

**JUNE 3-4  
2022**

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# Founder's Weekend

Founder's Weekend is right around the corner! Gather your friends and come back to North Adams for a weekend full of friends, food, and entertainment! Founder's Weekend includes many different events. You can participate in some or all – it's up to you.

While we will be celebrating three cycles of milestone classes — those that missed their reunions in 2020 and 2021, as well as those on track to celebrate in 2022 — all alumni are welcome to return for Founder's Weekend!

**COST:** To offer you the greatest flexibility in designing your weekend itinerary, all Founder's Weekend events are set up for registration a la carte. There will be a one-time \$25 registration fee for each registrant. This registration fee partially subsidizes general Founder's Weekend overhead costs like refreshments, speaker honorariums, and entertainment. There is a small additional fee for the Distinguished Alumni Award program which covers each meal. Any other activities with additional costs will be clearly marked on the schedule.

**Register Here:** [igfn.us/form/FAGI3w](https://igfn.us/form/FAGI3w)

**HOUSING:** A list of housing may be accessed at [alumni.mcla.edu/Local-Housing](https://alumni.mcla.edu/Local-Housing). A limited number of campus townhouses are available for the weekend. Housing is available to guests 18+. **Cost: \$400.00 per Townhouse.** Check-in on Friday by 6:00 p.m., Check-out on Sunday by 11:00 a.m. Deadline to book is Friday, May 27.

#### Included:

- 2 Double Rooms, 2 Single Rooms Per Townhouse (6 Guests Max)
- One Full and One-Half Bathroom
- Common Area in unit with Couch, Table and Chairs
- Communal Kitchen in unit with Refrigerator and Stove

#### Not Included:

- Bed Linens: Pillows, Sheets, Blankets, etc.
- Kitchen Supplies: Pots and Pans, Silverware, Dishware, etc.

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## **Friday, June 3, 2022**

### **9:00 – 5:00 Archives and History Exhibit Open (Freel Library)**

The Freel Library staff are bringing out the coolest items from the College Archives. Come see what treasures are on display, including vintage items from the Normal School and North Adams State College, and take a walk down memory lane!

### **9:00 – 5:00 Campus Bookstore Open (Amsler Campus Center)**

Visit the bookstore to stock up on College gear!

### **2:00 – 6:00 On-Campus Housing Check In**

Check your email for specific details on check-in and checkout for the campus townhouses.

### **3:15 – 4:15 p.m. The Shakespeare Nobody Knows with Professor Phil McKnight (Bowman 208)**

The first half of the lecture will present the many facts and assumptions we quite simply do not know about William Shakespeare of Stratford-upon-Avon. The second half of the lecture will examine the always interesting subject of the “Authorship Question.” Join Professor McKnight and learn more about the elusive Bard!

### **4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Tour of the new Trailblazer Fitness Center with Dot Houston**

Tour the fully renovated, former pool complex to see how our students are keeping strong. Please meet at the campus center entrance on Montana Street, located directly across the street from the Townhouses. Guests using mobility aids are asked to notify [alumni@mcla.edu](mailto:alumni@mcla.edu) in advance of the tour so that we may plan for your comfort.

### **6:00 – 7:15 p.m. President’s Cocktail Reception (Feigenbaum Atrium)**

Join Dr. Birge for a cocktail reception before Janine’s presentation. Lite bites will be served.

### **7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Evening Entertainment Janine Driver ’92, body language expert (Feigenbaum 121)**

New York Times Best-Selling author and award-winning keynote speaker Janine Driver spent over 16 years as a federal law enforcement officer within the Department of Justice and now shares her people-reading skills, in a fun, engaging, and memorable way, with corporate titans from Sales Force to P&G to Lockheed Martin to Coca-Cola to Kronos to ADP to Comcast and more! Janine helps decipher fact from fiction using the body language interpretation methods she writes about in her books, YOU CAN’T LIE TO ME and the New York Times Best-Seller, YOU SAY MORE THAN YOU THINK. Join us for this very special presentation for MCLA and NASC alumni and friends.

