

Barrington 90s nerds info from WhatsApp

Name	Attending in June?	Country Code	Number	Info
Jerry Shannon	Yes	1	6122980003	After getting my Masters in Teaching (following the Wolnski/Christino dream) at Iowa, I taught first year writing at community colleges and eventually the U of Minnesota for about a decade. After the birth of our second kid in 2008 (my wife is Sarah, going on 28 years), we both said screw it let's get our PhDs at the same time. So we did. I got a geography degree and Sarah got hers in Sociology. We got jobs at U of Georgia and have been here in Athens since 2013. My older son Micah is about to graduate with a Master's in Public Policy from UGA and the younger is headed to Georgia College this fall to start college.
Andrew Huff	Yes	1	7733686137	Andrew here again. I went to Ohio State for journalism, where I met my wife Cinnamon on the newspaper staff — we're celebrating 30 years together, and 20 years married, this year. After graduating I moved to Chicago and ended up in PR for a while, working at an agency downtown and then part time for my dad's firm in Barrington. I got into blogging in 2001, which led to launching one of the first city blogs, Gapers Block, in 2003. I edited and published GB for nearly 13 years, doing various content, PR and freelance journalism gigs to keep it afloat. I'd finally burnt out enough in 2015 that when my dad asked if I might want to take over the business, I said yes. For the past decade I've been doing PR and also nonprofit administration; I'm the executive director of the National Rosacea Society. (The businesses are related; long story better suited for in person.) I still do a little performing in the form of hosting and producing three shows: a monthly live lit show in Andersonville; a monthly storytelling show in my neighborhood, West Ridge; and a quarterly variety show in which 20 people each each get two minutes

				to answer one question. (The next edition is April 26, so I'm in producer mode right now: https://20x2.org/chicago/) Cinnamon and I live in a two-flat with fellow BHS '93 alum Veronica Arreola. No kids, but we have three cats and 17 nieces and nephews, and we take care of my youngest brother, Danny, who is intellectually disabled and lives a 10-minute walk from us.
Dan Hodgson		1	3126560808	
Megan Miles Hahn	Yes	1	6083478895	I live in Madison, WI. Married, 2 kids Been a high school Math teacher for 20 years. Also sold African safaris with Abercrombie & Kent for a few years after college (What else do you do with a Geography Degree? Unless you're cool like Jerry!) and also spent a few years doing computer programming for a healthcare software company called Epic. But teaching teenagers how to factor quadratics and run 2 sample hypothesis tests is my jam. My daughter Lucy is graduating high school in June and will go to college to become a high school choir teacher (after spending the summer as a camp counselor, it feels very 1993 in my house right now). My son Elliot is finishing 5th grade, he is pretty hilarious.
Savitha Susarla		1	3129330388	I never gave me personal info Make it quick and easy Kalyan my husband is a radiologist from calories Me family medicine We met at Diwali party We moved and traveled a lot for training and fun. We have been since 1999

				2 kids We practice gratitude everyday !
Amanda Paulson	Yes	1	7734051538	For me: After college (with Cris Kuechmann!) I bounced around for a bit - Costa Rica, Estes Park, crewing for a friend on part of her sailing circumnavigation. Then took an internship at the CSMonitor in Boston that turned into a 20 year career in journalism. I covered education, the midwest, politics, and the environment (among other things) at the monitor, moving from Boston to Chicago to Boulder, where I've been for the past 15 years. Since 2000, I've worked for a foundation on conservation and biodiversity issues, getting to travel to a few cool places (mostly in Latin America) in the process. Josh and I have been married for 21 years and we have two kids. Willa, 18, is a freshman at USC (in LA, not South Carolina), and Finn, who just turned 17, is a junior. I love living in Boulder and get outside into the mountains as much as I can. My parents still live in Barrington, so I get back there (or to visit friends in Chicago) at least once or twice a year.
Brooke Bushman		1	5203109377	
Charlotte Helms	yes	1	8475027039	I'm impressed and also slightly questioning myself on how I've been spending the last 33 years based on the responses so far. That being said, I live a pretty damn good life. It isn't too adventurous, but it's the way I like it and am happy (and lucky) with how things have turned out. I ended up going to school at Monmouth (Illinois not New Jersey). After that, I came back to the Chicagoland area and did benefit consulting work at Hewitt (later on, Aon). I met Matt twenty years ago, got married, and had two children (Alice 14 and Clara 12). After Alice was born, I stopped

