Dear Classmates,

Happy New Year to all our classmates from the Douglass College Class of 1965. 2015 has arrived and your Class of ’65 Reunion Committee is excited to be finalizing the details for our 50th Reunion Weekend on **June 5 - 6, 2015**. We can't wait to see you and reminisce about our many adventures and experiences while at Douglass and catch up on the intervening years. For our class, this will be an auspicious Reunion. We will be inducted into the Douglass Vanguard Society to commemorate our **50th Reunion**. Already, we have heard from classmates who will be traveling to Reunion from Arizona, New Mexico, California, Florida, and many other states. Please don't let the cost of the Reunion events prevent you from joining us; if you have any concerns, please contact our Class President, Marilyn Marolda Steiner.

Your Reunion Committee has started a personal outreach effort. Our goal is to reach each classmate via a phone call, email, or note. We are enjoying our conversations and look forward to continuing them at Reunion in June.

Special events at Reunion for the Class of ’65 include the Friday, June 5, **Vanguard Luncheon**, when our Class will be inducted as the newest Vanguard Class of Douglass. A **Tour of Rutgers Gardens and Greenhouses** and a **Welcome Reception for Class Members** are also scheduled for Friday. On Saturday, June 6, our **Class Photo** will precede the **Convocation & Milestone Classes Parade** in Voorhees Chapel, where our class will be honored in the opening procession. Saturday will also include an informal discussion with some current Douglass students and our **Class of ’65 Dinner Celebration**. These events are described in the enclosed "Class of 1965 Reunion Weekend Activities," along with registration information. You can register for Reunion events on the dedicated Class of ’65 webpage at [http://www.douglassalumnae.org/class-of-1965-50th-vanguard-reunion/](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/class-of-1965-50th-vanguard-reunion/) or by regular mail. In addition, the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College (AADC) has planned many other activities for all the alumnae, including campus tours, lectures, and social gatherings (see enclosed "Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2015" brochure). Pricing packages will provide some savings.

**Lodging** – There are several options for overnight stays. (Applicable taxes/fees will apply for all rooms.)

- A block of standard king rooms is reserved at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. To encourage using the Hyatt as our primary lodging, a class discounted daily rate of $109/night is available for the Class of 1965 only. Use our dedicated reservation link [https://resweb.passkey.com/go/DouglassClassof1965](https://resweb.passkey.com/go/DouglassClassof1965) or call (732) 873-1234. (Standard king rooms already reserved at a higher rate will be credited at check-in.) You can request to be waitlisted for double rooms at a rate of $139/night by calling Dineo Thompson ’05 at (848) 932-2880. The Hyatt has an attached garage. There is a $13 daily parking charge.
- Double rooms are available at the Courtyard by Marriott, Somerset, at a rate of $119/night. Call (732) 563-1600.
- Rooms will be available on Douglass campus only in Katzenbach Dorm (contact Dineo at the AADC for details).

**Reflections Book** – As a remembrance of our 50th Reunion, the Reunion Committee is developing a souvenir Class of '65 Reflections Book. All classmates are encouraged to contribute information for our book. The enclosed Reflections Book Guidelines will help you craft your submission. Please observe the April 10, 2015, deadline and include a current photo along with your reflections. The cost of the book is $20 and is included in the package prices. You may also order copies using your registration form. It will also be available for purchase at Reunion. After Reunion, we hope to have copies available for purchase. There will be an additional cost for mailing.

**Douglass Annual Fund** – Gifts to the Douglass Annual Fund allow the AADC to remain a self-funded organization that provides financial support, programming, and communications that keep alumnae connected to each other, to Douglass, and to today’s students. Our Class Goal in celebration of our Reunion is $125,000, with a class participation goal of 50%. So far this year 22% of our class has participated with a gift to the Douglass Annual Fund. No gift amount is considered "too small" and each and every gift counts to help us reach our participation goal! Check our progress on the Class webpage. Classmates who give $40 or more become "active" members of the AADC and receive all the benefits of membership including the Douglass Alumnae Magazine. If you need information on corporate matching or making a special gift, contact Eileen Cotter or Carol Hansmann Hamlin ’61 at the Alumnae Center at (848) 932-2880.

**Class Matters Form** – Please vote for Class Officers to represent our class from 2015 - 2020. Use the form to correct your contact information and to forward information for inclusion in our next "Class Notes."

**Post Reunion Celebration** – If you are interested in joining some classmates for a get-away at the Jersey Shore on Sunday, June 7, please see the enclosed flyer and email Karen Hoffman Bryson at karenbryson@gmail.com.

**Other Matters of Note**
- Rutgers Gardens are NOT handicapped accessible.
- Shuttle service is being arranged between hotels and the Douglass Campus. Details will follow.
- Please plan to wear red, white, and/or black clothing for our Convocation procession.
- Our Class Photo is scheduled for 9:00 am on Saturday on the steps of Voorhees Chapel and will be followed by a complimentary Continental Breakfast.
- To showcase personal artwork or craft creations of alumnae, the AADC is planning a display area. Contact Stephanie Weiss ’14 at the AADC for more information.

The Class Officers and other members of the Reunion Committee (Karen Hoffman Bryson, Irene Etkin Goldman, Nancy Spence Morrow, Betty Franck Rowland, Eileen Poiani, Merle Citron, and Joan Shulman Leavy) hope you will join us at Reunion 2015! Please contact other classmates with whom you are in touch and encourage them to attend as well. As the years pass, traveling to Reunion may become more challenging. **This is our year!** Block out your calendar for June 5 through 7. Let's set the record for number of Vanguard Class attendees!

Sincerely,

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