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Dear Fellow 1957 Classmates,

In just two months, on October 11-14, we'll gather in Colorado Springs to mark the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Colorado College! We hope you already have it on your calendar and that you plan to be with us for a rich experience as we celebrate together.

The reunion planning committee is making preparations for a memorable weekend. Highlights include spending an autumn weekend at the foot of Pikes Peak, seeing various campus improvements (especially Tutt Science Center and the Cornerstone Arts Center), as well as walking down 'memory lane' in the parts of the campus that haven't changed. There will also be the annual Freedom and Authority discussion, a hockey game (CC Tigers vs. Lakehead University), meals in Bemis Hall, Tutt Alumni house, and the Garden of the Gods Club, our induction into the Fifty Year Club, lots of time for conversations, laughs and memories, and, most importantly, the opportunity to reconnect with old friends.

We encourage you to check our 50th reunion website for a preview of the specific events planned for the weekend at www.ColoradoCollege.edu/Alumni/HomecomingReunions. The website also includes a list of our classmates who currently plan to attend.

In anticipation of the reunion, here's a checklist of things you can be doing right now:

- Register for the reunion! You can register online from our class website or by filling out and returning the official Homecoming reservation form.
- Book your room at our reunion hotel, the Doubletree World Arena, (800 222-8733).
- Make your transportation arrangements – flights, rental cars, etc.
- Fill out the biographic form for the class reunion directory by September 8. You can do this online from our class website or by returning the enclosed form. Thanks to those of you that have already done this!
- Consider making a special reunion donation to CC in honor of the Class of '57. Members of the planning committee are marking this 50th anniversary by contributing financially to CC beyond our normal giving patterns. If you have already donated to CC in honor of our reunion, we thank you. If you have not, please take a look at the enclosed sheet and consider which of these reasons (or others you may think of) might inspire you to join us in making a special 50th anniversary gift to support CC.

Best wishes to you all. We hope to receive the biographical sheet from everyone, and to see many of you at this wonderful celebratory weekend!

Your Class of 1957 50th Reunion Committee

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10 reasons to make a generous 50th reunion donation to Colorado College:

1. ***It's a special occasion*** – from the vantage point of 50 years after graduation to look back and reflect on how much our individual lives have been enriched by the education we received at Colorado College and the friendships we made there.
2. ***It's appropriate*** – in the light of this reflection to want to give back to the College a tangible expression of our gratitude.
3. ***It will help*** – the Class of '57 meet our giving participation goal of 51 percent. On average in past years only 30-40 percent of our class members have contributed to the Annual Fund. *Note that it is the percentage of alumni participating, not the size of the individual gift, that is important.* So far the reunion giving for our class is at 28 percent. Gifts from just 40 more class members will enable us to meet our goal - - and wouldn't it be spectacular if we could exceed that goal and reach 57 percent participation!
4. ***It's an opportunity*** – to ensure that future Colorado College students will receive the same quality education and rich variety of learning experiences that we enjoyed.
5. ***It's an investment*** – in the future of our communities and our nation. To function well, a democracy is dependent on the participation of active, informed, and engaged citizens. No educational system better prepares individuals for this role than a strong liberal arts background.
6. ***It's significant*** – in helping CC maintain and improve its national reputation. Most rating schemes, whether *US News and World Report* or other college guides, have a component which reports the percent of alumni supporting the college. Again, note that it is the participation percent, not the cash value of the donations that matters.
7. ***It's needed*** – CC faces real challenges in trying to achieve its goal of providing the finest liberal arts education in the country. To hire and retain an exceptional faculty, construct and maintain excellent facilities, attract and support a diverse student body, and provide an outstanding educational environment requires huge financial resources. Tuition provides only 60 percent of the cost of a CC education, so donations and bequests are of critical importance.
8. ***It's tax-deductible*** – Colorado College is a non-profit institution, and all charitable donations are legitimate deductions from your State and Federal income taxes.
9. ***It's easy*** – The existence of a range of donor levels (President's Circle, 1874 Society, Palmer Club, Cutler Club, etc.) means that there is an appropriate giving category to match each individual situation. You can donate securely online by clicking the "Give Online" link on the reunion website - - and you can give with a credit card!
10. ***It's satisfying*** – as we join together to celebrate our 50th reunion we can share in the satisfaction of knowing that collectively we are supporting a truly outstanding educational institution.