



PIONEER ERAS

Homecoming 2026 — Pioneer Eras

This is an early glimpse of what Homecoming 2026 has in store — keep checking this list, as more events will be added!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Alumni & Friends Registration & Welcome

Hermann Fine Arts Center

Reserve your spot! Alumni who preregister can pick up their custom name tag, t-shirt, weekend passes. Walk-ins are welcome to register on site.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Bags & BBQ: Hosted by MCAA-C and Pioneer Activities Council

Legacy Library Lawn

Join fellow Pioneers and meet the next generation of The Long Blue Line. Share your experiences, catch up with the MCAA-Council and learn more about PAC and our 2026 Homecoming candidates.

TBD

Catching up with Men's Lacrosse

Don Drumm Stadium

Join members of the original Men's Lacrosse team and the current team for a round of catch on the new field turf. Attendees will take a tour of facilities and meet the team and coaching staff.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

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Hermann Fine Arts Center, Lobby

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Special Collections Open House

Legacy Library Open House

Join fellow alumni to browse through Marcolians, Mariettanas, and other Marietta College memorabilia from the archives.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Class of 1976 + All Golden Pioneers Campus Tour

Admission House (corner of Fifth and Putnam streets)

Take a guided tour of campus to see the amazing changes that have been made.

11:00 a.m. – Noon

Phi Beta Kappa Social Hour

Legacy Library, Lower Level

Catch up with fellow members of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.

11:00 a.m. – Noon

Milone Center for Academic and Career Success Tour

Legacy Library, Main Floor

Alumni are invited to tour the Milone Center for Academic and Career Success and speak with current students and staff about the impact the center is making.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Adkins Society & MCAA Social Gathering featuring the MC's Jazz & Rock Ensemble

The Band Hall, Corner of Third and Butler streets (former Moose Lodge)

A new event for members of the Adkins Society and the Marietta College Alumni Association-Council brought to you by the College's Jazz & Rock Ensemble, who will perform during this informal gathering in the Band Hall.

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Professor Bev Hogue's Best Lecture

Cooper Auditorium, Thomas 124

Alumni, colleagues and current students are invited to listen to McCoy Professor of English, Dr. Bev Hogue's best lecture in celebration of her upcoming retirement.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campus Tour

Admission House

Take a guided tour of campus to see the amazing changes that have been made.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

More History to Make: Presidential Update

Fenton Court

Join President Kathleen Poorman Dougherty for an engaging update on the exciting momentum shaping Marietta College. Learn about progress on strategic initiatives, campus enhancements, student success, and the many ways our community is advancing the College's vision for the future. Attendees will also be the first to hear a significant announcement marking a defining milestone for Marietta and signaling that, together, there is even more history to make.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All-Alumni and Friends Welcome and Homecoming Kickoff

Hermann Fine Arts Center, Portico and Hermann Bowl

Gather with alumni and friends at the official Homecoming kickoff. Enjoy the camaraderie and nostalgia among the Marietta College community. A special performance by Marietta's Theatre Department and a greeting from Alumni Director Gi Smith.

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Marietta Delt Alumni: Brotherhood Celebration Dinner

The Buckeye Room at Wilky's Market, on the corner of Butler & Front streets

Marietta Delt Alumni, spouses and friends of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter are invited to have cocktails and dinner with the Undergraduate Delts. We will be reconnecting and celebrating our Marietta Delt family and its successes over the past year. In addition to a cash bar, there will be a pasta buffet with alfredo or marinara sauce, grilled chicken, broccoli, salad, garlic bread, sweet tea, lemonade and dessert.

** Please RSVP separately by Oct. 9 at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/brotherhood-dinner>*

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Alpha Sigma Phi's Just Desserts Gathering

Band Rehearsal Hall (3rd & Putnam streets — the former Moose Lodge)

Join your Alpha Sigma Phi brothers during this social gathering, which will include desserts, drinks and plenty of great conversations! This event is free, thanks to the support of the Delta Alumni Association. Please RSVP at alumni@marietta.edu so we can have an accurate head count.

8:00 p.m. (doors open) 8:30 p.m. (band starts)

Live Band: Michael Weber Show and Friends

—Hosted by Don Ritter '81 and Bruce Kinney '78

The Gathering Place

Don't miss the exhilarating live band performance at the Homecoming celebration, where alumni and students come together to enjoy an evening of great music and festive spirit. Join us for a memorable night of dancing, singing, and reconnecting with dear friends. Cash bar and snacks. Registration: \$15 (MC students may attend for free).

8:00 p.m.

ATO Beta Rho Homecoming Social

Harmar House, 4th Street

The chapter will be hosting a homecoming social to celebrate the previous semester and connect with brothers from past years of Beta Rho. This event will be casual with punch and cookies provided.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast at Gilman

Join fellow alumni for breakfast — charge up for another busy day in Marietta!

Pre-registration price: \$10; \$12 at the door

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration and Welcome

Hermann Fine Arts Center, Lobby

Reserve your spot! Alumni who preregister can pick up their custom name tag, t-shirt, weekend passes. Walk-ins are welcome to register on site.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Munchies with the Music Department

Hermann Fine Arts, Portico

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Campus Tour: All Alumni and Friends

Admission House

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee and donuts with the Petroleum Engineering and Geology Department

Brown Petroleum Building, Patio

Please join us to catch up with faculty, current students, and fellow alumni on the Edwy Brown Patio. If it rains, we can head to the conference room inside.

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Math and Computer Science Breakfast Open House

Math & Computer Science Common Area, Room 232, Selby Hall

Reconnect with fellow alumni, faculty, and students at the annual Homecoming Math and Computer Science Breakfast! Join us for great conversation and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new connections within the Marietta College Math and CS community. Hear the latest updates from the departments, including programs, exciting student projects and faculty research. We're building a tradition with this event, so come be a part of it!

