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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.



## From Your Class President

*Reeling in the Years, or Time Septembers On*

by **Adam Samuels '79**, Class President

Samuels

I have been thinking a lot about the people who came up with the calendar – did they have any inkling of the impact that sharing a way of looking at the world would provide? I don't believe that I would have the insight [or patience] to watch what may not even have been called days past, and observe that there was a cycle happening where they got shorter and longer, and plants sprouted and died, and it got colder and warmer, and what they saw in the sky moved into view and out – and in again.



When we were young, our first memorable calendar event might have been celebrating birthdays or holidays – we looked forward to them like others might have to harvest time or a solstice. As we got older, our calendar of reference was likely the school year – beginning in September, ending in June. Which leads us to now: Looking forward to a new academic year (even though we may not be directly affected by it) and looking back at what was accomplished last year.

Your class officers have spent part of their summer vacation taking a look at what we were able to accomplish over the past year. We will,

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in a future issue, provide a 'dashboard' to all that happened and what we intend to make available this year – here is a summary of FY20-21:

- We had extraordinary success in engaging classmates – we participated as a whole ~859 times in 20 virtual and 2 in-person events;
- Despite the constraints of a pandemic, we were able to bring classmates together to engage with a wide range of topics – some purely fun, and some focused on larger issues in our communities and society – and were able to remain connected and engaged even in virtual environments;
- We fielded two surveys, and analyzed responses from over 200 classmates. We share learnings from our most recent one elsewhere in this issue;
- Our efforts to re-connect with classmates included the compilation of numerous lists grouped by affiliations (Greek life, clubs, sports, LSA/FSA, freshman roommates), which we intend to use to re-connect with those of who haven't been around in a while;
- We emailed over 50 messages to classmates – too many, in my view, given all that we receive from the College – related to events, solicitations, and reminders;
- We reported the deaths of three classmates – **Ed Sabisky, Pat Quinn** and **Jack Peterson**;
- We adopted **Tracy Dustin-Eichler**, Director of Dartmouth's Center for Social Impact (the former Tucker Foundation) as a classmate;
- Over half of us paid annual dues to the class, thus allowing us to provide the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine to everyone for free. Thanks if you were one of them!
- Ten classmates mentored undergraduate interns remotely during the pandemic;
- 367 of us contributed financially to Dartmouth Partners for Community Service, and the class donated a total of \$20,000 (the most in our recorded history);
- Two additional classmates advised us that they were including Dartmouth in their will, for a total of 42 – 4% of us so far;
- **Janie Simms Hamner** kept us entertained with six Dartmouth Alumni Magazine columns;
- **Mark Winkler** produced five newsletters, and created a smaller, more readable digest format that is the envy of our peer classes;
- Our ever-active DCF fundraising team led us to another year of record performance, with 571 classmates contributing \$738,510 in support of students attending the College.

We also have a number of volunteer officers who completed their terms this June – we send them all our gratitude and appreciation for all they have provided over many hours and years:



- **Carl Briscoe** – Mini-Reunion Co-Chair
- **Barb Bula** – Co-Class Steward
- **Laurie Deacon** – DCF Communication/Strategy
- **Tom Ewing** – Classmate Outreach
- **Bill Mitchell** – DCF Head Class Agent
- **Ellen Oppenheim** – Treasurer
- **George Stone** – Planned Giving Co-Chair
- **Laura Powers Swiggett** – Co-Class Steward

You can read about the new slate of officers later in this issue.

Can there be anything else, after all of this, you think? Well, yes.

Imagine, if you will, that we have stepped into the future, and are looking back from the end of June, 2022. We had a great year, filled with participation, re-connection and the joy of being together once again. And here's what we see we accomplished:

1. At least 790 classmates (and others) have participated in 28 in-person and virtual events and activities;
2. We surveyed you twice, and made improvements in activities based on what you told us about how we're addressing what's important to you;
3. We emailed you less frequently, and explored ways to streamline how we keep you informed and engaged;
4. At least 495 classmates supported our activities through class dues;
5. At least 79 classmates registered as mentors to student interns; 79% of dues payers will have contributed to DPCS;
6. At least 7.9 additional classmates (!) advised us that they have included Dartmouth in their wills;
7. We delivered six Dartmouth Alumni Magazine columns;
8. We delivered six class newsletters;
9. 579 classmates contributed at least \$790,000 in support of students attending the College;
10. A review and update of our constitution was completed, and changes approved by the class.
11. At least 5 more classmates have begun volunteering with the Class.

