



## **Reunion 2024 Schedule of Events**

*Please note that all events, with the exception of milestone class dinners, will be taking place on or surrounding the VLGS campus in South Royalton, Vermont.*

### **Friday, June 28:**

**9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

#### **Golf Outing**

Join other alumni for 18 holes at Montague Golf Club in Randolph, Vermont! A shared golf cart and lunch are included in the cost. Open for play since 1913, the Montague Golf Club is the second oldest operating golf course in Vermont. It is a beautiful, 6,300-yard links golf course with many holes fronting on the Third Branch of the White River. Montague's front nine is lined by maple and pine trees. The back nine is more of an open links-style, with rolling fairways and sloping land lined with tall heather grasses.

**11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

#### **Wellness CLE**

The Honorable Bill Cohen JD'84, associate justice for the State of Vermont, and Nancy Stone, MS, LCMHC, VLGS's mental health clinician, will present a continuing legal education (CLE) class as part of our Lifelong Learning Day. This event will fulfill Vermont's wellness CLE requirement. For those who live outside of Vermont, you may work with your own jurisdiction to apply for wellness CLE credit. Please note that all alumni, not just those who are seeking CLE hours, are welcome to attend.

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

#### **Diversity and Inclusion CLE**

Join Tracey Lewis JD'09 and Lindi von Mutius JD'08 for a CLE class as part of our Lifelong Learning Day. This event will feature a discussion on navigating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) transitions and hiring practices to foster a more inclusive environmental movement. The discussion will address the

spectrum of organizations, from small nonprofits to large universities and global NGOs, and explore strategies for promoting DEI within each context. This session will fulfill Vermont's diversity and inclusion CLE requirement. For those residing outside of Vermont, please consult with your jurisdiction to apply for CLE credit. Please note that while this event is geared toward meeting CLE requirements, all alumni are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion on this important topic.

**1:45 to 2:45 p.m.**

### **General CLE**

Join other Swans for an enlightening CLE course featuring Lou Helmuth JD'84, former deputy director of Our Children's Trust. Lou will delve into the science-based climate litigation campaign of Our Children's Trust, including the groundbreaking ruling in *Held v. State of Montana* which secured a historic victory in 2023 for 16 youth plaintiffs, and the multiple other federal, state, and global youth climate cases now pending that build on that win for youth and our climate system. This event is eligible for Vermont CLE credit, and attendees residing outside Vermont can pursue credit through their respective jurisdictions. All alumni, regardless of CLE requirements, are warmly invited to participate and engage in this insightful session.

**2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

### **Professor Kevin Jones Tribute | IEE Open House**

Stop by the Institute for Energy and the Environment (IEE) in Eaton house to connect with faculty and students and catch up on the institute's latest initiatives carrying on the legacy of Professor Kevin B. Jones, PhD.

**3 to 3:30 p.m.**

### **Campus Tour**

Do you want to check out what's going on around the VLGS campus? Find out what's changed and what's stayed the same as our admissions team takes you on a tour.

**3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

### **Social Justice Mission Scholars Swan Talk**

Hear from the 2024 Social Justice Mission Scholars Alumni Award recipient, other nominees, and VLGS's current Social Justice Mission Scholars during this impactful dialogue.

**3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Professor Kevin Jones Tribute | Alumni in Energy Mixer**

Join us in Yates Common Room for the second annual Alumni in Energy Mixer, which was founded by Kevin to connect alumni, students, faculty, and staff who are working on energy-related issues. The event will start with a short program of memorial tributes to Professor Jones.

**4:30 to 5:15 p.m.**

**Speed Networking**

All alumni are encouraged to network with Swans from other eras, including current students! This is an opportunity to learn about other members of the VLGS community—both personally and professionally—make connections, and also share insights from your own journey.

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Welcome Back Party**

Join us for the Reunion kickoff celebration, featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks! This year, we will also have a special component dedicated to recognizing the accomplishments of our esteemed faculty members. As part of this segment, we will be acknowledging the transition to emeritus status for multiple faculty members, as well as celebrating the scholarly achievements of others.

**7 to 9 p.m.**

**Milestone Class Dinners**

Members of class years celebrating a milestone reunion—those ending in fours and nines—are invited to join their classmates for a special dinner. The Reunion committees have been working hard to determine a fun location for each group to gather. Attendees will pay on site at their respective locations.

