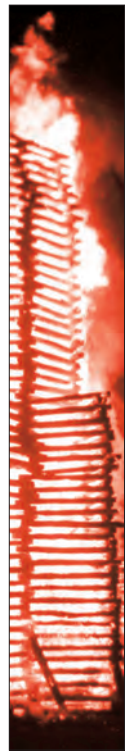
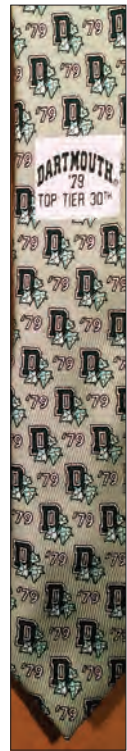


June 2021
 Mark Winkler, Newsletter Editor
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Class Newsletter

Voted **Class-of-the-Year** eight times: 1997, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, and 2017. No other Dartmouth class has had as many wins. Our Class of 1979 is unreservedly Dartmouth's Best Class.





Samuels

From Your Class President

Summer 2021: Looking Forward

by Adam Samuels '79, Class President

Dear classmates,

I hope you're beginning to – or continuing to – explore and participate in the world that around us. Perhaps you've been able to hug people! And enjoy time with friends and family. Here are some items to look forward to from the Class of '79:

The prospects of in-person activities look hopeful – we have been advised that **Homecoming in Hanover will happen the weekend of October 8-11!** Save the dates; we'll have more news in August.

We're excited to announce a new "Sitting on the '79 Fence" event – the reading of a play by Beth Blatt called In Her Words. You can read more on page 4, or check your email for details.

We also have sent out an invitation to complete our springtime survey – in 7.9 minutes or less.

We are thrilled to announce additions to our new slate of class officers and – before we do – we want to give a '79 shout out to those who are 'retiring' from their roles after six years of volunteer service:

- **Carl Briscoe** (mini-reunion co-chair)
- **Laura Swiggett** (co-steward)
- **Barb Bula** (co-steward)
- **Ellen Oppenheim** (treasurer)
- **Bill Mitchell** (DCF co-head agent)
- **Laurie Deacon** (DCF co-head agent)
- **Otho Kerr** (reunion co-chair)
- **Dawn Hudson Beach** (reunion co-chair)
- **George Stone** (Bartlett Tower Society co-chair)



These classmates have given countless hours of time to support efforts to keep each other connected and engaged.

As we advance from our undergraduate experiences to yet another stage of life, we are thrilled to announce new additions to the officers' roster (with terms ending June 2025). We will be sending out a final slate for your approval/vote in August:

- **Maurice (Mo) Simmons** – mini-reunions co-chair
 - **Gail Granowitz** – co-steward
 - **Margo Squire** – co-steward
 - **Andy Heller** – DCF Partycipation co-chair
 - **Tom Ewing*** – treasurer
 - **Ellen Oppenheim*** – DCF co-head agent
 - **Stanley Weil*** – DPCS representative
- * photos on page 15



Simmons



Granowitz



Squire



Heller



See Yourself?



We want YOU

There is still room for YOU to join us! We are looking to fill these remaining openings – might YOU be interested?



- DCF co-head agent
- Classmate outreach
- 45th Reunion co-chairs
- Bartlett Tower Society co-chair

We meet once a month on ZOOM, and the group works independently in between. We have a good time putting together what you see, and want to have more of us participating, including any of you who haven't at all before now. Really, we'd love to have you join in...

Be well, and let me know if there's anything I/we can provide.

All the best, Adam, ahsamuels@gmail.com



History of our Class of 1979 in 79 objects (on cover)

What objects capture the story and spirit of our class? What objects should be included in the *History of our Class of 1979 in 79 objects*, and why? What defined or captured the story of classmates and class? What stories are behind the objects? What objects are behind our stories? Please send your ideas to Mark.Winkler.79@gmail.com.