				working and we moved to Crystal Lake. My parents are still in Barrington, and as they age, I find myself heading out there quite a bit. It's funny that many of you have headed over to Europe and perhaps have become citizens. Since I have dual citizenship (became an American back in college), I got the girls their British citizenship and are just waiting on their British passports. Matt is the lone American in our house, but we have often talked about retiring in the UK (probably the North East near Newcastle Upon Tyne). Until then, we continue to watch Newcastle United (John, Man United, really? 😊).
Cristina Kuechmann		41	795103418	My quick bio: -after college with ROTC did 4y in US Army; pre-9/11 thankfully. -b-school in Philly and then Minneapolis to start a medical device career -courtesy of which in 2006 got a 1y assignment to Geneva, Switzerland, suburbs (Lausanne, specifically). I've been here ever since because... -I picked up an Italian husband along the way and we have two boys Evan 10 and Samuel 12 -my folks are in Naples, FL, and I try to visit them solo 2-3 times/yr -last May was in Chgo/Barr solo with my folks; like John we hit the childhood hot spots. All the nostalgia. But damn, no more Hackneys in Lake Zurich. #darkrye; #onionloaf
Emily		1	7739916090	
Greg Link	No	49	15123653123	So, I have now been in Europe for 20 years. A few years in Vienna and now over 15 in Germany (Bonn currently). Working for an Austrian Steel Producer running a purchasing department in one of the locations in Germany.

				My daughter is just about to turn 22 in the next few weeks, and is finishing up her Bachelor's Degree in The Hague. She'll do her Masters in the next school year. I was married for 21 years. Everything ended amicably, and have a wonderful daughter to show for it. Been dating someone for a little over two years. She was originally based in Rome (is German though) so got to spend a lot of time there over long weekends, etc., when she wasn't in Germany visiting her kids. I had one US trip already this year(visiting my parents in Fort Myers), and will probably have a second one at Christmas, so I sadly won't be able to swing the upcoming meet-up.
Heidi Kay	yes	1	2318350836	Shortly after college I headed overseas with my teaching degree and started a career in various International Schools. The longest stints were in Japan, Norway and Vietnam. I met a Swedish man along the way and he and I got married and started our family while in Hanoi. Joakim and I have a 14 and 12 year old. We've been so fortunate to have traveled pretty extensively with them, and seeing the world through their eyes is one of our favorite things. We moved to Traverse City, Michigan about ten years ago to be closer to my parents who retired here. I continue to teach part time as an English Language teacher/Reading Specialist in our public elementary schools and during the other half of my day have become a travel advisor, which I love. Being a travel advisor helps me stay in a continual state of wanderlust and my "places to visit" list grows longer and longer.

Jillian Dunham	No	1	646320381 2	It's nice to hear what everyone is up to and it seems there's a theme of being able to lean on our loved ones for support, which is lovely to read. I moved to NYC shortly after finishing college and I've been here ever since. I worked in journalism for twenty years, mostly at the NY Times, but about ten years ago I burned out and left. Like a lot of folks, I've been searching/ revising assumptions/ wearing multiple hats. My husband and I celebrate our tenth this year and we have two young kids, Nate, who is seven and Leah, who is five. I have a book coming out next summer, a memoir. I don't get back to IL very much. Both of my parents died young (the subject of said memoir). I won't be able to make it this July but I'm happy to see your shining faces (especially since social media is so odious).
John Brubaker	No	44	778741583 1	I also have a 11 yo son named Elliot! He's finishing UK year 6 (US 5th grade). He's a drama kid and a ManUnited football nut. His older brother, Henry, is 12 and will very quickly tell you 'Math is my favorite subject'. (We are huge fans of Math teachers in our house). My wife Amanda is English - I met her here in London just after I moved in 2011. I have the only American accent in my house, which continually amazes me. After 30 years, I can only speculate how everyone remembers me. 1993 John was headed out to study History and solve international problems of varying ilk. A boring internship at the State Dept and then college recruiters combined to pull me into a brief stint at finance job after college, but I've been working in software/tech and agribusiness since 2000. (Yes, it's a pretty thin venn diagram overlap). I have traveled as I then hoped, and I do come frequently to the US to visit my customers, so trying to wrangle July schedules. My parents moved from Barrington to SF in 2007 and since then to North Carolina, near my younger sister (BHS 96). I did take the kids and Amanda to Chicago last summer to see it and eat deep dish pizza. We spent an

