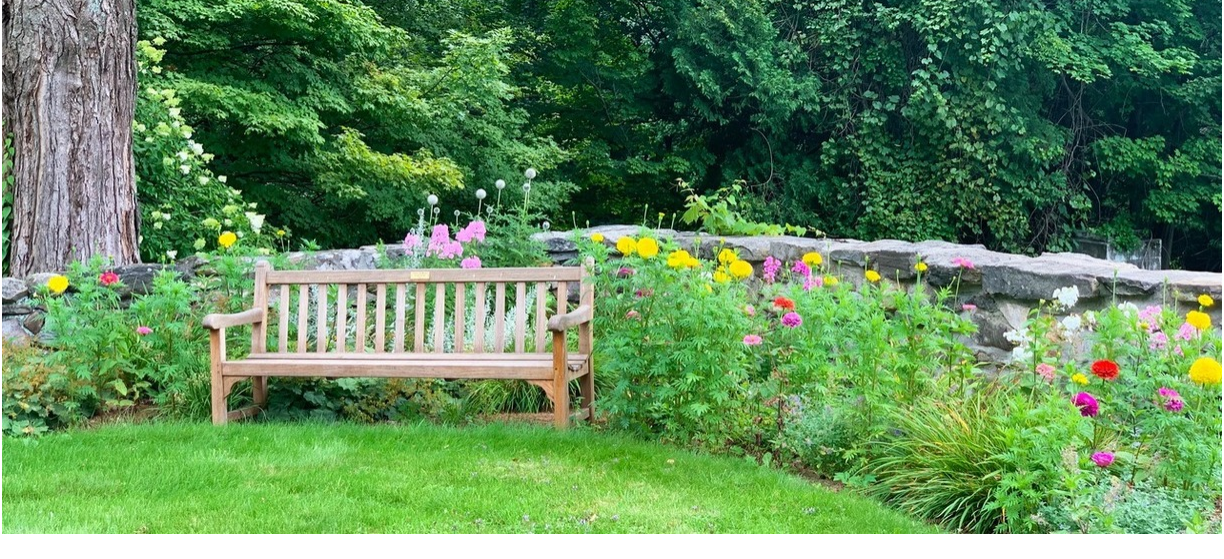




News from Simon's Rock

AUGUST 2021



Fall Semester: Live and In-Person!

Students have started returning to campus, and fall classes officially begin on August 30. This year, students will experience—in-person—all of the time-honored traditions and programming synonymous with fall at Simon's Rock. Highlights include:

- **Book One Lecture and Q&A** (September 8). Acclaimed author Alexander Chee will speak with students about his celebrated essay collection, *How to Write an Autobiographical Novel*.
- **Rock the Community** (September 24). A day in which Rockers give back by volunteering their time, service, and expertise to regional organizations.
- **Symposium on Social Justice & Inclusion** (October 18–22). With the theme of Joy, this year's events promise connection and optimism.

New at Simon's Rock: Giving Circle for Families

Named for the family farm on which Elizabeth Blodgett Hall founded Simon's Rock in 1966, the [Great Pine Society](#) offers families of current Academy and College students an opportunity to join a network of philanthropic support. The Great Pine Society will continue to advance our mission to inspire the curiosity and creativity of younger scholars. For more information, please contact gpsociety@simons-rock.edu.



Coming Soon: Simon's Rock Alumni Connect

Stay tuned for updates to the Alumni page on the Simon's Rock website. New features will include interactive portals to share and view alumni news, post job opportunities and internships, and volunteer to mentor current students. The launch date is early fall. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Office of Admission: In-Person Open House Events!

Do you know any middle or high school students who want more out of their education? We encourage them to get to know Simon's Rock by registering for the **Bard Academy Open House** on September 25 or the **Bard College at Simon's Rock Discovery Day** on Saturday, October 2. Each of these in-person events offers the best way to learn about the unique Simon's Rock experience, and will feature:

- A guided campus tour
- A look at our residence halls and core campus facilities
- A sample class
- A meeting with current students and their families
- Connections with our Admission team and information on financial aid/scholarships



Host Your Own Alumni Gathering

Calling all Rockers! Are you interested in reconnecting with classmates? Simon's Rock is seeking alumni volunteers to host alumni gatherings—virtually or in-person. Send an email with your name and class year to advancement@simons-rock.edu to share your interest. We can help you catch up with fellow Rockers in your region or from the comfort of your own home.

5 Questions with David Segil '00

With this issue of the newsletter, we introduce "5 Questions with...", a chance to get to know our alumni donors a bit better. We're starting the series with David Segil '00, a Financial Advisor for Westpoint Financial Group. David spearheaded and co-hosted 12 Alumni Zoom Meet-Ups over the past year. He lives with his wife Heather in Chicago.

1. Summarize your Simon's Rock experience in 12 words or less.

The time, place, and people who formed the bedrock of my worldview.

2. Your definition of the "new normal."

Unfortunately, I am not sure anything is new. I feel like everyone is so desperate for "normal" that the opportunity to reconsider some of the base assumptions of our society is being squandered. I hope people are reevaluating work, labor, and the utility that they provide.

3. One item in your home you can't be without.

My laptop. It's where some of the most important things in my life live.

4. Travel in space or explore the ocean?

The ocean. Space will exist forever, our oceans will not.

5. Why do you give to Simon's Rock?

Exceptional minds deserve access to exceptional institutions.



We're Hiring!

Are you—or is someone in your network—searching for a new career opportunity? We're hiring! [Take a look at our faculty and staff job openings](#) and feel free to [pass on to others who might be interested](#).



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