If you are a **curator**, **historian**, or **storyteller** and would like to help us curate this '79 story, you are cordially invited to contact Mark. Many thanks for your time and your stories. 🐾

Sitting on the '79 Fence



...with Beth Blatt '79 Wednesday, June 23

Above: Beth Blatt (at right) with cast for benefit production of *In Her Words*

Wednesday, June 23 at 8^{pm} Eastern; 5^{pm} Pacific

Sitting On The '79 Fence With ... Beth Blatt and Her Refugee Play!

We kicked off our Sitting on the '79 Fence Series on April 28, when about 70 classmates heard **Bill Holmes** talk about his amazing life and experiences in developing world medicine.

For those of you who missed it, a link to a recording of the program is available [at the class website](#). This is mesmerizing material; do yourself a favor and watch!

We're thrilled to announce our next session, Sitting on the '79 Fence with **Beth Blatt**, and her play "In Her Words" about refugee women. In honor of World Refugee Day (June 20), we will present, via Zoom, a dramatic reading of the play with Class of '79 women and others playing the 10 parts. You can view a brief excerpt on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loGbbCgRXzc>

The play tells the stories of women who came to the US from Rwanda, Myanmar, Honduras, Syria, the Gambia and Kazakhstan. It also gives voice to the Americans who have trouble embracing them. It promises to be a remarkable and thought-provoking evening – just like Sitting on the '79 Fence!

Our session will be presented on **Wednesday, June 23, at 8pm Eastern, 5pm Pacific**. Click here to join the meeting. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81224886349?pwd=RG9nNXB3TTFVUVzNWU4bU9FOW8zZz09>

For those who cannot attend, we'll record the session and make it available on the class website.

Please join us for this important session with Beth and your classmates!

Ben Riley, Class Historian
(415) 518-4753 briley@bzbm.com





Dartmouth Class of 1979 79th Day Mini & Micro Reunions

Our community of shared time and place
sharing minds and hearts in this wilderness:
vox clamantis in deserto.

TOP: California Mini-Reunion Zoom:

TOP ROW: Mark Tomalonis, Paul Krupka, Jeff Boylan and Ted Winterer. SECOND ROW: Sue Benjamin Felch, Ben Jim Feuille, Rich Pugh. THIRD ROW: Peter Robinson, Laura Robertson, Steve O'Neil, and Kevin Sullivan

PHOTO available on-line: Park City, Utah Mini-Reunion: Anne Boulett, John Carson, Bob Chamberlin, Ellen Gompbrecht Oppenheim, Dave Klinges, Laurie Laidlaw Deacon, Billy Mitchell, Bray Mitchell



BOTTOM: Philadelphia Mini-Reunion: Zoom:

Top row: Bob Curry, Pat Pannell, Helen Davis Picher and Josh Muskin. Second row: Louisa Guthrie, Larry Wolf, Rob Worley and Mo Simmons. Third row: Rick Leonardi and Michael Hanna



Philadelphia, PA Mini-Reunion Zoom Call



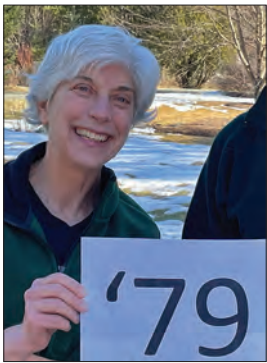
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T. Weymouth (NH)



David Lee Reed (NY)



Julie Weisman (NH)



Jeff Boylan (CA) - this was the first photo submitted



Doug Arion and Steve Chardon (NH)



Laura and Brian Swiggett (NY)



Tom McIntyre (CT)



Ben Riley at the CA mini-reunion (CA)



Carl Briscoe (On the road in Ormond, FL)



Chris O'Brien (Grand Marais, MN)

Dartmouth College's Support of Students and Scholarship

by Bill Mitchell '79

Often we get so caught up with Dartmouth "news" that we forget why we both ask for funds to support students on scholarship and what it does.

