



February, 2026

Dear Class of 1976:

It is my pleasure to invite you to your Golden Rams Reunion, Albany State University's official 50-year class reunion. One of the most cherished ASU traditions, the recognition of the Golden Class during spring commencement promises to be heartwarming and entertaining. Festivities begin on Thursday, May 7, with registration and a welcome reception. A full day of activities is planned for Friday, May 8. On Saturday, May 9, donned in your gold cap and gown, you will join the ASU Spring Class of 2026 graduates for the processional and be recognized during the commencement program at the James H. Gray Civic Center.

The cost to take part in the class of 1976 golden anniversary celebration is \$225 per class member and \$100 for each guest. Several local hotels have provided special rates for the Golden Class of 1976. The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, which is located directly across from the James H. Gray Civic Center.

The university has expanded over the past 50 years. The east campus now extends across Radium Springs Road with a pedestrian mall connecting the upper and lower campuses. Several new buildings have been constructed on both campuses. A new dormitory designed for Honor Students and the Portia Holmes Shield Early Learning Center were completed this spring on the east campus. The west campus features a new state-of-the-art Nursing and Health Sciences Simulation Center.

Another time-honored ASU tradition is the presentation of a class gift to the Albany State University Foundation. Your generosity and support are critical to the sustained growth of ASU and has enabled its students to earn their degrees, and other life defining skills. Enclosed is a message from your classmates, Joe Ann Wimberly, Blenda Mattox, Deborah Duggan, and Vanessa Heggie-McClure who serve as your class agents.

**Please complete and return the enclosed registration form by Friday, March 27, 2026, even if you are not able to attend.** If you have any questions, please contact Joslyn DiPasalegne, Alumni Relations Coordinator at (229) 500-3288 or [joslyn.dipasalegne@asurams.edu](mailto:joslyn.dipasalegne@asurams.edu).

Building the Future of ASU Together,

President

Enclosures (7)



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Albany State University, Division of Institutional Advancement enthusiastically invites members of the Golden Class of 1976 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from ASU, Thursday, May 7, through Saturday, May 9, 2026.

### **Golden Class of 1976 Registration Fee \$225**

The class registration fee includes: a clear stadium bag, class polo shirt, golden class luncheon, gold ceremonial cap and gown, Class of 1976 medallion, class certificate, class photograph, east and west campus tours, reunion dinner and continental breakfast.

### **Guest(s) Registration Fee \$100**

Guest registration fee includes: golden class luncheon, east and west campus tours, reunion dinner and continental breakfast. Special seating will be provided for guests who attend the Commencement Ceremony.

### **Host Hotel Information**

For your convenience, a block of rooms has been reserved for the Golden Class of 1976 at the Hilton Garden Inn Holiday Inn Express & Suites, and the Fairfield Inn. The group rate applies for reservations made directly with the hotel by telephone or on the hotel website. The rates do not apply if reservations are made through a third party (Expedia, Booking.com, etc.). To receive the Golden Class of 1976 Reunion rate, reservations must be confirmed by Friday, April 3, 2026. Hotel Check-In 3:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn - Host Hotel  
101 S. Front Street  
Albany, GA 3170  
229-888-1590  
Room Rate: Double Queen/Standard King \$169.00  
Group Code: ASU Class of 1976

Fairfield Inn  
3011 Kensington Court  
Albany, GA 31721  
229-883-8288  
Room Rate: Double Queen/Standard King \$129.00  
King Suit: \$139.00  
Group Code: ASU Class of 1976

Holiday Inn Express & Suites/Free Breakfast  
2713 Pointe N. Boulevard  
229-405-2013  
Albany GA 31707  
Room Rate: Single (Queen)/Double (Queen) \$179.00  
Single Suite \$184.00  
Double Suite \$189.00  
Group Code: ASU Class 1976



## REUNION SCHEDULE

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**ASU Book Store Open**

C. W. Grant Student Union  
East Campus

**12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration/Meet and Greet**

**East Campus Tours**

Eula Lovett Hall  
ASU East Campus Football Coliseum

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Dinner on Your Own**

The Flint Restaurant  
Downtown Albany Riverfront

### Friday, May 8, 2026

**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**ASU Book Store Open**

**11:30 p.m.**

**Reunion Luncheon**

**Golden Robe Fitting**

**West Campus Tours**

L. Orene Hall Building, ASU East Campus

**7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

**An All White Affair Soiree**

Event Center  
ASU West Campus

### Saturday, May 9, 2026

**8:30 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**Robing and Class Picture**

Albany James H. Gray Civic Center  
100 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard  
Albany, GA 31701

**10:00 a.m.**

**Commencement**

Albany James H. Gray Civic Center  
100 W. Oglethorpe Boulevard  
Albany, GA 31701



# REGISTRATION FORM

**Please complete and return the form by Friday, March 27, 2026, even if you are not able to attend.**

I am delighted to be a part of my Golden Class Anniversary Celebration.

