Fifty years ago we graduated from Gettysburg College, an achievement that might not have been possible for many of us without the scholarships or financial aid we received from the College.

Today, financial support for students remains a pressing need—one of the College’s highest priorities. Without it, many students simply would not go to Gettysburg College. Nearly 70 percent of last year’s entering class received scholarships and financial aid through the College. Their average total package was $35,056.

To celebrate our milestone reunion, we can help make certain that a Gettysburg College education is within reach of high-achieving, talented students from all walks of life. We can open Gettysburg’s doors to the next entering class by funding unrestricted scholarships that will be awarded to students in the current academic year. Every time gifts from our class reach the $25,000 mark, a scholarship will be awarded and a new fund will begin.

Let’s fund a minimum of seven Class of 1964 Gettysburg Fund Scholarships for $25,000 each within our $400,000 reunion gift goal. Once again we’ll be “In a Class of Our Own!”

Ross Nichols ’13 chose to study in Cairo, Egypt while in pursuit of his double major in Economics and Globalization Studies. He considers himself very fortunate to have been in Cairo at the historic time when Egypt held its first-ever free election. He marvels that he was able to “witness history being made firsthand.”

Ross, who receives scholarship assistance from Gettysburg College, said, “My scholarship offered the opportunity to experience a culture completely different from my own and become a more aware and appreciative global citizen.” We wish Ross success as he continues to do Great Work.