

EVERGREEN

REMEMBERING OUR CLASSMATES

Sadly, the Class of 1996, like all other Dartmouth classes has faced the loss of beloved classmates. After the passing of Maribel Sanchez in 2017, the Executive Committee discovered that in addition to the fund established to honor Maribel there were three other similar funds managed by the College. As a result we voted to remember our lost classmates through supporting all four memorial funds established in their honor. Additionally, as part of the complete redesign of the webpage we have added an In Memoriam section honoring all 17 classmates who have died. While not all of our lost classmates have funds at the at the College to which we could donate as a class project, we felt that this donation would be a meaningful expression of the love and friendship we feel for ALL '96s who have gone before.

In September 2018, we received a letter from Charlie Devens, that father of Sarah Devens. It read:

“
Dear Dartmouth Class of 1996,

I want to thank you all for making a gift to the Dartmouth Fund in memory of my daughter Sarah. She loved her class and her College. It gave her great friends and teammates during her short life. She loved her sports and excelled in large part due to her teammates and coaches. Our family misses her daily and remembers her in her youth with her enthusiasm and love of life. We started a fund to help those undergraduates needing mental health who could not afford their co-pays and it hopefully helps many with the pressures of academia and athletic life. You are a great Class 1996, we thank you for remembering one of your own.

With deep appreciation,
”
Charlie Devens, H '59, D '64

In response to Mr. Devens' moving words, the Executive Committee, which met during College Officers Weekend in October, voted to continue an annual donation to any memorial fund established at the College in the name of fallen classmates. These donations will be a permanent part of our class project endeavors.

The current Class of 1996 Memorial Funds are:

- Sarah Devens '96 Memorial Fund – Established in memory of Sarah, a tri-varsity athlete in ice hockey, field hockey and lacrosse. Named a captain of all 3 teams, Sarah died in July before our senior year. This endowment is designed to help decrease barriers to seeking treatment for Dartmouth students with mental health issues.
- John Higgins '96 – John Higgins played rugby at Dartmouth and died in August 1998. The fund supports the College's comprehensive athletics and recreational programs with a preference for Intramural Sports.
- Maribel Sanchez '96 Memorial Fund -Maribel was a standout member of the Big Green women's cross country and track and field teams who later returned to Dartmouth as a cross country coach. She died on New Year's Eve 2016 after a long battle with cancer. This endowment will forever support financial aid at Dartmouth, in Maribel's name. *(Continued on p. 4)*

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LETTER FROM THE
CLASS PRESIDENT

Fall is in the Air

It has not exactly turned to fall. Yet, as much as I love the heat of summer, I always look forward to that first cool north wind that portends the turning of the leaves. Time to put away the sandals and dust off the boots.



It's also time for one of my favorite weekends of the year: Class Officers' Weekend (or COW). Every September the College hosts the leadership of the various classes for a weekend of programming, learning and, most importantly, bonding with classmates and fellow alums. This year we will be working on finalizing our plans for this year and the next several years to come in advance of our fast-approaching 25th Reunion.

While there are always plenty of things happening on campus, I enjoyed scrolling through Instagram and Facebook this past June and seeing the many pictures from the 97s (and others) posting from their 20th Reunion. It seems like only yesterday that we were scrambling around campus and enjoying catching up with everyone. Yet it was over three years ago!

There were so many late night calls and emails, but I truly miss the camaraderie that came with so much planning (and the discovery of Chipotle Tabasco!!!). We made a great team! It is amazing how so many hours of planning and scrambling can bring folks together. Looking forward to our 25th Reunion, especially another day of food tasting. Hopefully this time the boxes of wine won't have suffered water damage before I load them in the van.

You may be surprised to be reminded we are just three short years away from our next trip to Hanover and our 25th Reunion! While we likely won't begin the nuts and bolts of planning this year, we will spend a fair amount of time over the next year mapping out some big picture items for our reunion. We would love to hear your thoughts on what worked and what did not. If you'd like to be involved in the reunion planning or otherwise in helping bring the class together, please let me know. Your time, no matter how much you want to spend, is always appreciated.

Here's to fall, football, apple picking and the leaves changing colors. Please reach out if you have thoughts or suggestions or would like to get involved.

Forever Green,

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IN MEMORIAM: ANDRE JUNIOR

Andre Junior '96 (affectionately known as Dre) was shot and killed on the afternoon of March 15, 2018. He was 43 years old. Though he lived in Upper Marlboro, MD, Dre was killed while walking in NW Washington, D.C. A 27-year-old man, Robert Edward Green, was soon arrested and charged with First Degree Murder while Armed. Dre leaves behind his wife and best friend, Ericka, and his loving daughter, Ava Junior.

