

Class of 1971 - 50th Reunion Survey Questions

THINKING BACK

1) Why did you choose to attend MHC?

COMMENT

2) Would you make the same decision again? Why?

Yes

No

COMMENT

3) Have you encouraged others to attend MHC?

Yes

No

COMMENT

4) What are your most vivid/unusual/fond/low point memories?

COMMENT

5) Who was/were your most memorable professor(s), and why?

COMMENT

6) Would you choose the same major again? If no, why not?

Yes

No

COMMENT

7) How relevant was your major to your principal field of work?

Very

Somewhat

Marginally

Not at all

COMMENT

8) Did your college experience boost or lessen your self-confidence in your post-college potential? How?

Boosted

Lessened

Not sure

COMMENT

9) What skills (aside from academic knowledge) did you develop during college that still sustain you?

COMMENT

10) How would you describe yourself while at college and again today?

COMMENT

11) Were you/how were you a child of the '60s?

Yes

No

COMMENT

12) Did the Vietnam War or the women's or civil rights movements affect your post-graduate life choices?
If so, how?

Yes

No

COMMENT

13) What advice would you give to a young person graduating from college now?

COMMENT

WORK/CAREER

14) Describe your main job(s) or occupation(s) since college.

COMMENT

15) Has your career trajectory evolved? If so, was the evolution involuntary or as a result of deliberate choice on your part?

Yes

No

COMMENT

16) What were/are the most satisfying aspects of your work, and/or your biggest career challenge(s) or crisis (crises) faced?

COMMENT

17) Have you encountered equity issues or barriers in your career? If so, please describe. In particular, as a woman, have you experienced a glass ceiling, glass escalator, or other barrier(s) to professional advancement?

Yes

No

COMMENT

18) If yes, which aspects of your life were affected? (Check all that apply.)

Salary increases

Promotions

Hiring

Opportunities for further education

Other (please specify)

COMMENT

RACE AND GENDER

19) What is your race?

Asian

Black or African-American

Hispanic or Latina

White

Other (please specify)

COMMENT

20) Do you identify as LGBTQ and if yes, when did you first know your sexual identity?

Yes

No

COMMENT

21) Did you achieve any "firsts" as a woman, or as a woman of color?

Yes

No

COMMENT

22) While at Mount Holyoke, did you experience specific acts of racism?

Yes, from fellow students

Yes, from professors or staff

Yes, from local residents

Not sure

No

COMMENT

23) Have you experienced sexual harassment? (Check all that apply.)

Yes, in my undergraduate or graduate school years

Yes, in the workplace

Yes, in my personal life

Not sure

No

COMMENT

LIFE, HEALTH, ACTIVITIES

24) Since graduation, what is the longest you have lived at any one address?

1-10 years

10-20 years

20-30 years

30-40 years

40-50 years

COMMENT

25) Have you ever lived outside the USA? Where and for how long?

Yes

No

COMMENT

26) How would you describe your overall health status? Comment on major health concerns or problems you've overcome.

Excellent

Good

Poor

COMMENT

27) What are your favorite forms of exercise or physical activity?

COMMENT

28) Name your two or three preferred sources for news — e.g., hard-copy print, on-line newspaper, TV, social media, etc.

COMMENT

29) Which digital devices do you use and how often?

COMMENT

30) Which, if any, social media platforms do you use?

COMMENT

31) Do you think the benefits of social media outweigh the personal privacy risks or broader political concerns?

No

Possibly

Probably

Yes

Not sure

COMMENT

32) Have your hobbies or special interests changed over the years, and how?

Yes

No

COMMENT

33) Where do you still want to travel when possible?

COMMENT

34) Do you volunteer, either on your own or with an organization? If so, for which causes or organizations, and in what capacity?

Yes

No

COMMENT

35) Is religion or spirituality an important part of your life? If so, how?

Yes

No

COMMENT

36) How important are fellow MHC alums in your social network?

Essential

Very important

Somewhat important

Not important

COMMENT

37) Has technology (e.g., Zoom) changed that; i.e., do you now find yourself connecting socially more often with MHC alums?

Yes

No

COMMENT

POLITICAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

38) Have you held or do you now hold elective office? If so, at what political level?

Yes

No

COMMENT

39) Are you politically active? If so, in what way? How has your political involvement changed over the years?

Yes

No

COMMENT

40) What do you see as the most pressing political/social/women's issues, and how have such public policy issues affected your personal life and outlook?

COMMENT

REFLECTING ON LIFE

41) What life-changing events have you experienced in the past 5 years (since our last reunion)?

COMMENT

42) Describe any other key defining/turning point or challenge in your life.

COMMENT

43) Have you had or do you have caregiving responsibilities? If so, what lessons have you taken away for your own life from those experiences?

Yes

No

COMMENT

44) Are you surprised about how your life has turned out? If so, in what way(s)?

Yes

Somewhat

No

COMMENT

45) What are you most proud of in your life?

COMMENT

46) What do you wish you had accomplished, and what do you still hope to do?

COMMENT

47) What are you planning or looking forward to at this stage of your life, and how are you preparing?

COMMENT

48) Have you been able to create pockets of joy during the pandemic? If so, how have you found or created that joy?

Yes

No

COMMENT

49) What gives you peace of mind?

COMMENT

50) What are your favorite sayings, mantras, or pearls of wisdom that you would like to share?

COMMENT