Regretfully, I am not able to attend my Golden Class Anniversary Celebration.

Alumni Primary Contact Information:

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

If guest in an ASU alum, please provide class year and degree \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility assistance required  YES  NO

**Please check each event you and your guest(s) will attend during the Golden Class Anniversary Reunion Weekend.**

## Thursday, May 7, 2026

Registration/Meet and Greet  East Campus Tours  Dinner at the Flint

## Friday | May 8, 2026

Reunion Luncheon  West Campus Tour  All White Affair Soiree

## Saturday | May 9, 2026

Continental Breakfast  Commencement

Please note any dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Polo Shirt** | Please indicate size: Women\_\_ Men\_\_ Small\_\_ Medium\_\_ Large\_\_ XL\_\_ XXL\_\_ XXXL\_\_

**Ceremonial Regalia** | To ensure that we provide the correct size regalia, please provide the following information:

Height \_\_\_\_\_ | Weight  under 100 lbs.  100-200 lbs.  201-300 lbs.  301 + lbs.

**Please make checks payable to:** ASU Foundation | Memo line: Class of 1976 | Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**To pay by credit/debit card, please call Crystal Robinson at 229-500-3278.**



## HEART, HISTORY AND HERITAGE

January 21, 2026

Dear Classmates:

The Golden Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1976 is Thursday, May 7, through Saturday, May 9, 2026. We will celebrate 50 years since graduating from Albany State College, now Albany State University (ASU). In 1972, when many of us stepped on campus for the first time, you could drive straight through the campus from Oglethorpe all the way to Radium Springs road! We walked into a world of new friends and new experiences in preparation for a future we never dreamed we would have!

We have planned what we believe will be both enjoyable and exciting events during your stay. For those of you who have not been back on campus, I believe you will be very pleased with some of the physical changes and improvements on the campus. One of the biggest changes is the addition of the West Campus, formerly Albany Junior College/Darton College. But best of all, we be rekindling long-time friendships and seeing and conversing with friends that were with us in the “good old days” on the yard!

We would like to also continue a recent tradition for the Golden Class to contribute a financial gift of appreciation to ASU in celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. It is gratitude to a deserving institution of higher academic learning which helped develop our life-long success and the success of many others after us.

Our goal is to provide a gift of \$50,000 to the Albany State University Foundation for academic, scholastic, and programmatic support by December 31, 2026. To reach this goal, each member of our class is asked to contribute/raise \$1,000 or more. Of course, your gift in any amount is welcome. Your contribution to the ASU Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, is tax deductible. With your support, we can reach or exceed our goal.

To contribute, you may make a one-time payment, multiple payments over time, or set up recurring payments via credit card, debit card or personal check.

Because of donations from alumni like us, the ASU Foundation has been able to provide financial support to thousands of deserving students who would otherwise not be able to attend or finish college, expand its degree offerings, and make substantial improvements to campus buildings and grounds.

Please make your check payable to the ASU Foundation and mail it to the ASU Foundation, Class of 1976, 504 College Drive, Albany, GA 31705 along with the Class Gift Donation Form. Be sure to write "Class of 1976 Gift" on the memo line. You may also make a secure payment by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of the page or by calling Crystal Robinson at 229-500-3278 to make a donation over the phone.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for all that you do for ASU. We look forward to celebrating this milestone reunion with each of you.

Go RAMS,

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## DONATION FORM

Please enclose this form with your donation.

*PRINT OR TYPE*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden/Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider a donation of \$1,000 or more. Of course, contributions in any amount are welcome.

Enclosed is my donation to the Class of 1976 gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make checks payable to:

ASU Foundation | Memo line: Class of 1976

Mail to: ASU Foundation  
Class of 1976  
504 College Drive  
Albany, GA 31705

To make a secure payment online, visit [www.asurams.edu/give](http://www.asurams.edu/give). To set up automatic withdrawals from a checking account, savings account, credit/debit card, please call the ASU Foundation at 229-500-3278.