Born and raised in Allendale, South Carolina, Dre was a graduate of Dartmouth College and was loved by fellow students, faculty and administrators alike. This son of Dartmouth had a razor-sharp intellect, beautiful smile and easygoing personality. It's telling that many of his friends from all points of his life remembered him as "good people".

A GoFundMe campaign was started by the Dartmouth Friends of Andre Junior on behalf of Ericka Perry-Junior shortly after Dre's death to raise funds to go into a 529 Education Plan to support their daughter Ava's education. Ericka and Dre had always made Ava's education a priority. The Dartmouth alums who started the campaign wanted to help ensure that Ericka and Dre's dream was realized with Ava continuing along the path that her parents started together. Our fellow classmate Claudius Gayle commented, "While his reach

and the lives he touched extend far beyond, Andre was 1 of I believe just 27 Black men in the Dartmouth College Class of '96, as one of them, I mourn the loss of another. May Eva's [sic] education stand as a testament to her father's legacy."

The original goal was to raise \$10,000, which was achieved in the first 16 hours of the campaign. So the Dartmouth Friends of Andre Junior increased the goal to \$20,000. Dre's community of family, friends, and fellow alumni managed to exceed this goal, ultimately raising \$26,144 from 271 donors over seven months. Wrote the organizers, "On behalf of Andre's family, we would like to thank everyone who supported this campaign. Your contributions and words of support for Andre's family are examples of the power of action and the importance of community. May God continue to watch over and bless Ericka, Ava, the Junior family, and all of you."

The GoFundMe campaign for Ava's education is still open. If you would like to make a contribution, please click on the following link: www.gofundme.com/AndreJunior. Or you can go to the GoFundMe website and search for Andre Junior. His is the first profile that comes up.



Andre Junior and his wife, Ericka.



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For more information about class dues, visit the Class of 1996 website.



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SELECT FALL
SPORTS SCHEDULE

For a full calendar of sporting events visit <https://dartmouthsports.com/calendar.aspx>

Football

Nov. 3	1 p.m.	Princeton	A
Nov. 10	1:30 p.m.	Cornell	A
Nov. 17	1:30 p.m.	Brown	H

Men's Soccer

Nov. 3	5 p.m.	Cornell	A
Nov. 10	5 p.m.	Brown	H

Women's Soccer

Nov. 3	1 p.m.	Cornell	A
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Field Hockey

Nov. 3	12 noon	Cornell	A
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COLLEGE NEWS



Dickey Center Invites Young African Leaders Initiatives (YALI) to Campus

In the past five years, Dartmouth has hosted 125 young innovators from 38 countries, built a training network of leaders and entrepreneurs across Africa. The six-week Dartmouth program involves intensive business and entrepreneurship training, instruction and practical work in design thinking. [More.](#)



Dartmouth Faculty & Staff Does Good Work Across Upper Valley

This year, faculty and staff raised more than \$290,000 through the Granite United Way campaign. Monies went to support Upper Valley Haven, WISE, Hartford Community Restorative Justice, Special Needs Support Center, Horse Meadow Senior Center, the Mentoring Project, and Willing Hands. [More.](#)



Dartmouth Joins the Defense of DACA

Dartmouth spokeswoman Diana Lawrence defends Dartmouth DACA students stating, "We are a community that values diversity, aware that it significantly enhances the quality of an education, and DACA therefore is a contributing factor to the success of the College." [More.](#)



College Produces Most Fulbright Scholars

The U.S. State Department did the math and declared Dartmouth College the foremost producer of Fulbright Scholars. The program provides participants with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns." [More.](#)

In Memoriam, cont. from p. 1

- J.D. Thompson '96 Memorial Fund – Jeremiah, who had put off college for a year for a spot on the U.S. Ski Team, later served as captain of the Dartmouth ski team. He died in September 2005. His fund provides current use support to the Dartmouth Ski Team

We also pledge to keep you aware of any funds outside college memorial funds to which you can donate in a timely manner using our Facebook page and website. The sudden passing of Andre Junior this summer was a tragic for his friends and

family. Yet the power of digital fundraising was in full effect. A Go Fund Me page in his honor, shared with you through our class Facebook page, raised more than \$26,000 to support his daughter, Ava. Many of you made donations, showing just how powerful friendships born in Hanover can be so many years later.

We hope that by remembering our classmates through the website and through our support of these and any future memorial funds, that their memories and all that they meant to their Dartmouth sisters and brothers will continue to shine on.

