

Dear <<First Name>>,

I hope this letter finds you doing well, staying healthy, and enjoying some of your favorite pre-pandemic activities (mine are going back to see a Broadway show and a Yankees game!) This spring, not only am I looking forward to warmer weather (in Jersey City at least!) I am also excited to mark a truly special occasion with each of you—our 25 Year Reunion!

It's hard to believe that 25 years have passed by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday we were on campus either in Washington Square Park, Main Building (now known as the Silver Center!), or one of the University's global sites, learning from award-winning faculty, building life long relationships with our classmates (my best friends are NYU alumni!), and wearing our robes as we crossed the stage to receive our degrees (the 1997 graduation started with the threat of rain before we were met with sunny skies!). As we look back on our time as students, we are forever grateful for the education received, memories created, and values passed down, which have transformed our lives and made us the exceptional NYU alumni we are today!

To honor this milestone, I am asking you to join me in showing your support by making a gift. We have set a goal of \$25,000 for the Arts & Science 25th reunion class gift. Your gift will help us get closer to commemorating our reunion by naming a classroom—the *Arts & Science Class of 1997 25th Year Reunion Classroom*—in the 181 Mercer building. Located on Mercer Street between 3rd Avenue & Houston, 181 Mercer will be a multi-purpose building with classrooms, rehearsal and performance spaces, student housing, athletic facilities, and more. Yes, this goal is ambitious, but I truly believe we can reach it together. **There are 1,889 Arts & Science Class of 1997 alumni. If we all chip in just \$14, we will reach our goal!**

Will you join me in celebrating our 25 year reunion by making a gift? You can show your support today by returning the enclosed pledge card or visiting <https://risingviolets.nyu.edu/A&S25>. If you have questions or would like information on becoming a Class Gift Ambassador, please contact our Class Gift Liaison, Shenese Jones at sj1292@nyu.edu.

Perstare et Praestare,



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P.S. Look out for more information soon on a Reunion celebration—in-person or virtually—during Alumni & Parents Weekend 2022 (October 27-30, 2022)!

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