March 16, 2020

Dear Alumni,

We hope that you and your families are well. Here at Friends we have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and relying on guidance from the CDC and local health and government authorities to determine the status of our operations. As of Thursday last week, the School made the decision to close our campus and to implement virtual learning following this week’s spring break until at least April 3rd, and to postpone or cancel several of our spring events. For more information about the School’s actions, click here.

With the growing severity of COVID-19 and the most recent update from the CDC recommending that people throughout the U.S. avoid events of 50+ people for the next eight weeks, we have made the difficult decision to postpone Alumni Weekend 2020 and all related activities. At the end of last week the Alumni Office reached out to our Reunion Committees to discuss the possibility of the postponement, and while we are sad, we know we are making the right choice to protect each other and our greater community.

We are sensitive to the fact that your previous reunion was postponed five years ago. We hope you understand that we love hosting alumni for this wonderful weekend of reminiscing and connecting with friends. The current situation is frustrating and disappointing for all of us.

Looking ahead, we invite and encourage the 0’s and 5’s to join the 1’s and 6’s during the weekend of April 30 - May 2, 2021 for a joint celebration of reunions.

Thank you to the Reunion Committees for all of their hard work so far. We will be in touch about how we will proceed over the coming months to gear up for Alumni Weekend 2021. We hope you will hold onto your enthusiasm and excitement for next year!

The Alumni Office is currently operating remotely, and we are here if you have any questions. We ask for your patience with us as we navigate our new normal for the coming weeks. Email alumni@friendsbalt.org or call 410-649-3205.
Sincerely,

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