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A Not-Quite Farewell

by Kim Haring, Class President

In our four years at Dartmouth, I learned about government and languages and philosophy and art. I studied music in London and became a part of a sisterhood and helped form a new Senior Society. I was welcomed onto the sailing team and allowed to host a radio show. I had my first real jobs and fell in love and got my heart broken.

But the most valuable things I learned were intangible. I learned what it means to be a part of a community. I learned that with the privilege of spending four years at our alma mater came the responsibility to serve my community and to go out to be a leader in the greater world. Dartmouth was, for me, what Jim Wright used to call a “transformative experience.”

When I graduated, I got caught up in life, as most of us do. I only kept in touch with a handful of friends, and with the miles came a distance from those important pieces of myself that were developed at our alma mater. Then, ten years ago, Zach Stein emailed and asked if I would consider stepping up to class leadership. He must have been desperate because, honestly, I had given little time to Dartmouth since graduating. I am pretty sure he was just trying to catch some sucker who would say yes. *(cont. on next page)*

Help Make Your 20th Reunion the Best Thus Far!

As the old adage goes: the more, the merrier! That couldn't be more true than for our 20th Reunion this June 19-21.

While we are not yet to the record of 320 alums, we have over 215 classmates registered for Reunion already! Help us make this the best Reunion to date by registering today: <http://dartmouth.org/reunions/1996.html>! If you've already registered, thank you!!!!

You can view who else is currently planning on coming by visiting our registration page. If you don't find someone's name there, reach out and encourage them to join you at Reunion next month.



Our registration tent will be open throughout the day Friday, June 19th. During the afternoon, we'll be hosting a scavenger hunt with our cluster followed by a *(cont. on page 3)*

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what matters to you!**

**What topics would you
like to see covered in
the next Evergreen?**

**Want to write an
article?**

Let us know!

A Not-Quite Farewell

(cont. from prev. page) After the glory of my unopposed victory, being elected by the 10 people who showed up our Saturday morning class meeting at Reunion that year, I was handed a binder, informed that the President appoints most of the class officers and was given a wish of good luck. (At least in my head I am remembering a good luck—it may have been more of a snicker and a wink....) Fortunately, enough of my friends drank heavily that night, because those people became our initial leadership team.

So we started off a bit rocky. But we had great intentions and a group of people who didn't know any better than to try a bunch of different things and see what worked to get people connected to one another and to the College. And we were committed to having fun!

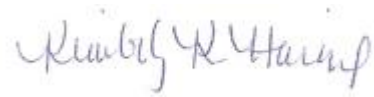
I am so thrilled to report the unlikely fact that our class has done incredible things over the last ten years. We have raised tens of thousands of dollars that have gone directly back to Dartmouth students to support their research, their athletic dreams and their service to the world. We have raised more than two million dollars for the Dartmouth College Fund. We have spearheaded—and won—the fight to maintain autonomy over our class assets by eliminating the financial burden of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. We have built and sustained incredible communications through our Evergreen, our website, our eNewsletter and our social media. We have created mini-reunion programs in eight different

states, reaching hundreds of classmates, many of whom may not be able to join us this summer at Reunion. We have been recognized for being trendsetters in things like online officer voting, class-wide surveying, building our email lists to more than 90% of our classmates, making unprecedented improvement in our College fundraising and building the largest social media groups in all of the Ivy League. Three of our current class officers have won Officer of the Year awards over the last decade, one is sitting on the managing council for Dartmouth volunteer fundraising and all are setting the standard for class leaders across the boards. We have contributed to the College and to our classmates' lives in ways that I couldn't possibly have imagined when I said yes to Zach.

I am so proud and honored not just of what we have done for our class and the College and my part in that, but I am extraordinarily grateful for what being our Class President has done for my life. I never could have imagined that giving a little time here and there to Dartmouth could bring so much back to me. It has reminded me of the things that I learned in those four years in Hanover—of what it means to be a part of a community, and of my responsibility to serve as a leader in the world. It has allowed me to build lifelong friendships that I'd never have had without this experience. It has given me a permanent sense of place and family in Hanover, as I have moved around the country, changed jobs and careers and created a family of my own.

As I step down as our Class President in June, I owe an incredible debt of grati-

tude to Zach for asking me to step up and even more to the 30 or so classmates who have sat beside me over the last decade, as we have endeavored to find new and better ways to sustain and grow our connection with each other and the College. You all have become my friends and my family, and have helped create, in my life evermore, an enduring piece of Dartmouth. Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing you in Hanover in June!



