Alumnae Parade

For many alumnae, the most meaningful part of Reunion is the Alumnae Parade.

The first official parade was held in 1909. Although alumnae now dress uniformly in white, earlier classes had varied, colorful and sometimes quite elaborate costumes. Colored ribbons now differentiate the reunion classes. The class of 1905 was the first to carry “placards,” and by 1915 these signs were a regular feature, “hailed with appreciative applause and laughter all along the march.”

Parade Guidelines

- All marchers should wear white. Several members of the class may choose to march at the head of the class dressed in gym uniforms or other attire worn by the class as undergraduates.
- Alumnae should wear ribbons in their class color, distributed at registration at the Alumnae House. Class ribbons should be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.

Many classes choose items in their class color that may be worn at the Parade. A list of Class Colors is available on the Reunion website.

Parade Signs

- Parade signs must be submitted to and approved by the Office of Alumnae Relations. Signs should convey the general class Reunion theme and be brief and clever – generally four lines of approximately four words each (3-6 characters each) is effective.
- The College will have signs made prior to Reunion and delivered to the parade line-up location.
- The cost of the signs is included in the administrative fee charged by the College, which will be withheld from the class registration fees before they are disbursed after Reunion.
- Only signs approved by and produced through the college are permitted in the parade.
- The number of signs should be determined by the estimated number of classmates who will be marching, generally no more than one sign to every twenty marchers.

When considering wording, please remember that alumnae of many ages, as well as graduating seniors, their families, and guests will see them. Wording should be respectful of and non-offensive to all regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, and/or political affiliation.