Please join us and participate in this exciting new year – and support us in having all this happen! All the best, Adam, [ahsamuels@gmail.com](mailto:ahsamuels@gmail.com) 🐉

# Dartmouth Class of 1979 Mini Reunions for Fall 2021

by **Maurice (Mo) Simmons & Phil Odence '79**  
Mini-Reunion Co-Chairs

*Please join your community*

## 10/1 @Penn, Philadelphia, PA

- 5:00- Pre-game Tailgate
- 7:00- Kickoff

## 10/8 Yale/Homecoming, Hanover, NH - Friday

- Morning, Friday- Mt Cardigan Hike, meet at the Hop at 9 am or at [base of Cardigan](#) at 10 am. Contact Burr Gray ([burrgray@aol.com](mailto:burrgray@aol.com))
- 6:00 pm, Friday - Pre-Parade Pizza at Tom Tomai's, [13 Rip Road, Hanover](#)

## 10/9 Yale/Homecoming, Hanover, NH - Saturday

- 11:00 am - Tailgate across from Alumni Gym
- 1:30 pm - Kickoff
- Maybe: A class block at Moosilauke Ravine Lodge may be available for Thursday night, if the College decides to open the Lodge

## 10/30 @Harvard, Cambridge, MA

- 10:15 am - Tailgate inside stadium complex near Soldiers Field Rd
- 12:00 am - Kickoff

## The Last Tailgate - TBD

- 11/5 Princeton or 11/21 @Brown



# Mount Cardigan Class Hike: Homecoming Friday, Oct. 8

by **Burr Gray '79**



The Class of 50 Relay Team invites you to join us

on a hike up nearby (40 mins away) Mount Cardigan on the Fri morning (Oct 8) of Dartmouth's Homecoming weekend. Cardigan is a more modest and gradual climb (about 1300 ft vertical climb) and offers great views due to a granite mountaintop that had the trees burned off in a forest fire back in 1855. Perhaps the foliage will be at peak. The current plan is to meet in front of the Hopkins Center facing the Green at 9:00 am, head to Cardigan, have a picnic lunch on top, and then return to Hanover by 2:30 pm. If you would rather head to Cardigan first before going to Hanover, meet us at 10:00 am in the State Parking lot at the base of the west side of Cardigan. Remember: west side, not east side. More than enough time to rest and recover for the 6 pm pre-parade pizza and then the evening's speeches and bonfire.

The 3-mile loop we suggest goes up the West Ridge Trail from the State Park parking lot to the top of Cardigan, and returns via the Clark Trail/South Ridge Trail. Probably takes about 3 hours, including the picnic. Dress in layers, wear sturdy walking shoes (sandals are a bad idea since the top can be slippery), and bring a jacket/rain gear, hat and light-weight gloves. It can be windy at the top and feel much colder than at the bottom. Bring a water bottle and a packed lunch, and use sunscreen.

Here's a good on-line link to the Mount Cardigan trails from the State Park Parking lot - <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/new-hampshire/mount-cardigan-trail?mobileMap=false&ref=sidebar-static-map>

If you are inclined to join us, either by meeting up in **Hanover at 9 am** or **at the Cardigan parking lot at 10 am**, please send an e-mail with your cell number to Burr Gray ([burrgray@aol.com](mailto:burrgray@aol.com)). This will make it much easier to coordinate any carpooling, and if we have to cancel at the last moment due to high winds or inclement weather.

Burr, 240-753-5918 (c), [burrgray@aol.com](mailto:burrgray@aol.com)

# Sitting on the '79 Fence - Afghanistan -



Kabul blast wall



Margo Squire in the embassy

**Wednesday, October 13 at 8<sup>pm</sup> Eastern; 5<sup>pm</sup> Pacific**

In June, we held our second *Sitting on the '79 Fence* session, with **Beth Blatt** and her inspirational play, *In Her Words*, about immigrant woman. Over 30 classmates participated in the session, either as actors or audience, and 30 more have since watched the video of the presentation on the class website. If you missed it, please go to our class website [here](http://1979.dartmouth.org). ([1979.dartmouth.org](http://1979.dartmouth.org))

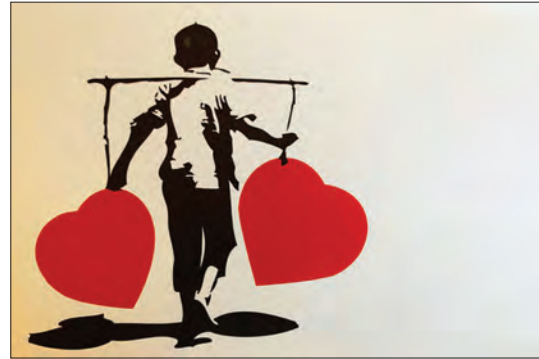


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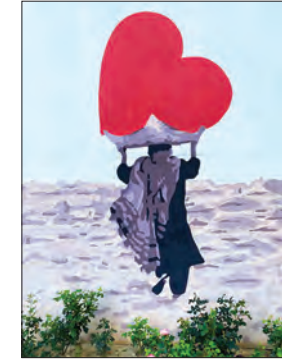
Our next *Sitting on the '79 Fence* session will feature **Margo Squire '79**. For 30 years, Margo was a diplomat serving the U.S. State Department in Munich, Moscow, Melbourne, Baku, Ankara, and Washington DC. She retired in 2014 and moved to the Twin Cities where she immersed herself in art and public talks about foreign affairs. In 2020, her husband, retired Ambassador Ross Wilson, was called back into service to lead the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. Margo joined Ross in Kabul, working on the U.S. Embassy's network of spaces around Afghanistan where young Afghans could access the internet, learn English, and take part in programs aimed at positive change in local

# ...with Margo Squire '79 Wednesday, October 13 8pm eastern, 6pm pacific

*This incredibly timely program about Margo's experiences and observations in Afghanistan will be held via Zoom*



ArtLords hearts boy



ArtLords hearts and woman

communities. She was sent out of the country with other embassy officers on July 29 shortly before the Taliban took over the country.