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Biology & Health Science Open House

Bartlett 285

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of MC's Iota Chapter of Beta Beta Beta. Please submit photos and memories of your time in Beta Beta Beta to alumni@marietta.edu. They will be shared during the event.

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Rowing Alumni Gathering

Lindamood-VanVoorhis Boathouse

“Attention!” Kick off the morning with coffee and a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by a 10:00 a.m. Alumni Row. This event is a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and celebrate our rowing tradition..

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Marietta College Alumni Association Awards & Athletic Tribute Ceremony

McDonough Auditorium

Celebrate excellence at the Marietta College Alumni Awards & Athletic Tribute Ceremony, when we honor distinguished alumni and outstanding students and student-athletes for their remarkable achievements and contributions, along with recognition of the MCAA Council Adkins Society members. Join us for inspiration and pride as we recognize those who exemplify the spirit and legacy of Marietta College.

Honoring the following Awards:

Hall of Honor: David M. Rickey '78 & Jo Ellen Diehl Yeary '76

Outstanding Young Alumnus: Derek Hennen '12

Outstanding Young Alumna: Meredith Storey '12

Liz Tribett Service: Jim Buckwell '61 & Brittany Metcalf '13

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Alpha Xi Delta Homecoming Brunch

Alpha Xi alumnae are invited to a special brunch at the house. Please RSVP to Lillah Clark (724-914-8456 or llc003@marietta.edu)

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pioneer Tailgate

Don Drumm Stadium

Join us at the Pioneer Tailgate for an unforgettable pre-game celebration filled with food, fun and Pioneer spirit! Various organizations will have tailgate setups throughout the tailgating area. A fun chance to connect with fellow alumni, current students, and faculty. Each tailgate features its own unique flair, spirit and MC pride. At 1:30, the Pioneers take on Baldwin-Wallace University. General Homecoming Registration includes the tailgate lunch & game ticket. If not registered, \$15 at the door, \$10 for kids 6-12 years old, Free for kids 0-5 years old.

4:00–6:00 p.m.

Elevated Perspectives: Drone Photography by Nathan Reich '04

Hermann Fine Arts—Third-Floor Gallery

Elevated Perspectives is a photography exhibition featuring a collection of aerial images captured by Nathan Reich, a 2004 graduate of Marietta College. A registered drone pilot with more than 10 years of experience, Nathan has spent the past decade documenting landscapes, communities, architecture, and familiar places from a unique perspective above. The exhibition will feature a variety of work from the past several years, including large panoramic photographs printed on metal as well as traditional framed prints. Saturday, October 17, is the opening reception. Light refreshments will be served. Elevated Perspectives will remain on display through mid-November.

4:30 p.m. (remarks start at 5:15 p.m.)

Pioneers of Progress: Honoring Charles Sumner Harrison & Barbara Diggs Lyles

Dr. Barbara Diggs Lyles House

Marietta College honors two trailblazing Pioneers whose legacies are forever woven into the College's history: Charles Sumner Harrison, Marietta's first African American graduate, and Barbara Diggs Lyles, the College's first African American woman graduate. This special celebration commemorates the 150th anniversary of Harrison's graduation and the 75th anniversary of Lyles' graduation, recognizing their achievements, perseverance, and lasting impact on generations of students who followed. Through a journey back in time, guests will have the opportunity to explore the campus and social climate these scholars experienced, reflect on the barriers they overcame, and celebrate the ways they helped pave the path for future Pioneers. Together, we honor their stories as an essential part of Marietta College's rich history—and the legacy that continues to move us forward.

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

50th Reunion Class of 1975 and all Golden Pioneers Reunion Reception and Dinner

Reception 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

The President's House, 301 Fifth St, Marietta

Dinner 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Andrews Hall, Great Room

Class of 1976 and all Golden Pioneers (any Pioneer who graduated prior to 1976) are invited to a reception hosted by the President Kathleen Poorman Dougherty. This is a special opportunity for the Class of 1976 and Golden Pioneers to gather and celebrate this milestone together at the President's House. A special dinner in Andrews Hall's Great Room will follow. Registration is \$50/person.

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Reunion Class Receptions

The Gathering Place

You may remember it as the old IGA, but this renovated hangout space — AKA The Gathering Place — is the site of the 2026 All-Decades Reunion. Classes from 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 — and their friends — can enjoy an early evening to reconnect and recollect their time at MC. Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar will be available. Email alumni@marietta.edu if you would like to be a Class Volunteer!

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ATO's Roger Patterson Retirement Celebration

Band Rehearsal Hall, 3rd and Butler streets

Join brothers of Alpha Tau Omega as they celebrate Roger Patterson's retirement as chapter advisor. This casual gathering includes hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Registration is \$20.

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

McDonough's 40th Celebration

Dyson Baudo Recreation Center

*Celebrate four decades of the McDonough Leadership Program during the 6:30-7:30 p.m. social hour and 7:30–9:00 p.m. program with fellow Scholars, current students and administration, program supporters, and former faculty and staff. Scholars will receive a separate invitation to attend. **Please note that this is a family-friendly event, so children are welcome!** Registration: \$40.*

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

19th Annual New Plays in One Day Festival

Hermann Fine Arts Center, Friederich Theater

Watch the magic as our Theatre Department continue to showcase the strength of Marietta's performing arts! Guests are invited to a special reception that precedes the 8:00 p.m. performance.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

All-Alumni Breakfast

Gilman Dining Hall

Pre-registration price: \$10; \$12 at the door.

Please Note: Additional events are continuously added. Be sure to check back for updates. Questions about Homecoming 2026? Contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at alumni@marietta.edu or 740.376.4709.