

# Class of 1976 Golden Reunion

## Legacy Gift Information for Classmates

1776 ★ 1976 ★ 2026

**OTTERBEIN**   
**CLASS OF 1976** 

★ **50TH GOLDEN REUNION** ★  
A LEGACY WORTH DECLARING

### 1776 to 2026: A Legacy Worth Declaring

In 1976, our class graduated during America's Bicentennial — a moment defined by courage, community, and belief in the future. Fifty years later, as the nation marks 250 years, we stand by Otterbein, to declare our legacy.

*In 1776, a bold declaration changed a nation.*

*In 1976, we stepped into the world, as we were shaped by Otterbein to forge our path.*

*In 2026, we honor both—by investing in the students who will define what comes next.*

This campaign celebrates:

- 50 years since our graduation
- 250 years of American independence
- The enduring power of education to shape leaders, citizens, and communities

The Class of 1976 Golden Reunion Committee has chosen the **Otterbein READY Program** to receive the class legacy gift support. Our goal is to raise \$76,000 to support this innovative, important new initiative for Otterbein students. Learn more about the giving levels below and the Otterbein READY Program at [www.otterbein.edu/READY](http://www.otterbein.edu/READY). All gifts received through December 31, 2026 – regardless of their designation or purpose – count towards the total Class Legacy Gift.

### Class of 1976 Legacy Gift “Declaration” Levels:

Gifts totaling \$2,000 or more can be pledged and fulfilled over several months or up to three years.

- **\$5,000+ — The Founders Circle**  
For those who lead boldly and want to help shape Otterbein's future. You will be recognized in the reunion materials, in a special Golden 50th Reunion proclamation, and receive a thank-you from Otterbein's leadership.
- **\$2,027–\$4,999 — The Liberty Bell Level**  
Coming together to invest in the common good. You will be recognized in the reunion materials and in a special Golden 50th Reunion proclamation.
- **\$1,776 – \$2,026 — The Declaration Gift Level \*Signature Class Giving Amount!**  
Honoring the year that changed everything! You will be recognized in a special Golden 50th Reunion proclamation.
- **\$1,000–\$1,775 — The Bicentennial Level**  
Celebrating our graduation year and shared journey.
- **\$100–\$999 — The Golden Level**  
Standing up for Otterbein's future.

### To support the class gift, you can:

Return the gift pledge form from the first reunion mailing you receive, or download the pledge form from our Class Reunion webpage at [www.otterbein.edu/1976](http://www.otterbein.edu/1976).

Visit [www.otterbein.edu/give](http://www.otterbein.edu/give) and choose the Class of 1976 Gift in the “Designation” field.

Individuals who have reached age 73 can make a gift from their traditional IRAs and in doing so may reduce their taxable income. Contact your IRA administrator for more information or to request a transfer. Contact Kathleen Bonte (614-823-1400; [kbonte@otterbein.edu](mailto:kbonte@otterbein.edu)), to alert her to any forthcoming stock transfers or IRA distributions.

Please let the University know of any intentions to remember Otterbein in your estate plan. If you have any questions about donating or would like to donate over the phone, please contact the Philanthropy Office at 614-823-1400.