- Class of 1979 | Hotel Coolidge in White River Junction, VT
- Class of 1984 | Worthy Burger in South Royalton, VT
- Class of 1989 | High Lake Association Barn in Sharon, VT
- Class of 1994 | Carlita's Cantina in South Royalton, VT
- Class of 1999 | Worthy Burger in South Royalton, VT
- Class of 2004 | Lookout Tavern in Killington, VT
- Class of 2009 | Barnard Inn in Barnard, VT
- Class of 2014 | Crossroads in South Royalton, VT
- Class of 2019 | Worthy Burger in South Royalton, VT

## **Saturday, June 29:**

**9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

### **Campus Tour**

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**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

### **JD Coffee Hour with the Dean**

Start your morning off with coffee and pastries alongside other JD alums and hosted by Beth McCormack, dean of Vermont Law School.

**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

### **Master's Coffee Hour with the Dean**

Start your morning off with coffee and pastries alongside other master's alums and hosted by Dan Bromberg, dean of Vermont Graduate School.

**11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

### **State of the School**

Join President Rod Smolla for an update on the state of Vermont Law and Graduate School. Alumni in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.

**12:30 to 2 p.m.**

### **Backyard BBQ with the Alumni Association**

Join us for barbecue, drinks, and lawn games as you catch up with old friends and make new ones! This event is hosted by the VLGS Alumni Association, and representatives of the group's board of directors look forward to mingling with you during this casual gathering. A beer, wine, and cider bar is included in the registration fee.

**1:30 to 2 p.m.**

### **Class Photos**

Gather in front of Debevoise Hall for an all alumni photo. If your class year ends in a four or nine, we'll also be taking milestone-specific class photos.

**2 to 3 p.m.**

**Alumni Awards Ceremony**

This ceremony will recognize our 2024 alumni award recipients. Awards will include the Alumni Service Award, Social Justice Mission Scholars Alumni Award, Dean Shirley Jefferson Distinguished Service Award, and the VLGSAA Distinguished Alumni Award. There will also be special recognition of the milestone classes' philanthropic efforts as part of the #CountMeIn Challenge.

**3 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Dessert Bar**

Enjoy a sweet treat with other Swans at this family-friendly social.

**3 to 4:30 p.m.**

**BIPOC Alumni Mixer**

This is a gathering hosted by Black Swan alumni in support of BIPOC students and alumni of VLGS. Join us to network and mingle with alumni who have the shared experience of attending Vermont Law and Graduate School as students with a minoritized identity.

**3 to 6 p.m.**

**SoRo Pub Open House**

Enjoy light refreshments and take a stroll down memory lane as you reminisce with classmates and friends.

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**President's Reception (Invitation Only)**

This event recognizes the institution's most generous supporters who give back to VLGS in myriad ways. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with the school's leaders while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

**6:30 to 9 p.m.**

**The Firestone Celebration Dinner**

Gather with alumni, families, faculty, and staff for the signature event of Reunion 2024 with dinner, drinks, live music, and a special celebration of Professor David Firestone. Complete with a photo booth, you definitely won't want to miss out on this one!

## **Sunday, June 30:**

**9 to 11 a.m.**

### **Fly Fishing School**

Are you eager to master the art of fly fishing? Join Warren Coleman JD'99 as he hosts an immersive fly fishing school along the serene waters of the White River. This experience is perfect for both novice anglers and seasoned fishers looking to perfect their casting technique. We will provide all the necessary equipment, so there's no need to worry if you don't have your own gear. Please be aware that due to the timing of Reunion later in the season and the absence of fishing licenses, our focus will be on skill development rather than catching fish. Come join us for a memorable day on the river, where the real catch is the camaraderie and joy of fly fishing!

**9 to 11 a.m.**

### **Kent's Ledge Hike**

Join other Swans as you experience the beautiful Upper Valley scenery during a morning hike up Kent's Ledge. VLGS representatives will serve as guides.

**10 to 11 a.m.**

### **Yoga**

Kick off your morning with a peaceful yoga session down by the White River. Please bring your own yoga mat.

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### **Lunch Box Grab + Go**

Want a boxed lunch to go? Pre-order your lunch by registering here. A list of lunch options will be shared in advance.

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### **Brunch with Vice President Shirley Jefferson JD'86**

Join former dean and current vice president Shirley Jefferson and other Swans for a delicious brunch with bottomless mimosas.

**1:30 to 3 p.m.**

### **Tubing on the White River**

End Reunion with an adventure by tubing down the White River!