

## Annual Fund Exceeds Goal Multi-Cultural Reunion Planned

Dear Alumni and Alumnae,

This fall we welcomed an incoming class of talented students and the return of our exceptional faculty and staff to a newly renovated Sterling Memorial Quadrangle. We are also pleased to welcome our new dean Professor Harry Attridge, a scholar of international merit and an administrator of considerable vision and talent.

We are excited to welcome our alumni, alumnae and friends to our newly renovated campus for our upcoming Convocation and Reunions, October 14-17th. Along with our partners, Berkeley Divinity School and the Institute for Sacred Music, YDS will again host spectacular scholars and spirited reunion class gatherings, including special celebrations for our remarkable 50th anniversary class—the Class of '52. At the annual General Meeting, a state of the school address from Dean Attridge and a report from our YDS Alumni/ae Board President, Jana Norman '93, will offer opportunities to hear more about the school and our future initiatives.

Reflecting our commitment to you, we will continue to host Yale Divinity School gatherings around the country and the world as opportunities for you to meet with Dean Attridge, faculty and other alumni and alumnae. Plans are now under way to gather in Washington D.C., Atlanta, New York City, Hartford, Toronto (AAR/SBL), Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Tokyo and Seoul.

YDS will host our first African-American, Hispanic-Latino and Asian-American Alumni/ae & Friends Reunion on May 1-3, 2003. Angelique Walker-Smith, '83, Ian Straker '85 and Marisa Herrera '89 are planning this special celebration, featuring prominent speakers and alumni/ae.

In this new issue of *Spectrum* we have enclosed inspiring profiles of our alumni and alumnae and students who bear witness to the international scope of Yale Divinity's legacy in shaping extraordinary public and religious leaders.

Throughout our progress, our partnership with you—our dedicated alumni, alumnae and friends—has never been more important. Your generosity to the YDS Annual Fund enables us to attract the most promising students and help reduce the need for student loans. This year we have exceeded our Annual Fund goal, raising \$362,000 with 44% of our alumni and alumnae participating.

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As I have met alumni and alumnae around the country, I have been thoroughly impressed by your commitment to the school and our students. In the coming year, I look forward to meeting many more of you and thanking you personally for your generosity.

Warmest Regards,  
James Ebert '97  
Director of Alumni/ae Relations



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### Call to Annual Meeting & Amendment By-Law Change

All YDS alumni are invited to the annual General Meeting, Tuesday, October 15th at 3pm.

An amendment to the YDS alumni board by-laws will be discussed and voted upon: That the Vice President, who serves a two-year term, becomes "President-Elect" in the second year of his or her term, providing greater continuity in leadership and the AYA-Association of Yale Alumni Board Calendar.