Kim

Call for Class Leadership

Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be accepted until May 22nd. We will accept nominations for all other positions until June 5th.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send a quick message to Kim Haring at kimberly.haring.96@alum.dartmouth.org with a description of the job(s) in which you are most interested and why you would like to nominate someone or self-nominate. To see a list of the class's leadership positions, check out our website at 1996.dartmouth.org under Your Class Officers.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kim!

Letter from the Vice President

Dear Classmates,

It is with mixed emotions that I step down this year as Vice President. It seems unbelievable that I have been serving the class for ten years. In that time, I have chaired two reunions, served with many amazing volunteers and developed close friendships among our executive committee members. I have gotten to know Dartmouth better as an alumnus than I knew it as a student, working with administration and alumni to make a wonderful place even better. I have walked the campus each year as it has grown, adding new buildings and programs and welcoming new students. I have loved feeling connected to the place that gave me so much as an undergraduate.

In those same ten years, my family with fellow '96 Simon Tripp has grown from one child to three, now ages 7, 9 and 11. I was a stay-at-home mom, then a part-time employee for a tech company and now I am a licensed horseback riding instructor and barn manager for a beautiful local farm here in Westford, MA. So much has changed in ten years, but Dartmouth has always been a constant.

I will miss serving as a class officer, but I know I will continue to visit Hanover, stay in touch with the other amazing class officers and perhaps serve the class again in the future. I hope others of you take the opportunity to volunteer for Dartmouth, whether through your local club, the executive committee or as an alumni interviewer. It really is wonderful to stay connected to our beloved alma mater.

Always,



Lanea Tripp

20th Reunion

(cont. from page 1) class reception and socializing catered by EBAs with some of our traditional favorites. Friday night our cluster will be entertained with tunes from Warehouse.

Saturday morning you can join clustermates for runs or a bike ride, a tour of the Hood or simply have some breakfast before the College-planned activities. Our class lunch and meeting will hopefully be accompanied by some of our fellow musicians, writers and artists and followed by a class presentation. If you want time off to tour the campus Saturday afternoon, we'll have various options for tours, a socializing event, etc. In addition to several College-sponsored activities, our Class Dinner will be held at Alumni Hall and catered by the Hanover Inn with socializing late night with clustermates.

On Sunday morning, we'll have our Memorial Breakfast along the river. In addition to honoring following classmates, this promises to be a special opportunity for everyone to say farewell until we meet again.

Don't forget to reach out if you are willing to help supervise events at Reunion. See you in Hanover!

Justin Heather, 20th Reunion Chair
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Class Meeting Announcement

Please join us for our Class Meeting on Saturday, June 20 at 12 pm in Hanover, New Hampshire, in our Class Tent. As part of our regular Class Business, we will be voting on the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

All classmates who have paid class dues in FY 2014-2015 are eligible to vote on all matters. If you don't know whether or not you have paid your dues, please contact Shervyn von Hoerl at shervyn@gmail.com or check out our Class Dues Honor Roll under Dues on our website at 1996.dartmouth.org.

What We've Heard

Well, not a whole lot... I guess everyone is waiting to share their news at Reunion! But we did hear from a few of you (thanks for writing in/posting interesting things!), so read on.

'Tis the year of the Big 4-0 for many of us. And if you have to turn 40, why not celebrate it in style aboard Air Force One, like **Alicia Jennings**? She celebrated her 40th with President Obama in February. Looks like it was a memorable event!

Holly Parker writes: "Just a brief update from snowy Maine. After 2.5 years running the youth boat building non-profit Compass Project here in Portland, I have returned to the Ivory Tower, taking the position of Coordinator for Academic Innovations at the University of New England. I work with the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives to create and support university wide programs that support our current undergrad and grad student populations, and expand our reach to include adult learners in the US who want/need to complete their undergraduate degrees via quality online programs. We design all of our programs in house, avoiding the pitfalls of for profit contractors, and building on UNE's strengths in the sciences and health professions. The learning curve has been steep, but I am loving the challenge. It is wonderful to be back in academia. Other than that, we have fought against this epic winter with all we have. Lots of snowshoeing and running around in the snow, just as we learned to do in Hanover! Can't wait to see everyone in June!"