The session will be moderated by **Dave Bridges '79**. After Dartmouth and grad school, Dave spent five years working for a peace-keeping force in the Middle East, then joined CIA in 1987, working all over the world. In 2012, he joined Fidelity Investment as a senior geopolitical advisor.



Bridges

This incredibly timely program about Margo's experiences and observations in Afghanistan will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 13, at 8 pm east coast time, 5 pm west coast time.**

Here's the link: Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8943600720?pwd=cHRmQUZU3Mrd1RsTotBRVFNRUd3QTog>

Please contact Ben Riley if you have any questions.  
**Ben Riley**, Class Historian, (415) 518-4753 [briley@bzbm.com](mailto:briley@bzbm.com)



# Dartmouth '79 Class Officers 2021-2025 Term

We send greetings and hope you're having a summer full of re-connection! The Class of '79 would have (without the pandemic interrupting our usual schedule) met during our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in June, 2020. At that time, a new slate of officers would have been announced, who would serve until our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2025. In lieu of an actual meeting, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Class, selected and installed the following slate as presented below – this team will begin fulfilling their roles this month.

Please welcome them in alphabetical order by first name!

**Adam Samuels** – *President*



I have been thrilled to act as president for the past year. My interests and intentions for the next four years are to encourage participation by more classmates in a variety of formats – virtual and in-person – so that we are able to (re) connect, share our experiences and learnings, and enjoy numerous occasions where we celebrate being together.

**Andy Heller** – *DCF Participation Co-Chair*

Having been a class agent for many years, I am excited to take a larger role as one of the participation chairs. While I can never fill the shoes of our dearly missed classmate (and my fraternity brother) **Dave Philhower**, I will work closely with the class agents I am responsible for to continue to meet the lofty participation goals we miraculously hit year after year. I'm excited to be part of the new team lead by Ellen and Michio.



**Ben Riley** – *Class Historian*

As Class Historian, I research and draft the email to the Class about classmate deaths. Although a very sad event, I greatly appreciate learning about and celebrating our superlative classmates, particularly communicating with their family and close Class of 1979 friends about happy memories, and college fun and achievements. I also write the abbreviated obituary for the DAM online listing. Next, I keep the Class History on the website current with annual updates, and coordinate our '79 LifeNet suicide awareness and resource program. Finally, I plan and host

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the “Sitting on the '79 Fence” Zoom series, where we interview classmates with notable and interesting careers, art, music and/or personal achievements. I have been Historian since 2010, and great enjoy serving and staying in touch with our Class and wonderful classmates!

**Bill Mitchell** – *Digital Content Manager/Webmaster*

I am hoping to prove that literally anyone can be trained to be Webmeister. Over the past year I have apprenticed as Junior Webmeister under Adam. I believe I have become reasonably competent with emails (you'd be surprised how many we send out) and I am developing some skills on building web pages. My ambition is to independently manage the website within six months of relinquishing Head Agent responsibilities. My ambitions as Webmeister include producing and publishing analytical data on email open rates and click-throughs as well as comparing 79 class website and Facebook group page views. Adam has started to build a video library at YouTube which I'd like to help develop further and promote. Finally, It would be interesting to work on an analysis of how many times different classmates are mentioned in our various media, a project other classes have undertaken.



**Bruce Jackman** – *Committee on Race (COR) Co- Liaison*

Although a long standing member of Dartmouth's Class of '79, I had not been involved in alumni activities. I did stay in contact with some classmates and many expressed interest in attending our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. Although, it did not occur, I did get involved in planning activities, causing me to reconnect with some classmates and striking up friendships that has not existed in the past. That led to my work with '79 Conversation On Race, and a “at large” member of '79 Class Officers. I am appreciative of both opportunities and thoroughly enjoyed the work I've done with '79 COR! In the last 15 months, I've learned Dartmouth College is still the fine institution I attended years ago; yet, needs assistance to be even better! Recent strides by the College to be more sensitive to diversity, requires minority participation. As a result, I'm willing to contribute to the efforts of this team!



**Chip Debelius** – *Alumni Councilor (term completes Spring 2022)*

The Dartmouth Alumni Council acts as a conduit between the College leadership and Dartmouth alumni. The Council meets twice a year, usually in May and October, for two days of presentations, committee meetings, council meetings, and workshops. The term of office is three years.



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The Council has recently reorganized in an effort to create a more inclusive and diverse organization. More on the structure of the council is described here. This is my second stint as the Class’s representative on the DAC and I’ve just completed the second year of a three year term. Though the meetings of the past year have been virtual rather than face-to-face, I enjoy the opportunities to interact with alumni from other classes, faculty members, and administrators. I also enjoy sharing questions and concerns from the Class of ‘79 with College leaders and the staff of the Alumni Office as well as forwarding news, announcements, and the accomplishments of the College to classmates. For those who might be interested in representing the Class of ‘79 on the DAC, a brief description of a councilor’s role is found [here](#).

