



May 13, 2024

Great Class of 1987!

YOU.ALL.ARE.ROCKSTARS! I thought I'd give you a weekend without an email from me but I want to take this moment to Celebrate the Class – **I am so PROUD of our Class!** THANK YOU!

I. BUT FIRST, AN IMPORTANT SCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENT (Suni Williams):

We are hosting a Suni Starliner Send-off Social on Zoom this **Wednesday, May 15th from 2000-2130 ET.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5292297392?pwd=XPbFm1sqtFMKGDZAmCa0K4bxEw72Q0.1&omn=81599123580>

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II. The GREAT CLASS CHALLENGE 2024 hotwash:

We finished up with a tsunami surge and brought home the **SILVER MEDAL** in both categories for the Great Class Challenge, all while pushing several other Classes to their PRs as they attempted to pace with us.

- ☑ **2nd in total donors (493)** – topping last year's magnificent 357 donors by 137%.
- ☑ **2nd in Participation (52%)**. We broke 50% and beat last year's 38% participation.
- ☑ **Every Departed Classmate honored**

To those who participated – you have my **GRATITUDE AND HEARTFELT THANKS!**

For those who missed the opportunity – we need you for next year. Help us leave our Firsties in the dust!

(OBTW, we beat 1984s target from last year (of 465) and also appreciated 1986s homage to us of **87** donors.)

I'll have more data next week to learn which companies competed for Color Company and how much we raised for our focus fund (The Midshipman Development Center).

Aside from all the competitive juices stirred, the onslaught of **Chris Dunphy** Facebook memes, and the fun of rallying around a goal, the real winners are the Brigade. The \$3.05MM total raised by over 6,750 donors during the Challenge will continue to push the "Margin Of Excellence" used to fund initiatives that directly benefit the Mids and the mission. This was a terrific add to our Class Fundraising Project because this was a twofer! All GCC contributions **add directly towards our 1987 Class Fundraising Project** monetary totals.

III. Also an IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Join us for our **37th Graduation Anniversary Social** on next **Monday, May 20th from 1900-2100 ET.**

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Go '87 and Go Navy!

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SHIPMATE: Rob Pinataro's next deadline is approaching for the July-August *Shipmate* column. Send your submission NLT Wednesday, 22 May to Rob at pinataro87@gmail.com. Please include *Shipmate* in the subject.