				afternoon in Barrington, and walked around the outside of BHS in August. Impressive sports field upgrades, but otherwise unchanged.... Some mixed feelings about the sports, I have to say. I kept singing in an a'cappella group in college, but that's the extent of it since then.
Julie Dunne	Yes	1	7734259923	thank you John and Sav and Kristina for the updates and PICS!! For me, I was the other ROTC cadet from BHS, along with Cristina, but my severe bee sting allergy got me released before graduation from IIT. I stuck around Chicago and ran a permit business, worked as an architect, and got my master's in urban planning at IIT as well. I met a fellow IIT grad after college, got married, moved to several burbs and eventually back in barrington, taught architecture, then had kids and got into real estate -flipping and brokering- to avoid being at a computer for any reason other than chatting and posting photos. Dylan is 22 and getting his MA in econ from DePaul in a few weeks, his sister Casey is in the pre-law program at DePaul and has plans to rule the world someday. during covid I sort of blacked out one day and did almost everything I swore I would never do, buying a fixer-upper in barrington hills. we had sold our house by the train station and were renting out of the BHS district (because there was not a single home for rent in dist 220 at the time) and someone ratted us out, this house came up for sale, so now 5 years later we are still renovating it one...tiny...piece....of....trim....at a time. my husband has a design firm in the city that does fancy hospitality and restaurant shit, I spend my free time hiking in england and puttering around the yard, re-learning german, and using work as an excuse to be in Chicago and go for runs on the lakefront.
Katie P		1	6164020449	Bounced around in life from Massachusetts to Colorado then West Michigan to be with family. I have been a single mom to two amazing people since they were 3 and 1 (Grace now 21 and Jackson now 18). I have the best dogs (currently Ollie and Mando). Michael and my mom are right down the street and I built a multi-family house a few years ago with my sister Chris

				(the oldest) and her crazy-ass Boston guy we've known since childhood. I have run an after school program, taught residential outdoor education then middle and high school Social Studies and Science, led backpacking trips in Colorado for years, served as a school board member through Covid and book banning (I do not recommend), and coached a million teams. I am now in Utah at brain camp, as I have been suffering from PCS (many sport-related concussions) and post-viral headaches for years, which interfere with my ability to work. Hoping to move back to Colorado since I am now an empty nester! Woot! That said, my son just moved back home from college (he did not like it) so...plans a little delayed.
Kyle B		1	7652994808	My life seems pretty dull compared to most of you! I graduated Millikin with a degree in Theatre and a fiancée who basically didn't believe in my ability to make it in the business, so I did about everything else but theatre for about 16 years. She also managed to convince me to move away from everything and everyone (and a steady customer service job) to central Illinois. We eventually divorced, but not until after having a wonderful son, Ian, who turned 22 last August. I've did everything to maintain employment while rural Illinois and Indiana continue to struggle - food delivery, door to door sales, more customer service. Eventually I found myself in Terre Haute working for a start up internet company that went bust after 4 months. During that time, I met a wonderful person online, Candace, she's seen me through rough times and great times and we'll be together for 16 years this summer - married for 14. Unlike my ex, she's supportive of the arts, and we found a home and theatrical home base in the Lafayette, IN area, but I basically had to start from the bottom again. It took a while, but I founded a new inclusivity-forward theatre company, Acorn Players, and we've just started our fourth season and I've been the Artistic Director. It's been a wild ride, but it's been well worth it in the end, and we have a beautiful daughter

				together, Roxie, who will be 10 in June. As for a paying job, for five years, I've had the privilege of working with the local disabled community, helping people find community-based jobs as well as working with them one-on-one in day centers.
Megan Fastabend		1	8479022963	
Sarah Zabrenski		1	3129255106	
Tuck		1	7204704754	
Veronica		1	7735622129	Veronica Arreola here. After graduation I moved to Chicago w my senior prom date & another friend. Went to UIC. Stayed there for 30 years working on diversity in STEM. Left just as higher ed & DEI was imploding. Married my prom date, but divorced after 20 years. We have a gorgeous & brilliant daughter. She's at Northwestern studying physical therapy. Just finished her first year. Just finished an electoral campaign where we beat a guy by 74 points. Working on a few creative projects and working w Andrew on PR. Figuring out my next move.