Alicia Jennings and President Obama,
February 2015



Dr. Kristen Calcagni Johnson

Kristen Calcagni Johnson was recently interviewed by fosters.com about her participation in a big national study through the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Pediatric Research in an Office Setting (PROS) program on the impact of motivational interviewing and dietary counseling provided by primary care providers to parents of overweight children ages 2-8 years old. She is the co-coordinator for the state of New Hampshire for PROS. Dr. Johnson said, "This is one of the very first large-scale randomized trials to show significant reductions in BMI in a practice-based intervention. The research shows that motivational interviewing, delivered by trained pediatricians in the primary care setting, can be an important and feasible part of addressing childhood obesity." And in a more relaxed space, Kristen was quoted as saying, "Fun participating in a big national study! AAP PROS is fantastic!" (Thanks facebook!) =) For anyone interested in learning more, the study results were published in Pediatrics and can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/1FY216S>.

We have some amazing runners in our class, including our fearless Reunion Chair, **Justin Heather**, who ran the Boston Marathon this year, and got his 2nd best time! A lot of our other classmates are amazing runners too, but seem to be too busy running to write in. ;)

And that's all we've heard for now! I know we have classmates doing amazing things, so please write in and let us know about them so we can share!! Updates for the next issue can be sent to neesha@alum.dartmouth.org (text only) or neesha.d96@gmail.com (anything with an attachment).

Hope to see you all at Reunion (where you can be sure our ears will be open for more to add to the next edition of *What We've Heard!*)!



Justin Heather,
Boston Marathon 2015

Dartmouth Cryptograms

What popular Dartmouth song lyrics are these? Figure out the code to decode the cryptic messages below and reveal the lyrics!

#1: XYUL IFX XULNGIONB ACPY U LIOMY, NI NBY WIFFYAY IH NBY BCFF

#2: IOHX NBY ACLXFYX YULNB NBYS LIUG, BYL MJYFF IH NBYG LYGUCHM

#3: NBYS BUPY NBY MNCFF HILNB CH NBYCL BYULNM, NBY BCFF QCHX CH

NBYCL PYCHM, UHX NBY ALUHCNY IZ HYQ BUGJMBCLY CH NBYCL

GOMWFYM UHX NBYCL VLUCHM.

(Find the answers on p. 7.)

College News

APRIL

2,120 Students Offered Acceptance into the Class of 2019

Dartmouth has offered 2,120 students acceptance to the Class of 2019. Over previous years' figures, the number represents more students who will be the first in their families to attend college and more students from the western United States.

The accepted students come from a group of 20,504 applicants, representing an admission rate of 10.3 percent. Included in the number of accepted applicants are 483 students admitted in December 2014 through the early decision process.

Admissions officers expect to enroll approximately 1,120 students in the Class of 2019; they will be seniors when Dartmouth celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding.

"We're thrilled to invite this 'Anniversary Class' to Dartmouth," says Maria Laskaris '84, dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. "As a group, they embody our highest aspira-

tions for our students in their academic accomplishments, their diversity of backgrounds and experiences and their potential for significant contribution to our community."

In addition to an essay required in the Common Application process, this year Dartmouth required that applicants write an essay on one of five topics. These additional essays provided depth and texture to the applications submitted by students, says Laskaris. "For example, we asked applicants to share the story of the origin of their first or last name or to describe a meaningful intellectual experience. Their responses were fascinating and heartfelt and gave us a more nuanced understanding of the uniqueness of each applicant," she says.

Dartmouth continues to draw students from diverse backgrounds from across the country and around the globe. The Class of 2019, Laskaris says, is notable for the number of students admitted from the Western states. Just under 27 percent of admitted students come from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, up from 22.7 percent of those admitted last *(cont. on next page)*

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(cont. from previous page) year. International students comprise 7.9 percent of the admitted group.

The students admitted to the Class of 2019 have average SAT scores in the 98th percentile nationwide, and just under 95 percent of them rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class (of secondary schools that report class rank). 34.8% are valedictorians and 10.1% are salutatorians.

Just under 15 percent of students admitted to Dartmouth this year are the first in their families to attend college, up from 12.4 percent last year. Students of color—African American, Asian American, Latina/o, Native American and students who self-identify as multi-racial—represent 49.8 percent of admitted students. 7.9% of the group are international students. The admitted students include almost 8 percent who are the daughters and sons of Dartmouth alumni.