**Curtiss Rooks** – *Committee on Race Co-Liaison*

This past year has reminded us the importance of voice and representation. In the activities of the Committee on Race our class provided an opportunity for expression and learning from our lived experiences, it challenges and triumphs, as well as sharing our aspirations moving forward. I look forward to working with the ‘79 Class Officers on behalf of the COR to continue to create programming and opportunities to take on the challenging critical conversations facing our families, our class and our College allowing us to continue to learn and to act.



**Dave Wolff** – *Dartmouth College Fund Participation Co-Chair*

I love getting the opportunity to reach out to my fellow ‘79’s. I so appreciate that classmates are willing and interested to share a little bit of their lives with me, even if I’m calling to ask them for DCF support. I am constantly reminded of the tremendous efforts of our classmate leaders throughout the years who have helped the Class of ‘79 achieve excellence in so many ways! As always, we’d love to hear from you.



**Ellen Oppenheim** – *Dartmouth College Fund Co-Head Agent*

The role of Head Agent is something I never imagined I would accept. However, during my six years as class treasurer, I came to adore reconnecting with countless classmates. The end of my term as treasurer meant it was time to take on a new role if I wanted to remain involved with the class leadership. When offered the role as head agent, I realized how enjoyable it would be to make calls to classmates



to encourage their participation with DCF. I also think there might be some new innovations to reduce some of the confusion around payments, and I would like to address that problem. I am excited to be the head agent for the Class and am mostly excited about my co-chair, **Michio Soga** I look forward to reconnecting with you all over the next four years!

**Gail Frawley Granowitz** – *Co-Class Steward*

I am very excited to step into the role of Class Steward, along with **Margo Squire**. I envision this role as one of a “connector”, and will look forward to using this to bring our Class closer to each other. As our world becomes more fractured, I think we are all seeking ways to be in relationship with each other, and our Class of ‘79 is part of the “connective tissue” that we share. I hope that this role will become a way for us to reach out to classmates in meaningful ways in times of sorrow AND joy, and will be an opportunity to engage with each other.



**Janie Simms Hamner** – *Secretary*

I have served as Secretary for the Class of ‘79 for the past year. As I have collected information for the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine’s Classnotes column for our class and as I have tuned in to our monthly Zoom class officers meetings, I have been amazed at the authenticity and achievement of our classmates. Even though I graduated early, I have always loved our Class and getting more deeply involved has increased my love for the great Class of ‘79.



**Jim Feuille** – *DCF Leadership Gifts*

After serving as a regular class agent for many years helping with my annual list of giving prospects, I got more involved with fundraising for our Class when I joined the Reunion Giving Committee for our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Since then, I have served on every Reunion Giving Committee, served as Head Agent for 6 years between 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2009 and our 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2015, and as co-chair of Leadership Gifts since then working with **Peggy Epstein Tanner** in this area, and alongside Head Agents **Bill Mitchell** and **Laurie Laidlaw Deacon**. Along the way, I also served as your Class Newsletter Editor for 9 years between 2000 and 2009. Our amazing Class participation in alumni giving – consistently the best of any class post 1960 – and our hard working agents truly make a difference for today’s Dartmouth students.





**Jim Wasz** – Vice president and Class Projects

The day that I received my acceptance letter from Dartmouth remains one of the happiest days of my life and I will be forever grateful for those unknown people who advocated for my acceptance. Since getting that privilege, I've tried to "pay it forward" as a Class Officer, DCF class agent, and alumni interviewer. I have been and continue to be honored to serve our Class as Vice-President. As such, I serve on our Class Executive Committee and Class Officer Nominating Committee. I have enjoyed lending an ear and counsel to Presidents **Mark Winkler** and **Adam Samuels**. More importantly, I have picked up the mantle of advocacy for our Class Project, Dartmouth Partners in Community Service (DPCS) – the preeminent undergraduate internship program at Dartmouth. Our classmates have mentored over 100 undergrads as they navigate "off-term" community service internships, often in unfamiliar cities. Moreover, I'm so appreciative of our classmates that have stepped up year-in and year-out to voluntarily make financial gifts to this Class Project. DPCS has had such a positive effect on decades of undergrads. Some of my most cherished friends are Dartmouth classmates and I love connecting and reconnecting with them. Cheers to the next 40 years.



**Laurie Laidlaw Deacon** – Bartlett Tower Society /Planned Giving Co-Chair

I am looking forward to working with **Nancy Malmquist** on planned giving and continuing the great work that she and **George Stone** have done with classmates, learning about their families and their stories and creating sustainable legacies for Dartmouth so that many generations of students can continue to benefit from the Dartmouth experience. It feels like a logical extension from my work for the last six years as co-class agent and I am excited for the opportunity to continue connecting with classmates in this new role!



