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**Simon's Rock 2024 Alumni Reunion Begins Friday, May 31**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA— The 2024 Bard College at Simon's Rock Alumni Reunion will begin on Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2024, and will feature a plethora of fun-filled activities for alumni and their families.

The events will kick off on Friday with the BBQ Mixer and Lawn Games, which will take place on The White House front lawn, followed by the world premiere of the Great Barrington Public Theater's performance of *Dog People*, and the Alumni Buffet Breakfast on Saturday morning. Following the breakfast, the Herbarium Tour & Demo, guided by Professor Donald McClellan and Alum Hannah Wheeler, will take visitors through the internationally recognized plant collection which includes species from the Simon's Rock program on the Caribbean island of Montserrat, and segue into a picnic lunch with Provost John Weinstein at the Simon's Rock Farm and Center for Food and Resilience. The festivities will conclude on Sunday with a Champagne Brunch in the Dining Hall.

During reunion weekend, alumni and their families can also indulge in special discounts and deals, such as 20 percent off Simon's Rock gear at the Campus Store and at local businesses. The facilities of the Kilpatrick Athletic Center will also be available for free to alumni and their families throughout the entire weekend.

Businesses that are interested in offering special discounts to Simon's Rock alumni from May 31 – June 2 should contact Asa Cade, [acade@simons-rock.edu](mailto:acade@simons-rock.edu), for more information on how to participate.

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**About Simon's Rock**

[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#) is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college after the 10th or 11th grade. Simon's Rock offers a challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences, taught exclusively in small seminars by

supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their fields. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. The Princeton Review's *Best 380 Colleges* rates academics at Simon's Rock higher than Harvard and Princeton.

[Bard Academy at Simon's Rock](#) is the nation's first two-year boarding and day program designed to prepare 9th and 10th graders to start college early. A student entering Bard Academy as a high school freshman will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College at Simon's Rock after only four years and a Bachelor of Arts degree after only six years. The Academy curriculum is designed and taught by students' future college professors who are leading scholars in their fields.

[The Bard Queer Leadership Project](#) (BQLP) is a revolutionary, new Bachelor of Arts degree program designed for, and by, LGBTQIA+ college students to elevate LGBTQIA+ students and college graduates into leadership roles in school and across the workforce while serving as a space for actualizing educational practices designed for students to thrive. The centerpiece of BQLP is a four year dual major B.A. degree combining Queer Leadership with a second academic field.

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