We recently took a dive of medium depth into both employee headcount and enrollment data at Dartmouth. Some takeaways:

- Dartmouth has been putting its money into teaching. During the past 15 years Dartmouth has increased its Professorships(full/assoc/asst) by 100 or 18.7%
- Students-per-Professor have dropped from 7.7 to 6.8 since 2006
- 69% of graduates 15-20 years out pursued advanced degrees
- The two leading growth majors over the past 10 years have been computer science and quantitative social sciences which is now the 7th most popular major

Is the college wasting its money on administration? While it would be foolish to answer that question, we can say the college has fewer administrators. Raw staff (Deans to janitors) totals have declined by 12.4% and staff per student has declined by 16.3% ...yes stat wizards, students are up...4.6%.

What's the point? When you support Dartmouth the college takes the expenditure of its resources quite seriously. They are putting more resources in the classroom. They are reducing resources outside the classroom. The resources inside the classroom that are building are ones in subjects like computer science while keeping majors like religion, English, classics as part of the alternatives for student to pursue.

Will you please consider a gift to support Dartmouth's students on scholarship? It's never been more important . You can make your gift here. <https://www.dartmouthcollegefund.org/how-give>





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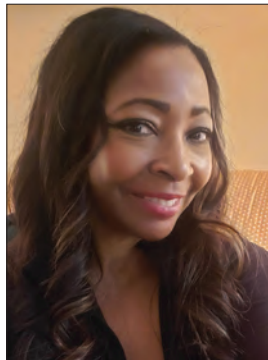
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Rene Diao Graham (VT)



Polly Ingraham (NH)



Sheila Johnson (MI)



Michelle Lavigne & Joseph Biety (FL)



Neal Luppescu (NJ)



Carolynn Martin (CA)



Carol Mondschein (SC)



Lisa Saunders (CA)



Gary Simonds (NC)



Anna Wilson (CO)

Dartmouth Alumni Council

June 1, 2021

by C. A. Debelius '79

The Fall 2021 term at Dartmouth begins Monday, September 13: The College is preparing for full, in-person learning. All students who will be on campus for fall term are required to be fully vaccinated and, per current policy, the College Health Service will continue to require regular screening for COVID-19.

The new academic year begins with two notable changes in campus leadership:

First, our classmate **Peter Roby** will serve as the College's interim athletic director. Peter served as athletics director at Northeastern University from 2007 to 2018 and, previously, led Northeastern's *Center for the Study of Sport in Society*. In 2007, Peter was named one of the 100 Most Influential Sports Educators. Congratulations, Peter! I can't imagine a better and more qualified individual for this important role. [Click [here](#) for a recent interview with Roby.]

Second, Dartmouth Provost Joseph Helbe, former dean of the Thayer School of Engineering, has been named president of his alma mater, Lehigh University. Helbe's legacy at Dartmouth includes his impressive leadership during the COVID crisis, the expansion of Dartmouth's engineering program and construction of the Center for Engineering and Computer Science, and his strong commitment to increasing the representation of women in engineering—in 2016, Dartmouth was the first national research university to award more bachelor's degrees in engineering to women than to men. President Phillip J. Hanlon '77 has appointed Professor David Kotz '86 interim provost.

Finally, the May virtual meeting of the Dartmouth Alumni Council was especially active. These are two of the most important take-aways [Excerpted from the meeting summary prepared by Rachel Bogardus Drew '98, DAC President, and Laurie Lewis Shapiro '95, DAC President-elect]:

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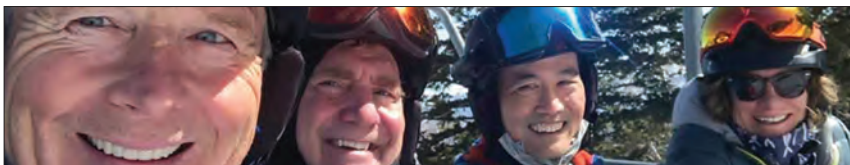
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TOP GROUP:
Committee on Race Zoom Meeting:
Barry Caldwell, Otho Kerr, Rueben Stokes,
Gail Granowitz, Curtis Takada Rooks,
Victor Hoskins, Bruce Jackman,
Maurice Simmons

