes choose to have a program at their events; others simply enjoy the company of classmates.

### **Program Ideas**

Welcome Address  
Introduction of guests/speakers  
Benediction  
Skits  
Door prizes  
Slides or movies from school days  
Reading of messages from teachers/classmates who could not attend

### **Presentation of humorous awards such as:**

Newest bride/groom	Most spirited
Most recent parent	Classmate with the most hair
Best athlete	Classmate who traveled the farthest
First to retire	Classmate who changed the most/least

### **Registration Table:**

You will want to have a table to check guests in where they can update contact information and pick up a nametag. In addition, you may want to set-up a nostalgia table with old yearbooks, invitations, uniforms photos, etc.

## **Class Giving**

MDS has a wonderful legacy of generosity, and each class benefitted from donations made by other alumni and friends of the school. We encourage classes to use their reunion year as a time to make a special gift back to the school they love so as to enhance the educational experience of our current Cavaliers.

Advancement staff can work with classes to choose a project that is of particular interest or honors/memorializes a former teacher or classmate. There are opportunities to name classrooms and areas of the athletic complex and field house. We also provide donation options that are available to each classmate when they register for the reunion including:

- **Alumni Scholarship Fund**

*Each year, an outstanding senior is selected to receive a \$500-\$1,000 scholarship to help with college tuition or expenses.*

- **150<sup>th</sup> Alumni Archives Project**

*In celebration of MDS' sesquicentennial anniversary in 2026, we are planning a permanent display throughout the school of our extensive archival collection. Funds are needed for display cases, archival expertise, and exhibit design.*

- **Spirit of Mercy Annual Fund**

*Gifts to this fund are deployed where needed most to enhance the programs, technology, and facilities used by every student.*

- **Trees at Cavalier Fields**

*At the initiation of an alumnus of the class of 1981, we created a master plan to add trees to Cavalier Fields. Trees can be purchased and installed for between \$350-\$750 and can include a plaque recognizing the class.*

## Timeline/Dates to Remember

### Jan-March

Identify class coordinators and choose point of contact

Coordinators review planning resources available on [MDS Reunion Planning web page](#):

Coordinators update contact information for classmates on the class list, which will be made available through Google Docs and a link sent by email

Point of contact emails classmates with dates for Homecoming/Cavalier Celebration and to share initial plans or determine any preferences for the reunion party

### April

MDS mails Save the Date postcard to reunion classes (only includes general information about the weekend)

### May

Coordinators decide reunion party plans and work with Advancement staff to explore special class gift if desired

Point of contact emails updates to classmates

### \*July 1

Point of contact confirms reunion party plans with MDS staff via google form linked on the [MDS Reunion Planning web page](#) (this must be received in order for class invitations to be mailed)

### July 15-31

MDS mails class invitations

### July – September

Coordinators complete reunion party logistics and informs classmates of changes/details

Organizers encourage classmates to register for the event online and contribute to the class gift

### September 10

Online registration for parties closes. Organizers can decide whether to accept registrations/payments at the door

### September 15

MDS staff confirms all event plans, registrations, and gifts with coordinators; provides check to coordinator covering amount of registrations

### September 23-26

#### Cavalier Celebration

During or after the event, please post pictures and tag us on social media using [#mdscavcelebration2022](#)

## Online Resources

- Mount de Sales Academy Homepage  
[www.mountdesales.net](http://www.mountdesales.net)
- Cavalier Celebration Homepage  
[www.mountdesales.net/alumni/cavalier-celebration/](http://www.mountdesales.net/alumni/cavalier-celebration/)
- Alumni Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/MDSAlumniGA/>
- Mount de Sales Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/MDSMaconGA](http://www.facebook.com/MDSMaconGA)
- LinkedIn  
[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) (Group: Mount de Sales Alumni)
- Twitter  
<https://twitter.com/MDSCavaliers>
- Online Giving  
[www.mdsgives.net](http://www.mdsgives.net)

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