**Margo Squire** – Co-Class Steward

I'm thrilled to work with Gail to serve the wonderful members of our Class. Reconnecting with classmates has been a highlight for me this pandemic year.



**Mark Winkler** – Newsletter Editor

Having served as your Class Newsletter Editor from 2009 to 2015, I would like to return to that work for 2021 to 2025. Based on this past year, I plan to continue publishing six newsletters a year at a very economical total cost of less

than \$8/year per classmate. I have experimented with a more user friendly "digest sized" format for our newsletters that I hope you are enjoying. As a believer in the power of good graphic design, I want to apply solid design principles to each issue. For content, I would like to recruit additional contributing editors for our Class Newsletter as in "many hands make light work." Will you join our team? Besides providing you regular up-to-date content for both Class and College updates and activities, I also want to get more news and updates from classmates not usually heard from (hint, hint, please help and send me your news; be not a voice quiet in the wilderness, but a voice calling me [Mark.Winkler.79@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Winkler.79@gmail.com)). Thanks for your vote and your support.

**Maurice (Mo) Simmons** – Mini-Reunions Co-Chair

I am delighted to join this august group of Class Leaders as Mini-Reunion Co-Chair with veteran leader, **Phil Odence**. I've been told that a few members of our leadership team thought to see if I would consider taking this role because of my having affiliation with the Football team as a member of the 1978 Championship Team, a loyal follower of the team for the past 42 years and frequent tailgater at the game(s) in the greater Philadelphia area that I try to attend each fall. I expect to assist Phil in coming up with some creative ideas to draw geographically aligned groups of classmates together around themes during each year. I welcome your suggestions and ideas as "teamwork make the dream work!"



**Michio Soga** – Dartmouth College Fund Co-Head Agent

My co-chair **Ellen Oppenheim** took the words right out of my mouth when she said, "The role of Head Agent is something I never imagined I would accept." Although I will have much to learn in my new role, this opportunity will give me the privilege of being able to give back to Dartmouth in a tangible way. With the support of our Classmates, I look forward to working with Ellen over the next four years to build on the successful legacy of our Class participation in the DCF. p.s. I am far more excited about working with Ellen than she is about working with me.



**Nancy Malmquist** – Bartlett Tower Society /Planned Giving Co-Chair

I have thoroughly enjoyed connecting with Classmates and learning about their families and interesting experiences, and appreciate their incredible support for Dartmouth and students through planned gifts. I look forward to working with **Laurie Deacon** to reach out to bring classmates together.





**Pat Pannell** – *Class Outreach and Engagement*

I am very excited to join our officers team as the member working on “outreach,” a position that promises to be fun and challenging - hopefully in just about equal measure! My responsibility and goal will be to find and then

reconnect with Classmates who have somehow wandered off the '79 grid, encouraging them to join us again for reunions and other college events, virtually and/or in person. The past 18 months of ZOOMing have certainly provided a springboard for coming up with new and creative ways to stay in touch with one another, which I'll be looking to build on going forward - extending a warm welcome to those we've been missing, while working on making our alumni activities soooo entertaining and rewarding that no one will be able to resist jumping back in! :-)

**Peggy Tanner** – *DCF Leadership Gifts*



For the past 42 years, I have asked for your DCF support. My apologies if I badgered you or was a pest! Thank you for taking my calls and saying “yes.” It is a privilege re-connecting with each of you. You make fundraising fun!

**Phil Odence** – *Mini-Reunions Co-Chair*



I guess I have mini-reunions in my blood. In my view they are the lifeblood of the class as well. And it's great we are getting a transfusion with **Maurice Simmons** joining me. Hoping he can make us look as good as his predecessors have in the role. This will be a great year; won't it be wonderful to touch a Classmate or two.

**Stanley Weil** – *Dartmouth Partners in Community Service Liaison*



I feel blessed to be a member of the special Class of 1979. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve my classmates and the College over the past 10 years, during which time I have worn many hats—from Class Agent, to DCF participation co-chair, to class secretary, to Class Officers Association Executive Board Member—and I hope to “pay it forward” for many years to come. In all these roles, including most recently as representative for our class project (Dartmouth Partners in Community Service, better known as DPCS), I have had the great good fortune to reconnect with dear old friends and meet many wonderful '79s who I regrettably never got to know during our undergraduate years. As DPCS liaison, I hope to inspire more classmates to participate in our class project as mentors to student interns working during “off terms”

with community service organizations around the country. There are few better ways to connect with Dartmouth, play a meaningful Class role, and positively impact service-minded undergraduates.

**Tom Ewing** – *Treasurer*

I'll be stepping into some pretty impressive shoes as I take over the Class Treasurer role from **Ellen Oppenheim**, but she's been giving me excellent training and perspective on the job. One of the things I've learned from Ellen is how much work goes into collecting our Class dues and funds for the Class project. Under her stewardship the Class of 1979 has one of the highest rates of dues payments of all classes. I aspire to continue that by using technology to make it easier to pay Class dues, and by listening to the Class as to how we'd like to see the money used. Another part of the job is communicating to the Class about our finances. I bring my background as a Classics major with an MBA in Finance. In my day job I explain financial analysis to both medical clinicians and C.P.A.'s. My goal is to produce a year end synopsis of our financial condition in the December newsletter that respects the similar range among our classmates.