BOTTOM GROUP:
North Mass Mini-Reunion Zoom:
Laurie Center, Sue Goodman Cohen,
Julia Hunter, Eileen Kain Szytko,
Angela Kalisiak, Julie Lange Varga,
Lorrie Miller, Suzanne Shepherd,
Megan Thomas



Committee on Race



Bill Mitchell, David Klinges, Allen Chen, Ellen Oppenheim



North Mass Mini-Reunion Zoom Call

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Dartmouth is taking concrete steps to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus, one committed to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

President Hanlon shared with the Alumni Council a commitment to create a community in which difference is valued, where each individual's identity and contributions are treated with respect, and where diversity leads to a strengthened identity for all. In addition, President Hanlon introduced incoming Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer [Shontay Delaloe](#).

Special Advisor to the President [Matt Delmont](#) announced new initiatives to the Council to further efforts to create a more inclusive and welcoming Dartmouth including recruitment of early career faculty to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion; development of a pipeline of future BIPOC leaders in STEM fields; an accelerator fund for diversity, equity, and inclusion; fostering an intellectual hub for Black scholars; the launch of a tribal services and solutions project; and increasing faculty teaching and research on racial injustice.

A gift of \$20 million from Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe '81 and John Donahoe '82 to enhance the representation, success, and leadership of historically underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) nationally was announced. The Donahoes' generosity honors [E.E. Just](#), the African American scientific trailblazer and valedictorian of the Class of 1907.



E.E. Just 1907

Dartmouth's newest graduates need your assistance.

The newest Dartmouth alumni need your help via alumni-sourced jobs and internship opportunities. If you have an opportunity, please share it via [Dartmouth Connect](#), [LinkedIn](#), or through the [Center for Professional Development](#).

Vox, Chip ➤





Sam Abel-Palmer (VT)



Carol Kurtz Bates (NH)



Carol Anderson Shaw (WA)



Gerry Cox (VA)



Lulu Gordon (CA)



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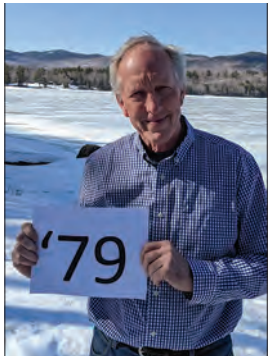
Josh Muskin (PA)



Kim Perry Schiffbauer (NM)



Rick Reno (VT) - Hemingway?



Steve Richardson (ME)



Ken Beer (LA)

Dartmouth College Fund Dartmouth Scholar Update

by Bill Mitchell '79



Casey '21

Leah Casey '21 reported in on her Senior year. The Class of 79 “won” Leah through our fundraising performance in 2019. “I’m sitting outside Sanborn on a beautiful day. Fortunately, I was able to be on campus for winter and spring term, never caught COVID but was tested every other week. We had some in person classes this spring outside but most of our classwork was online. I have completed my thesis and am looking forward to graduation in two weeks. It’s exciting to report that I will be off to the University of Oxford in the fall. I will be studying Medieval Literature and pursuing a Masters degree before considering whether I take the complete plunge for the doctorate”

We have introduced Leah to a '79 offspring in Oxford. Emily Winkler '08, who completed her doctorate in History at Oxford, is now a research fellow in medieval history there, and is also a mentor to aspiring history students. ➡



News Flash!!!

Dartmouth has just announced that it will award a Dartmouth Scholar to classes with the most contributing participants in June 2021.

