



### ***Mini-Reunion Update***

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### **Announcing our first Virtual Mini-Reunion of 2022!**

Mark your calendars for our next Class of 1961 virtual mini-reunion on **Thursday, February 10**. We will begin at 11:30 AM Eastern for a half-hour of open mike. The “official” program will begin at noon Eastern, and we will conclude by 3:30 or 4:00 PM Eastern.

Registration will open next Friday and we hope to continue to have over 100 registrations.

In addition to the usual “open mike” session, we will have four classmates relating tales about the roads they’ve taken over the years. Additionally, we expect to have two athletes each from the Ivy League Champion football team and the NCAA Champion women’s rugby team. Lastly, we will be presenting a Class of 61 Special Recognition Award to one of our classmates.

One of our featured classmates will be **Charlie Buffon**, the host of our original out-of-Hanover mini-reunion in Washington, DC, on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Charlie’s been a Washington lawyer for over 57 years, and he will give us a look at politics from his inside the Beltway perspective, highlighted by a description of the little known “vetting” process used by both political parties to screen potential Vice Presidential, Supreme Court, and Cabinet candidates. He will also describe his early backyard encounter with Jimmy Carter, being hustled into Hillary Clinton’s garage hidden under some newspapers, and what it’s like to be a deer in Bill Clinton’s headlights.

Another of our featured speakers is **Dave Milne**, a retired faculty member at Evergreen State College in Washington State. He taught in undergraduate and graduate programs in environmental studies, focusing in recent years on the ecology and economics of introduced marine organisms, including Atlantic *Spartina* cordgrasses. During the covid pandemic, he wrote and published a book about Washington's *Spartina* control project. Nevertheless, Dave's presentation will highlight the three years he spent at NASA on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project. At NASA, he was the manager of a team devising and testing science lessons centered on the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe for middle-school students. Dave will provide descriptions of both the curriculum and the SETI science projects and what it was like to work there.