## Update your Dartmouth Alumni Records

If you would like to update your alumni record so that you will not receive, for example, paper copies of:

- your Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, or
- your Class newsletters, or
- your Class dues mailings, or
- your Dartmouth College Fund mailings

Please contact:

[alumni.records@dartmouth.edu](mailto:alumni.records@dartmouth.edu)

with your detailed request(s) and wish(es). 🐾



# Class of 1979 Spring Survey: Results

## 1. Most interested in hearing about:

- 39% – Gatherings and ways to reunite with fellow alumni
- 30% – Ways classmates are contributing to their communities and society
- 20% – How I can better prepare for life at and after 66
- 11% – The College and its return to a new normal

## 2. Have attended a '79 Online event:

- 63% – Yes; 37% – No



## 3. Online events attended:

- 57% – A Conversation on Race session
- 50% – Virtual '79th Day mini-reunion
- 31% – Sitting on the '79 Fence with **Bill Holmes**
- 20% – A Women of Dartmouth event
- 32% – Other event including:
  - Tour of Montgomery
  - "Sitting on the '79 Fence with" **Beth Blatt** – "In Her Words" play reading
  - **Peter Robinson** and Prof. Russ Muirhead event
  - Dorm reunion
  - Wine tasting with **Dave Jeffries**
  - Dartmouth TED talk
  - Dartmouth Athletics event
  - The Confluence event
  - Fraternity meeting
  - Class officers' calls
  - Tuck School event



## 4. Reasons for not attending online events:

- 45% – The times were not convenient
- 38% – Not interested in [or burned out with] online events
- 21% – The topics were not of interest to me
- 6% – Didn't receive enough notice to put it in schedule



## 5. Suggestions for future programs:

- More talks with professors in their areas of expertise, e.g. Donald Pease
- Hearing more about the state of Dartmouth Study Abroad
- How the College is handling the on-campus housing crisis
- Updated research on climate change and how we as a class can support the College and the world in being resilient to climate change
- Hiking Moosilauke via nausea-cam – crush the entire hike into 2 minutes!
- Stories about 'giving back' after retiring
- A '79 cruise
- More play readings
- Highlight classmates doing good things – accomplishments, projects, positions, awards
- Cooking class or something fun
- Transitioning to retirement, or to the spirituality of the second phase of life
- Educational sessions on "making the most of life after 65"
- Panel discussions leveraging expertise of faculty and classmates – topics like:
  - Historic cycles – similarities and differences between 1918 pandemic, the end of WWII, the 1920s, the rise of fascism and our current cycle since the Great Recession
  - The impact of the pandemic on the arts
- Scientific education and public outreach
- More dorm reunions!

## 6. Homecoming: want more details!



## 7. 65<sup>th</sup> birthday event: want more details!

## 8. History of the Dartmouth Class in 1979 in 79 Objects:

- Fourteen (14) classmates volunteered to help select & curate
- More than sixty suggestions were provided by classmates

## 9. Would you like to attend a dance party with the greatest hits from our undergraduate days?

- 58% yes
- 42% no



## Class of 1979 Spring Survey: Suggestions for Future Events

- More prof talks about their expertise subject matter - mini class with Prof Pease, or other profs -- makes you feel like back at Dartmouth & enriches one's soul
- I would be interested in hearing more about the current state of the Dartmouth Study Abroad programs - what was cut and why. Also, how the college is handling the "on campus" housing crisis and what they are doing to create more housing for students on campus.
- I know that it's on the presenter with always updated research about climate change.
- Hiking Moosilauke.
- Stories of "giving back" after retiring. What people are doing to remain vital in ways that contribute to society?
- A Class of 1979 cruise
- More play readings!
- I liked the dorm event we tried - didn't quite work out via the zoom sorting out but the small group discussion was fun
- I would like to highlight classmates doing good things - virtually or in person. Receptions about new accomplishments, projects, positions, awards; like that.
- How we as a class can support the college and the world in being resilient to climate change.
- Cooking class or something fun
- Transitioning to retirement, or to the spirituality of the second phase of life.
- Not sure, but perhaps after age 65 folks start pruning back their work and social worlds - and whether Dartmouth alum will be part of each person's world become more and more of a question.
- I'd probably just stay in touch with specific friends, so if there is a way to activate friend-based chat rooms via the reunion forum, maybe that would be enticing?
- Panel discussions leveraging the expertise of the faculty and class members on (a) climate change and potential game changing technologies; (b) historic cycles: similarities and differences between the 2018 pandemic, the end of WWII, the 1920s, the rise of fascism and our current cycle since the Great Recession; and (c) the impact of the pandemic on the arts.
- Perhaps some educational sessions on the "making the most of life after 65": brain health, body health, nutritional health, etc.
- Love the in depth discussions with one person's experience
- In person events better!
- Science education & public outreach - the need for a scientifically literate citizenry.
- Virtual interactive "commons" format on topics suggested by alumni -- for me it would be sustainable energy and climate change, for another it might be global minimum taxes or getting past the current political divides.
- Retirement planning panel of "experts" and/or those with experience. Topic suggestion: "How do you go about selecting where to retire to?" Is there a checklist of considerations? Areas? Questions to ask? Taxing? Culture? well being? Communities?
- Maybe panels of classmates (two or three classmates) in some field (i.e., politics, arts, education, retirement planning, etc.). What about "How do you decide where to retire?" That is our key question....
- As we near the ripe age of 65, how can we contribute? I'm not ready to hang it up yet. Let's roll out some really cool volunteer opportunities.
- More dorm reunions! 🐾