As part of its commitment to increasing accessibility, the Admissions Office places a high priority on building relationships with community-based organizations that help colleges and universities connect with applicants from under-resourced schools. Dartmouth continues to partner with organizations such as the Sutton Trust, College Horizons and Prep for Prep, as well as numerous local and regional programs. This year marks Dartmouth's sixth working with QuestBridge, an organization that matches exceptionally talented low-income students with colleges and universities across the country.

Engineering topped the list of academic interests expressed by the admitted students, followed by biology and economics. Government, psychological and brain sciences, mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry and English rounded out the top 10 areas of expressed interest.

MARCH

Dartmouth Announces Tuition, Room and Board, and Fees

In a series of wide-ranging conversations at its March 6 and 7 meeting, the Dartmouth Board of Trustees discussed the acceleration of academic innovation and planning as well as financial support to facilitate those efforts. Board members also received updates from College officers from across the institution.

President Phil Hanlon '77 highlighted the importance of prioritizing big, bold ideas and intellectual risk-taking among faculty and students.

The board heard a presentation from Provost Carolyn Dever about how Dartmouth is strengthening academic excellence. Dever described the excitement and interest in the faculty cluster initiative, which has received 33 proposals for funding in next year's second year of the program. The initiative is designed to extend Dartmouth's impact in the world through the collaboration of interdisciplinary faculty teams on issues of global importance. Dever also noted that the College's seed-funding initiative, which encourages innovation by offering resources for new scholarship and research, has drawn an increased number of proposals this year.

"The competition for the very best faculty, and those with the potential to become leaders in their field, is fierce," says Dever. "We will be strategic, creative and relentless as we work to attract and retain a strong, diverse faculty today and build Dartmouth's next generation of exceptional teacher-scholars for tomorrow."

Dever provided an update on the development of programs and partnerships to build faculty diversity, which are gaining steam under the direction of new Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives Denise Anthony. The trustees also received an update on the Society of Fellows, a cohort of young post-doctoral scholars whose presence on campus, beginning next fall, will foster a new level of intellectual energy, interdisciplinary collaboration and integration of research and teaching excellence.

Tuition Rates and Financial Aid Set

The trustees approved a 2.9 percent increase in undergraduate

tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board for the 2015–16 academic year, consistent with the strategy launched last year by President Hanlon to slow the growth of the cost of a Dartmouth education.

The decision follows a budget process that prioritizes robust investment in innovation and excellence as well as support for Dartmouth’s most important academic priorities. The increase is the same as last year’s 2.9 percent increase, the lowest in nearly four decades.

“The board’s actions today reinforce our strategy to develop a budget designed to achieve Dartmouth’s aspirations as a world-class educational institution and then generate operating revenue to meet those expenses, as opposed to seeing how much revenue we can generate and then setting the expense budget accordingly,” says Hanlon.

Undergraduate tuition for the 2015-16 academic year will be \$48,120, an increase of \$1,357 over the current year’s tuition rate. Total tuition, room, board and mandatory fees

next year will increase to \$63,744. The tuition rates apply to all undergraduates and to students in the Dartmouth Graduate Studies programs and at Thayer School of Engineering, which offers both undergraduate and graduate programs.

The trustees reaffirmed their commitment to affordability through the continuation of Dartmouth’s longstanding need-blind undergraduate admission and generous, need-based financial aid program. For the 2016 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, Dartmouth has budgeted \$88.9 million in financial aid, a 6.6 percent increase over the \$85 million in awards budgeted for the current fiscal year. Since 2007, Dartmouth has increased scholarship awards by 68 percent.

“I applaud the board for its commitment to maintaining a need-based financial aid program that guarantees meeting 100 percent of eligible students’ demonstrated need for all four years,” says Maria Laskaris ’84, dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. “This is key to Dartmouth’s ability to enroll exceptionally talented students from increasingly diverse backgrounds.”

Dartmouth Cryptograms Answer Key

(Note: In honor of the class of '96, there is a six-letter shift between the cryptogram and the actual alphabet. A real "A" is written as "U," a real "B" is written as "V," etc.)

#3: THEY HAVE THE STILL NORTH IN THEIR HEARTS, THE HILL WIND IN THEIR VEINS, AND THE GRANITE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN THEIR MUSCLES AND THEIR BRAINS.

#2: AROUND THE GIRDLED EARTH THEY ROAM, HER SPELL ON THEM REMAINS

#1: DEAR OLD DARTMOUTH GIVE A ROUSE, TO THE COLLEGE ON THE HILL

Did you recognize the alma mater? ;)



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96% participation

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