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Dear Fellow Class of '96 Alumni,

During our reunion year celebration, we are also kicking off a giving participation challenge! As part of completing the [McGregor Computer Science Center](#) this spring, Harvey Mudd is also opening the **makerspace**, a facility filled with tools and working space for students to use for creative projects and prototyping!

We're excited to be sponsoring the **addition of a [Jacquard loom](#) in the makerspace** and supporting a **Makerspace Summer Steward grant** for students working in the makerspace between school years.

The TC2 jacquard loom enables the user to visualize, materialize, explore, experiment and discover. It is used by freelance designers and independent artists who create customized or one-off pieces for art installations, functional textiles and fashion. Jacquard looms are used to research hypoallergenic textiles and uniforms and sportswear with built-in smart functionalities. In learning more about the makerspace, the reunion committee fell in love with the loom as a gift that combined technology and art, providing students with a unique device for making their designs a reality. This gift will honor both the Class of 1996 as a whole and the memory of the classmates and faculty who are no longer with us.

To fund both goals, our class needs to raise at least \$75,000 as a five-year giving pledge. Due to the generous support of our classmates, we have already secured \$35,000 in challenge gifts, with the goal of increasing the participation of the entire class.

Here's how it works:

1996 Class Giving Participants	Additional Challenge \$ Unlocked
25	\$5,000
30	\$10,000
35	\$15,000
40	\$20,000
45	\$25,000
50	\$30,000
55	\$35,000

Even before starting the challenge, we have 18 participants this year—we're off to a great start! However, in recent years our class giving participation has been between 20 and 35 donors. This year, we are hoping to set a new record for class participation and lay the foundation for a fantastic new cross-disciplinary, cross-campus space at the College!

Alumni philanthropy makes a tremendous difference for students and gives the College the financial flexibility to continue meeting its greatest needs while giving donors the ability to influence Harvey Mudd's growth and development. Our financial support helps ensure that, each year, our newest Harvey Mudd alumni are prepared to be effective leaders and innovators upon graduating.

With this in mind, we hope that you will consider a gift now, and certainly before June 30, if you have not already done so. To make a donation, visit www.hmc.edu/give, call 1.844.GIVE.HMC (844.448.3462) or send a check made out to Harvey Mudd College. Please use the "Other" designation and that your gift is for the Class of '96 Reunion Gift or for another area of your choosing. For information about making a multi-year commitment, contact [Jessica Berger, assistant vice president for development](#).

Sincerely,
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