



News from Simon's Rock

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Change is the Only Constant

We hope this edition of the newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. In the past two months, the world has changed unimaginably, and Simon's Rock has adapted with the inventiveness, ingenuity, and resilience that has always been our backbone. Some items in this month's newsletter reflect those changes; in other ways, our work and community remain comfortingly familiar. And as ever, our commitment to providing excellence, rigor, and support to younger scholars remains unshakeable. With that in mind, we ask for your help in securing our future success.

Simon's Rock has incurred major unanticipated costs and lost revenue as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. As we continue our efforts to secure government loans, grants, and assistance to cover some of the lost funds, we are reaching out to donors, supporters, alumni, parents, and friends to renew or increase their donations—or to give for the first time. No matter how great or small your donation, **we hope you will make a gift to the Fund for Simon's Rock before June 30**. Your support will help us close the revenue gap before the end of the fiscal year.

Thank you!

Admission Office Update

Even though we had to cancel Admitted Students Day for Bard Academy and Discovery Day for the College, we're continuing to connect and engage with students through a series of virtual touchpoints and events. We've held gatherings where incoming students met current students, another where incoming parents could chat with students, as well as a Shakespeare class, a class on adolescent psychology, and a class titled "Poetry: I, too, dislike it." We look forward to returning to live gatherings as soon as it is safely possible, but in the meantime, we will continue to offer thoughtful virtual events. These allow us to include many more students, from greater distances—students who can't miss school or whose parents can't miss work, or who can't manage the cost of travel.



Reunion 2020 2021

Out of an abundance of caution, Simon's Rock will postpone Alumni Reunion Weekend until spring 2021. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months as we plan for a safe and secure reunion.



Rockers for Internships

While the world adapts around us, some things remain steady. Among them: the value of professional internships. As our students and new graduates navigate the working world, they are immeasurably helped by internship experience.

If you have internship opportunities available or have suggestions for today's Rockers, please contact Manat Wooten, Director of Student Engagement & Career Development, mwooten@simons-rock.edu.

Pets of Simon's Rock



Meet Navi! Navi's human is Desiree Joy Frias '10.

Got a cute pet pic you want to share? Send it along with your name, entering class year, your pet's name, and your contact info to Rebecca Wehry, rwehry@simons-rock.edu.

Alumni Virtual Happy Hour, May 14

Rockers from all classes are invited to join host David Segil, '00, for a Zoom Happy Hour on Thursday, May 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT. Cross the miles from the comfort of your own living room and reconnect with classmates. BYOB!

For more information, contact David at dsegil@financialguide.com.



Rockers Who Read

Yep, we're all spending a lot more time in front of screens these days. If you need a break from devices, perhaps it's time to launch a virtual Simon's Rock Alumni Book Club. We've had preliminary interest from alumni, and we're still seeking participants. Interested? Please drop a line to advancement@simons-rock.edu to let us know.



Call for Simon's Rock Memorabilia

With more time at home, do you find yourself reflecting on your days at Simon's Rock? Have you come across long-forgotten memorabilia as you clean out closets and drawers? If so, we want to hear from you!

The archives team in the Alumni Library would love to build out the 54-year history of Simon's Rock with your writings, posters, home movies, photographs, llama costumes, or whatever else. If you have materials to donate, please upload them through the [Community Submissions Form](#). To donate physical items, contact archives@simons-rock.edu.



In Memoriam

The College marks with sadness the death of longtime staff member Stanley Farnum, who died on April 25 at the age of 98. Stanley worked as Simon's Rock's head custodian for more than a decade.

> [Read Stanley's full obituary.](#)



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