When the [Hanover] village plan was laid out "in 1771...the central feature was a square ... 'opened or a Green' by authority of the Trustees of the College..."

The College first cleared the Green by felling the pines in a circular area in 1770, with **some of the trees being an extraordinary 270 feet high**. Eleazar Wheelock gave some sermons in the great cathedral created by the clearing among the gigantic trees, which were so tall that little daylight could be seen on the forest floor until the sun was high in the sky each day.

Clearing continued in 1771 though it would be sixty years before all of the stumps had disappeared; **for a time each class had to remove one stump...** Dartmouth's Green had not been replanted with trees and still gave the effect of being hewn from the wilderness. **...stumps of the lofty pines that originally covered it remaining many long years in position...**

[In 1828 the Trustees] voted 'that the executive authority procure it to be plowed, leveled, seeded and handsomely fenced, with walks and trees ... **Finally, in 1836... the plan was carried out**'

Scott Meacham, "Notes toward a Catalog of the Buildings and Landscapes of Dartmouth College," Dartmo.: The Buildings of Dartmouth College (updated 2001), at <http://www.dartmo.com/buildings/ghijkbldg.html> (viewed 8/23/2021). 🐾



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Join us for the launch of our new Class of D'79 **INSTAGRAM** coming on September 13th

Great photos of classmates way back when

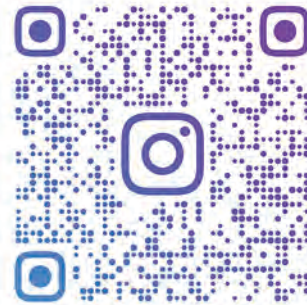
Fun quizzes about our time at Dartmouth

And - of course - **the best music EVER** from our college years!!

Every week Monday-Friday starting September 13th (the first day of fall semester) and the perfect time to “come on back!” at least on social media!!

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## Dartmouth College Fund: Our Class of 1979 Results

Dear Classmate of 1979,

Thank you! Once again your Classmates stacked themselves into the tallest bonfire.

Our Class raised \$738,510 for financial aid for undergraduate Dartmouth students. This covers the average annual financial aid packages for **over 20 students!**

Our responsibilities as Dartmouth alumni are to look out for students, each other and folks in our community. We hope you share our pride in how successfully our Classmates met this aspiration this past year. Not only did **571, 60.6% of Classmates, contribute to the Dartmouth College Fund**, but over 50% made Class dues payments of \$40-\$79+ which helped us contribute to \$20,000 to Dartmouth Partners in Community Service. This will enable **70 students to support community service** initiatives throughout the country this year. Later this summer you will hear how our Class supported one another, but our view is that the Participatory™ Class of 1979 is honoring its ambition to support students and our communities.

## A Sincere Invitation to You!

*A final note from the exiting **Head Agents**. Being in touch with Classmates, especially ones you may not know, is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding activities we have done as alums. If you've got some time to reconnect with Classmates, some of whom you may not know, please let **Ellen Gomprecht Oppenheim** know at [ellen.opp@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.opp@gmail.com)*

The rewards....

- Our 571 contributors were 122 more than any other class (2010 was 2nd). We **received the Raymond J. Rasenberger 1949 Award** for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive time as a non-reunion class.
- We have been **awarded a new Dartmouth Scholar** for our contributor total. More on that this fall.
- 96.5% of our contributors from last year made a gift this year earning us the **Peggy Epstein Tanner '79 Award!** It was our first opportunity to win this award. To the victor the spoils: Peggy had requested that if we won the award would be re-named the Class of 79 Award.....and so it shall be...HEREINAFTER THE **CLASS OF 1979 AWARD** (courtesy of Peggy Epstein Tanner '79).

**This is our last note as Co-Head Agents.** It's been an enormous honor to serve in these roles to support the students, meet literally scores of you, and renew many acquaintances, over the past six years. Thank you for answering those mystery callers from "603" and "216" over this period. We're ecstatic to announce that **Ellen Gomprecht Oppenheim** and **Michio Soga** will be taking over for us, though we'll still ask you to answer those calls from 603 and 216....we won't disappear.

Gratefully,



**Laurie Deacon & Bill Mitchell**  
DCF Co-Head Agents for the Dartmouth Class of 1979





The challenges of racial justice posed by the past year prompted the formation of the '79 Committee on Race to engage in conversation, increase our consciousness and elevate inclusive voices of our classmates and current Dartmouth students. The coming year, we believe, calls us to continued conversation and learning as we strive for a stronger Dartmouth and society that draws upon the diverse experiences we all bring to our humanity.