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BE A GUEST EDITOR

TAKE OVER THE EVERGREEN!

After 22 years, aren't you tired of reading only about our friends and their amazing accomplishments? "What about me and my friends?" you shout as you furiously scroll through your phone's PDF reader. Gnash your teeth no longer! Your time has come to grab the reins of our crack editorial staff and create your very own issue of the *Evergreen*. Come up with a theme, recruit contributors, and SHARE YOUR STORIES! Contact [Neesha](#) for more info.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD, SEEN, OR OTHERWISE DISCOVERED

It's been a while since the last "What We've Heard" (sorry!), which means we have a lot of news to share! Read on to find out what your classmates have been up to over the past several months.

Around the Girdled Earth We Roam

Last October 28th, **Chad Northrup** and his brother-in-law **Tom O'Shea** ran the Rhode Island 6-Hour UltraMarathon at Pulaski Memorial State Park. Chad wrote: "We followed our usual process where Tom picks out a race, asks me if I want to do it, and then finds a way to mention it in every conversation until I finally say "yes". The course was a 2.67 mile fairly hilly trail and the objective was to complete as many loops as possible within the six hour time limit. I ended up doing 10 loops, which was just enough to complete the 'ultra' distance and earn an official race sweatshirt. I also managed to trip over a rock and fall flat on my chest early in the race, hence the bloody right knee in the photo. Tom crushed 13 laps and he looked like he could have kept going!"



"Later that day we celebrated with beer & burgers that tasted significantly better than the energy gels, salt tablets, and granola bars we'd been consuming

for most of the morning. It was a great challenge and certainly a race I'll never forget. I'm sure Tom will talk me into doing another one soon. It keeps us feeling young even when our bodies are telling us otherwise."

In other athletic news, **Laura Bennett** participated in and completed the Lavaman Triathlon with her husband and two others in March. She wrote: "We did it!! A little sore but we busted thru it to finish!! Had some super cheerleaders too... they got to swim and make some killer sandcastles as they waited. Thanks for the prayers and love!! I saw a whale brech before I started swimming, four turtles while I swam and the volcano Mauna Kea (usually covered with clouds) with snow on top! It's a beautiful world!"

Courtney Bell and her family visited the Grand Canyon and Sedona over spring break. "There are no words for the beauty" we saw there, she wrote.

In April, **Daphne Monie & Devin Morgan** and family took their first family trip out of the U.S., to Atlantis in the Bahamas. While there, Daphne and one of her sons even had the opportunity to be dolphin trainers for a day!

Rose Sojung Lee and her family traveled to Monument Valley this summer, on their first RV trip. From the smiles in the photos it looks like the experience was a



good one.

Maryam Kia-Keating and her family went on safari this summer and virtually got to hold baby pandas at the zoo ...before they got soaked by "that rascal elephant"! **Larisa Layug** and family met

friendlier elephants when they went to Thailand in March – they got to ride on them. Though they did also get sprayed by these gentle giants at one point on their trip! (Can you tell which of these photos has the real elephant in it?)



Anne Byers and her husband Chris went island hopping to Maui this summer in between hurricanes and tropical storms. Writes Anne, "We just recently got back from a much needed vacation on Maui pre- and post-hurricane Lane. The closest we've ever been (and ever hope to be) to a hurricane!"

Holly Parker also went island hopping this summer, around the British Isles including Edinburgh, London, and the Isle of Skye. She passed her dissertation proposal review in May, which definitely entitles her to a bit of respite before embarking on the next big project (aka the dissertation)!

Lisa Bohenko Lessard had some adventures and beautiful views hiking both coasts of the northern U.S. and Canada this summer! And in September, her 4-legged furbaby Jessie joined in the adventuring with her first hike at Eagle Rock. She was fearless!

Ruth Marie went to Paisley Park, Prince's private estate and production complex, this summer and got to indulge in the artist's famous Mac & Cheese.

Monica Oberkoffler Gorman visited the Korean DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) in Panmunjom, North Korea, in July. Wired.com quotes President Bill Clinton calling it the "scariest place on earth."

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What We've Heard, cont. from p 5.

Ahsan Rahim and family had a short jaunt in Cannes and Paris, France, in June. They still managed to do quite a lot, by train, plane, automobile, and even boat!

Jami Papa has been playing a lot of golf in all parts of the world, as evidenced by the golf-shoe tan she was sporting a few months ago!

