Reunion Weekend 2018 Recap – May 18 - 20

The weekend began Friday evening with a small group from the class of 1968 who met to celebrate their 50th reunion over dinner at the Denver Country Club. Thank you, Diane Freyer '68 Schneider for organizing!

There was a wonderful turnout on campus Saturday evening as we recognized Edward Murane '78 and Greg Goldberg '83 with the <u>Ruth Gorham Alumni Award</u>. This award recognizes individuals whose dedication and service to Graland exemplify Ruth Gorham's lifelong commitment to the school. Jim Arneill '66 introduced Edward and Diana Goldberg '84 May introduced her brother Greg. Josh Cobb, Head of School, recognized both alumni for their roles as engaged and passionate parents committed to the schools past, present and future. *Click here for pictures*.

Excerpts from Edward's and Greg's remarks:

What if I told you that there was a place where children could take a donkey ride in a Sicilian cart, bring their pet to school (and win a blue ribbon <u>every one</u>), live the life of a Viking, take the Olympic oath, build a Roman Museum, delight in a marionette theater, hammer away in Wilkinson's wood shop, become an archer, compete, make mistakes, give back, put on a circus, dance around the maypole, study the classics, visit Anasazi ruins, become an naturalist, throw raucous Christmas pageants and most memorably, become a knight of King Arthur's Round Table?

Surely no outsider would believe such a place existed, but we know better because Graland was, and is, all of these experiences. – Edward Murane '78

Each of us has our own memories of growing up in this very place, and how we were inspired to "just go out and do it." These memories, different for each of us, bind us together in shared values of learning, curiosity, friendship, and interacting with the world and those in it.

As the famous political philosopher, Edmund Burke, said: "To love the little platoon we belong to in society is the first link by which we proceed towards a love of country and of mankind." Graland has always been my little platoon. And I have loved it. – Greg Goldberg '83

The class of '93 finished out the evening at SOL in Cherry Creek. An enthusiastic crew made for a fun and festive 25th reunion for this class!

Sunday morning families and alumni from 2010 – 2017 returned to campus to reconnect, tour campus, and play a fun game of kickball.

We are grateful to all who were able to join us! Next year the class of '69 will celebrate their 50th and the class of '94 will celebrate their 25th! Alumni of classes ending in 9 and 4 are invited to help shape their reunion. Please be in touch with your thoughts and ideas!