Since Leah Casey '21 graduates on June 13th our class need a new Scholar. Please make your contribution today to help out!

www.dartmouthcollegefund.org



Peggy Epstein Tanner (NY)



Dot Bullock-Fernandes (NJ)



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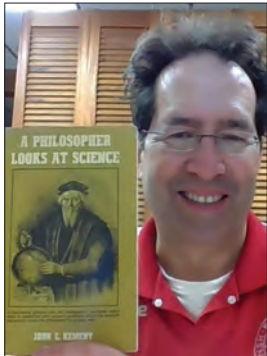
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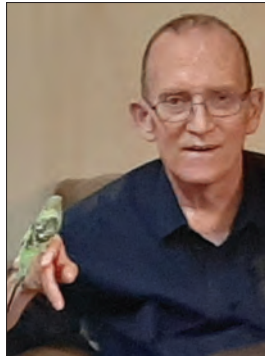
Libby Roberts (MA)



Adam Samuels (Cesme, Turkey)



George Stone (IL)



Ted Wills (in Mexico)

Dartmouth College Fund Class of 1979 Update

by Bill Mitchell '79

We've had some wonderful generosity from 355 classmates so far this year raising nearly \$500,000. Our class currently has the most contributors of any class which is good. Our class unfortunately is not even in the top 3 ranking for the Peggy Epstein Tanner Award given to the class with the highest percentage of reunion contributors repeating a gift the year after reunion. Hopefully if you are one of the 245 classmates who have not made a gift as of May 28th you have made a gift by the time you see this.

Anyone can make a gift by searching on [Dartmouth College Fund](#) and clicking on [How To Give](#). Please help our undergraduates on financial aid today. 🐾

1979 Class Social hyperlinks:

Dartmouth '79 Facebook Group:

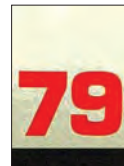
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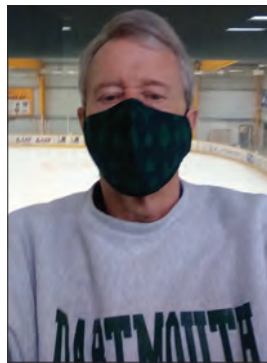




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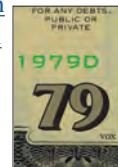
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Upcoming Class of '79 EVENTS

- **JUNE 23, 2021** • Wednesday at 8 pm EST (5 pm PST)
*Sitting on the '79 Fence with **Beth Blatt** '79 (see pages 4 & 5)*
- **JUNE 30, 2021** • Wednesday
End of Dartmouth's Fiscal Year. Reminder to please make your gift to support Dartmouth undergraduate education (and pay your class dues).
- **JULY 26, 2021** • Monday
Deadline for our next Class Newsletter - August 2021.
- **OCTOBER, 8-9, 2021** • Friday and Saturday
*Homecoming in Hanover this year with Classes of 1980 & 1981.
Dartmouth is back in town!*
- **2022** • **Three months before your 65th Birthday**
Sign up for Medicare. www.hhs.gov/answers/medicare-and-medicaid
- **2022** • **Throughout the year:**
Our 65th Birthday gatherings & celebrations.
- **MARCH 20, 2022** • Sunday (on or about)
Our 79th Day Mini-Reunions. Mark your calendars.
- **MARCH 20, 2022** • Sunday, 11:32am est
Vernal Equinox.
- **JUNE 19 -22, 2025** • Thurs. to Sun.
Our 45th Reunion. In Hanover. Mark your calendars. Please plan to attend.
- **JUNE 8-12, 2029** • Friday to Tuesday
Our 50th Reunion. Please don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime, historic event!! Note that our class flag (reproduced in the pin at right) was presented to our graduating class by the Class of 1929 at their 50th Reunion. They had been born in 1907. Future members of the Class of 2029 who will graduate during our 50th Reunion are now 13 to 14 years old! Their 50th reunion will be in 2079.
- **JUNE 12-15, 2034** • Monday to Thursday
Our 55th Reunion. In Hanover. Stay healthy and attend. Be sure to join us!
- **SEPTEMBER, 2054** • Monday to Thursday
Our 75th Reunion. In Hanover. Attendees to be 97 years old. Be there. Aloha!