## **Saturday, June 4, 2022**

### **9:00 – 9:50 a.m.      **Fighting for Democracy: an Irish Radical’s Struggle to Change British Politics with Professor Anthony Daly (Bowman 208)****

William Sharman Crawford was a wealthy Irish landlord, but he became a politician dedicated to expanding voting rights for the working class in England and helping the poorest Irish farmers during the terrible famine of the 1840s. This talk will use material from a 2022 research trip to Ireland—images of archival documents such as election posters, personal letters, and Crawford’s diary, as well as a trip to the former Crawford estate--to understand William Sharman Crawford, his motivations, and his impact.

### **10:00– 12:00 p.m.      **Alumni Awards Brunch Honoring 2020 and 2021 Awardees (Feigenbaum Atrium)****

This event recognizes the achievements of past graduates and friends of the College by presenting the following awards to: **Kaite Rosa '10\*** and **Ricardo Arroyo '11\*\*** (Vanguard Award); **Charlotte Degen '73\*** and **Celia Norcross\*\*** (Outstanding Service to the College Award); **Mark Halloran '77,\*** **Kimberly Roberts-Morandi '91, '01, M.Ed. '00,\*\*** and **Mallory D'Aniello '10\*\*** (Outstanding Educator Award); **Robert (Bobby) Howland Jr. '06\*** and **Darcie Sosa '14\*\*** (Community Service & Citizenship Award); **James Casey '00\*** and **George Jacobs '83\*\*** (Distinguished Alumnus Award); **Margaret (Meg) Skowron '71 M.Ed. '74\*** (Outstanding Educator Emeritus Award). *\*2020-2021 honoree cohort \*\*2021-2022 honoree cohort*

\$30 per ticket with includes brunch and program. Advance registration required.

### **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      **Campus Tour****

Take a tour of campus to see what's new and what's tried and true. Rain or shine! Meet on the front steps of Smith House.

### **1:00 – 1:50 p.m.      **Simply complex: Outwitting and Being Outwitted by a Literal Bird Brain with Professor Dan Shustack (Bowman 208)****

The dark-eyed junco is a small black and white sparrow that can be found throughout much of the United States, but at different times of the year. Interestingly, in Berkshire County the junco can be found in all seasons. The junco is so small it could be mailed anywhere with just one US first class stamp. However, most juncos do not seem to be aware of that bargain travel arrangement. Based on all evidence collected so far, in order to migrate, some juncos actually fly the 100s of kilometers to escape winter. Still other juncos buckle down and withstand everything a New England winter can throw at it. In this presentation, Dr. Shustack will highlight the novel research he and his students have been performing in order to understand the natural history and movement behaviors of this species. Along the way, he will also share some of the frustrating and humorous challenges of conducting field work in the Berkshires across

the seasons. Heck, he will probably even go full-liberal arts and talk about why this species is so important to the human experience.

**2:00-4:00 p.m. Founders Lawn Party (Murdock Lawn)**

Come out and enjoy an afternoon mingling with alumni of other class years at this family-friendly event. Catch up with your favorite faculty members! Meet up with classmates at class-assigned tables or enjoy a lawn game or two! Rain location: Venable Gym. All alumni and friends welcome! Complimentary bites and unlimited soft-drinks.

**5:00—7:00 Golden Graduates Dinner Hosted by President Birge  
(Feigenbaum, Second Floor Atrium)**

Dr. Birge invites Golden Graduates (alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago) and their spouses or partners for a special dinner to celebrate their reunions. Dr. Birge will provide a short update on the College over dessert. Advance RSVP required.

**6:00-7:30 Class Dinners** *\*Contact alumni office to for assistance making reservations*

**7:00 – 8:30 Family-Friendly Marshmallow Roast (Campus Quad)**

We'll be roasting marshmallows and enjoying the campfire musical stylings of Professor Tom Whalen. We'll have some seating available, feel free to bring your own camp chair! All alumni and friends welcome! Rain location: Venable Gym.