Work Accolades

Artistic photographer **Shannon Giles** wrote in March: "OMGosh! I can't believe I made it in *Dark Beauty Magazine*!! **Shay Burrill** and I worked so hard on this shoot!! I think I drowned her a few times creating this!!" The title of the work that was featured is "Submerged." Congratulations, Shannon! For those of you who haven't seen her work, Shannon's portraits are quite amazing!

The 2nd week of June tends to be an eventful one for **Alicia Jennings**. This year she reminisced: "For some reason, known to the universe if not me, this particular week in June seems often to be an eventful one for me at NBC.

"Twenty years ago (6/10/98), I came to work at "Meet the Press" as a Production Associate, leaving Capitol Hill and starting a career in broadcast news. It was a dream job for a politics and adrenaline junkie, and it was a first-class education – in news judgment, journalistic ethics, research and fact checking – for which I will be forever grateful.

"Fifteen years ago this same week, Tim Russert told me he was going to make me a producer – covering the White House! I was thrilled and the whirlwind started immediately (it hasn't stopped since) – within two weeks I was off on a chartered 747 to Africa, making 5 stops across the continent. Of course the rest of the summer was spent in Crawford, TX. Along the way, I've gone to nearly 70 countries and 47 of the 50 states with three different presidents. What a ride.

"It was ten years ago (6/13/08) when I was with President Bush in Paris and we got the terrible news of Tim's passing, right in our own building on Nebraska Avenue. It devastated our bureau, and I still mourn the loss and miss his presence.

"Perhaps it's only fitting, then, that this week is one for yet another transition – my last week with the White House Unit. Although I will continue producing "Nightly News" spots and Special Events at NBC in Washington, I've decided the time has come for me to set aside all the travel, troubleshooting, and transmission pools that have consumed my last decade and a half. There have been a lot of sacrifices made in that time, especially by my family, and I am looking forward to refocusing my energies and reorienting my priorities.

So, this week in June – as in many past – my heart is full. The universe is a funny thing." Alicia traveled with her family this summer instead of for work, and at the end of the summer produced the television coverage of Senator John McCain's Lying in State from the Capitol. "I was honored," she wrote about the experience.



Brad Parks posted back in March: "It's *Closer Than You Know* release day, and I woke up this morning to a special surprise: Hardee's, my daily writing sanctuary, had taken out a full page ad for me in my local paper.

"Ten years ago, Staunton Local Brad Parks Sat Down at Hardee's and began writing his first novel. He went on to publish that book--and then seven more. Brad's won two Shamus awards, two Lefty awards and a Nero award. In fact, he's the only author to claim all three. His latest crime thriller, *Closer Than You Know*, drops in stores today--and we just want to say how fired up we are for Brad, and thrilled he chose to find inspiration at Hardee's.

'Any author, even an award-winning

one, will tell you that writing novels is hard work. To accomplish what Brad has in a decade takes immense talent, dedication and discipline--and for us to have had even a small role in that achievement isn't just an honor--but a privilege.

'Brad, as far as we can tell, you're just getting started, and we hope to be a part of your adventure for many books to come.'

Fast-forward to May 2018 and Brad has already submitted the edited version of his 2019 book, tentatively entitled *The Last Act*. Now that it's September, maybe he's even gotten a head start on his 2020 book! Way to go, Brad!

In April, **Kendra Miller** was nominated in the *Orange County Business Journal's* "24th annual Women of the Year Awards Special Report" for the work she has done at BJ's Restaurants. Congratulations Kendra!

Baby News

Dan Flax, wife Shoshana Werber and their daughter Maddy, welcomed Livia Jenna Flax on March 1. The whole family is doing well in their new home in Great Neck, NY. **Kelcey Grimm** also welcomed a little girl, her 2nd child, in March 2018. **Makishma Cabo** welcomed a little one into the world in April 2018. **Kishan Putta** and his wife Divya Swamy welcomed their firstborn, a son, in June 2018. And at least 3 of our classmates (**Beth & Dave Mattingly**, **Drew Brady & Evelyn** (Waters) Brady '95) just sent their oldest children to college, one of whom is a D'21! Where does the time fly? We are all still only in our 20's or 30's, right?

In other next generation news, **Kerry Fiacco White** and her boys were making it big in NYC in May, on the NASDAQ jumbotron in Times Square. Wow!

That's it for now! If you have something you would like to share with your classmates, please send the news and/or photos to me via Green Card (an Green e-card is now available on our class website www.dartmouth1996.org) or by e-mail at neesha.d96@gmail.com. And if you're interested in joining the *Evergreen* production team, please let me know! (We could use a few more on staff.) Thanks! Until next time, that's what we've heard!