



Yale Class of 1981 40th Reunion Movie

Dear Yale Class of 1981:

I hope this finds you well.

While the past year has indeed been sad and strange, NOTHING will stop us from celebrating our 40th reunion. We are looking forward to convening virtually in May and June to commemorate this milestone.

It is our hope that during our “reunion” we will enjoy the same spirit of sharing and fun that we have in previous years, and to that end, we are producing a little “movie” — a keepsake of our memories and celebration of our future.

We are looking to feature as many voices and experiences in the movie as possible and ask you to respond to the questions below — as few or as many as you choose — for inclusion. Best practices for how to record yourself are outlined on the next page. Please send us your responses by **April 9**.

You can email your video file to 1981Yale@gmail.com

or

You can upload your video file to this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/CdZTwKm1T8UhWIWYMBMv>

1. What’s your most powerful memory of your years at Yale?
2. What was your first impression when you arrived Freshman year?
3. Which news events were most dominant while you were in New Haven?
4. What was on your playlist while you were at Yale?
5. Who was your favorite professor? Administrator? And why?
6. What was Yale’s greatest gift to you?
7. What do you look forward to in the future?
8. Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give your 18-year-old self upon entering Yale?

For those of you who are camera shy, feel free to respond via email and send your answers to us at 1981Yale@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time. We will continue to provide you with additional details on the reunion schedule as they become available.

Best,

Lenny Tavera, Reunion Chair

Visit our Reunion website at www.YC1981.org.

FILMING

- Record yourself in a well-lit, quiet environment.
- Do not film yourself with your back to a window, the auto-focus will blow out the background and you will be in silhouette. Sitting next to a window so that the incoming light hits the side of your face, however, is nice.
- Use a good quality digital camera or your smart phone or tablet.
- Frame yourself well, about mid-chest at the bottom of the frame, and then leave a few inches above your head.
- It's best to film directly head-on or from slightly above at an angle.
- If you're using a phone or a tablet, have a friend help you, or set your phone up on a tripod or shelf in order to get the proper framing. It's unlikely you'll be able to hold your phone far enough away from your body to do so on your own.
- Be sure the room is quiet and doesn't have a loud echo.
- Please record yourself horizontally (16:9) like this:



- With regards to what you wear, please try to stay away from graphic tees with writing or images, tight patterns, and the colors white or black. Also, please be sure your clothes do not have any visible logos.

SENDING THE FILE:

Please label the file with your name and major. Example: Rayshaun Jones_History

Please email or upload the video file

If emailing, be sure to send it as the largest possible file size. You may need to send it via a file-share app/program like Mail Drop or Google Drive.

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If you want to upload the file, you can [upload the file here](#).



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