



MARYGROVE COLLEGE
50TH REUNION CLASS OF 1964
'64 CLASS GIFT



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Dear [Recipient Name]:

As you know, 2014 is the **50th reunion year for the Marygrove Class of 1964!** What a blessing it will be to celebrate such a momentous occasion at the Alumni Reunion Weekend on September 18-21. As chairs of the Planning Committee and Class Gift Subcommittee, we would like to share some important information in order to make our Alumni Reunion the best ever.

It is the tradition of the 50th year class to give a substantial gift to meet a specific purpose or need of Marygrove. The Class Gift usually ranges from \$25,000 to \$50,000 (although some 50th reunion classes have exceeded this amount), and it is our hope and goal to reach, at minimum, the \$50,000 mark!

The Class Gift Subcommittee recommended and the Planning Committee approved that our class gift be used to upgrade three-to-five campus classrooms into "smart classrooms" (i.e., fully electronic environments with teleconferencing capacity, touch-screen white boards with Internet connectivity, etc.) Since each classroom would cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to upgrade, the number of classrooms we can fund will depend on the cost of each and the amount of our Class Gift.

In considering the use of the Class Gift, the committee took into account the fact that there is an ever-increasing need for smart classrooms by Marygrove faculty and students. To date, only 25 percent of the College's classrooms are upgraded. Having more smart classrooms not only helps with present-day learning needs, they will also assist Marygrove with its recruitment and enrollment goals, since many prospective students have come to expect these amenities in the schools they research. President Fike has communicated that the College budget does not presently include funds for upgrading more classrooms, and such a gift would not only meet a great need, but also be put to immediate use.

The committee is also recommending that students in the Education Department be given priority to use one of the smart classrooms to strengthen their teaching skills.