To this end we ask you to **“stay tuned”**\* as we continue our planning to provide more ways for the Class of '79 to participate. Here are some of the ideas we are working on:

**Small-Group Discussion Gatherings:**

- **Book Study Group(s)**, with use of moderators to explore books dealing with issues and themes of race/racism and its various intersections of class, gender and sexuality. – **Fall 2021**
- **Grandma & Grandpa Story Time Workshopping:** a virtual sharing of children’s books, resources and ideas about sharing diverse and inclusive voices, histories and culture – **Fall 2021** (late Oct/early Nov in time for Christmas)
- **Current Events Discussion(s):** **“The US 2020 Census: Unpacking its Meanings”**, moderated by either a '79 specialist or a Dartmouth professor. – **Spring 2022**
- **Film Discussion Group(s)** -- Race & Representation in Visual/Literary Culture, facilitated discussion of film(s), television and fiction. -- **TBD**

**“Mini-Events”:** simultaneous, in-person (COVID-19 permitting) in multiple cities on a designated weekend exploring local sites focusing on issues of Race and Inclusion, - (Winter & Spring 2022) for example:

- **Washington D.C.:** this might include a visit to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, followed by a moderated discussion and dinner.

- **Los Angeles:** this might include a visit to the Japanese American National Museum and its permanent exhibit on the incarceration of Japanese/Japanese Americans during World War II, followed by a discussion on Japanese American – Black Kinship & Reparations, or a visit to Watts Towers followed by a discussion of Black LA
- **Boston:** this might include a walk on the Black Heritage Trail, followed by moderated discussion

**ALL CLASS DISCUSSION Gatherings:**

- **“Convo”** (in the first half 2022) dealing with focused topics like “Health-care Disparities,” or “Intersections of Race, Gender and LGBTQ”
- **Mini-Event Revelations & Offerings** – an all Class gathering with brief summary of the Class Mini-Events from around the Country/ Globe – May 2022

\*no specific dates have been set and will be announced in coming '79 newsletters and Facebook posts

Since we are still in the planning stages – nothing is in stone – the COR encourages you to provide us with ideas and feedback. However, given our ambitions we cannot accomplish all these goals without HELP from you. We will be looking for classmates to assist in organizing, hosting and facilitating mini-events and small group discussion gatherings. If any can help with any of these ideas – or have one of your own – please reach out.

We are excited about the possibilities for the upcoming year!

Onward Together, the '79 Committee on Race

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**Dartmouth '79 Instagram Group (NEW):**  
<https://www.instagram.com/dartmouth1979>

**Dartmouth '79 Facebook Group:**  
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**Dartmouth '79 Class LinkedIn Group:**  
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**Dartmouth 1979/2004 LinkedIn Group:**  
[www.linkedin.com/groups/5082139/](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/5082139/)

# Upcoming Class of '79 EVENTS

- **OCTOBER, 1, 2021** • Friday evening, game at 7pm  
Mini-Reunion at Dartmouth-Penn Football, Philadelphia, PA
- **OCTOBER, 8, 2021** • Friday  
Morning hike up Mount Cardigan (see page 5)   
Homecoming evening events in Hanover (see page 4).
- **OCTOBER, 9, 2021** • Saturday  
Homecoming events in Hanover with Classes of 1980 & 1981.
- **OCTOBER 13, 2021** • Wednesday at 8 pm EST (5 pm PST)  
“Sitting on the '79 Fence with” **Margo Squire '79** (see pages 6-7)
- **OCTOBER 22, 2021** • Friday  
Deadline for our next Class Newsletter - October 2021. 
- **OCTOBER, 30, 2021** • Saturday, game at 12 noon  
Mini-Reunion at Dartmouth-Harvard Football, Cambridge, MA
- **2022 • 3 months before your 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Sign up for Medicare.  
[www.hhs.gov/answers/medicare-and-medicaid](http://www.hhs.gov/answers/medicare-and-medicaid)
- **2022 • Throughout the year:**  
Our 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday gatherings & celebrations.
- **MARCH 20, 2022** • Sunday (on or about)  
79<sup>th</sup> Day Mini-Reunions. Mark your calendars.
- **JUNE 19 -22, 2025** • Thurs. to Sun.  
**Our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion.** In Hanover. Mark your calendars. Please be there.
- **JUNE 8-12, 2029** • Friday to Tuesday  
*Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, a once-in-a-lifetime, historic event!! Note that our Class Flag was presented to our graduating class by the Class of 1929 (born in 1907) at their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Future members of the Class of 2029 (born in 2007) who will graduate during our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion are now about 14 years old! Their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion will be in 2079.* 
- **JUNE 12-15, 2034** • Monday to Thursday  
*Our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion.* In Hanover. Stay healthy and attend. Be sure to join us!
- **SEPTEMBER, 2054** • Monday to Thursday  
*Our 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion.* In Hanover. Attendees to be 97 years old. Be there. Aloha!

