

DAPAAA

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Dartmouth Asian Pacific American Alumni Association

News for the New Season

Greetings! Summer is on its way out, and it is time to prepare for welcoming the Class of 2009. In this issue, we would like to share with you some highlights on recent campus activities and new developments with our organization. Please note that our newsletters and updates are also accessible on our web site at www.dartmouth.org/affiliated/dapaaa.

Communications

We have created a new space on our web site for hosting a discussion forum. Please post issues of concern at www.dartmouth.org/affiliated/dapaaa.

Newsletters from our organization will be sent to you periodically. If you prefer not to receive these newsletters, please notify us by email at dapaaa@alum.dartmouth.org. To get more up-to-date job listings and announcements, please subscribe to our listserv: dapaaa@yahoogroups.com.

DAPAAA Updates

Board and Regional Directors

We will be looking for a new Co-Chair this year. If you are interested in running or want to nominate someone, please email us at dapaaa@alum.dartmouth.org.

If you like to bring people together or would like to meet APA alums in your area, consider being a regional director! We are in need of regional directors to assist with the following regions: Northern California, Southern California, Chicago, and Boston. If you are not located at any of these regions but would like to start a regional chapter in your area, please contact Erica at eryu@umich.edu.

Faculty Recruitment and Retention

DAPAAA will be working with students and the Office of Asian and Asian American Students to examine issues related to hiring and retaining faculty of color. Over the last two years, Dartmouth has lost two Asian American and one African American professors after a tenure of one year. Students have expressed strong concern and seek the support of alumni to examine why Dartmouth has some difficulty retaining faculty of color.

Email: dapaaa@alum.dartmouth.org to get involved.

Reunion Planning

DAPAAA is in its initial planning stages for the 2nd Reunion in 2007.

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Letter from the College

Dartmouth Alumni Magazine receives increased subsidy and structural modifications

I am pleased to announce that the Dartmouth Board of Trustees has unanimously approved a resolution taking a major step forward on behalf of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine and its relationship with the College's volunteer leadership. I have attached the wording of that resolution to the end of this message.

The resolution stipulates that, beginning with the 2005-06 fiscal year, the Dartmouth administration will increase its subsidy of the magazine in an amount up to \$500,000 per year in order to minimize the impact of magazine-related dues on the alumni classes. This will enable the classes to have the magazine distributed to all of their members at a fraction of the cost the classes had paid previously.

The resolution also amends the magazine's charter to add two seats to the DAM Editorial Board to represent the Class Presidents, and to make an adjustment in the way the magazine is administered. During the time when a single vice president was responsible for both Alumni Relations and Development, the management of the magazine was logically delegated to the Director of Alumni Relations. With a reorganized structure in place, that responsibility is being elevated to the Vice President for Alumni Relations.

The Board action was taken as a result of a new five-year business plan for the magazine brought forward at the June meeting. That plan will add resources to the magazine's publishing function, and we anticipate the development of new products that will add to the benefits the magazine delivers to Dartmouth alumni.

While the new business plan for the magazine will be fully implemented over a five-year period, the Board has asked that the Vice President for Alumni Relations report next June on the status of the plan and its implementation and on the progress of the magazine in serving the interests of the alumni body and its other constituencies.

Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks to the College's volunteer leadership in guiding this important step in Dartmouth's communications program. This outcome is the result of much dedicated effort by the DAM Business Model Task Force led by Ann Duffy '77, the helpful deliberations of the DAM Editorial Board headed by Charlie Wheelan '88, and the cogent observations of the Alumni Council, capably led last year by Karen Calby '81. On the Board of Trustees, our consciousness about the importance of this issue has been raised over the past year by the Trustee Working Group on Alumni Relations and Communications, chaired by Karen Francis '84.

The plan was brought to fruition by the dedicated efforts of Jose Fernandez '77, in his dual role as a Trustee of the College and the Board's representative to the DAM Editorial Board. This step would not have been possible without his leadership of the volunteer and administrative team, and I am personally grateful for the guidance and support this effort has received from Jose and from President Jim Wright.

With best wishes,

Stanley A. Colla, Jr. '66
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Spotlight on the Rockefeller Center's Sadhana Hall

By Avni Shah '07

Sadhana Hall has finished her very first year as the Assistant Director for Student, Public, and Faculty Programming at the esteemed Rockefeller Center. She organizes all of the activities and events that go on in Rocky, and serves as an advisor to all of the Center's student groups, such as AGORA, First Year Forum, Politalk, Daniel Webster Legal Society, Women in Business, Women in Leadership, International Humanitarian Foundation, and Milan. I had a chance to sit down and chat with her about how her first year experience, including facing the snow, and what she is up to in the upcoming months.

How has the first year been here at Dartmouth?

Hall: Excellent! Moving to an academic setting after working in the non-profit world for many years has been a very interesting experience. I enjoy meeting and working with students and faculty members involved and committed to deep study and research in different fields offered by Dartmouth. The student and public programs have allowed me to meet scholars, academicians and practitioners who have contributed so much to policy development domestically and internationally. The first two terms were exciting because they went by so fast and I had to learn to adjust to how quickly the Dartmouth quarter system goes! I can't believe that it has already been three terms since I started working for the Rockefeller Center! That really amazes me. I have to say that the support provided by the Rockefeller Center staff, students, and faculty has made the process of settling in so easy. It has been a very supportive environment.

How did you end up here at Dartmouth?

Hall: I was working in the international health field and was traveling a lot. The work I was doing was very exciting and very meaningful to me. Then one day I realized that all the traveling I was doing was taking its toll on me in many ways. I also had a conversation with a colleague which made me reflect on my career and achievements. I decided that I did not want to travel as extensively and felt I could use my experience to make a contribution in an academic setting. An academic setting would also be ideal because it would allow me to work with young people and give me a chance to reflect on the lessons I've learned. I also really love this area! I looked at a number of institutions and Dartmouth ranked at the very top. In my previous employment, I had a number of Dartmouth students who did internships with my department. All of them were outstanding students and this helped me feel connected to Dartmouth. Finally, when I interviewed for my position at the Rockefeller Center, I was very impressed with the staff and the mission of the Center appealed to me very much! I had other options at the time but working for the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth just felt right.

What are some challenges that you have experienced while working here?

Hall: Driving in the snow in the winter! I also have had to get adjusted to the D-Plan. It is just hard because you can be working with students on a project during a term. You establish a great relationship with them and then all of a sudden they are off and not there for the next quarter.

What are some of the joys that you have had thus far?

Hall: What is great is that even though those students may be off and away from Dartmouth, many of them still stay in touch with me. I love the enthusiasm of the students. The faculty have been so terrific as well and I will be working with them more intensively in the future. There are so many activities going on around the campus—it's hard to keep track! It's amazing how involved these students are. I used to work in White River Junction,

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Reflections on the Diversity Peer Program

By Kristen A. Wong '06

One day my freshman winter term I clambered into a red Ford and road to a local inn with a van full of people I had never met. I signed up for the Diversity Peer Program (DPP) simply to try something new, not expecting to get anything out of it. However, I jumped feet first into the workshops and despite my initial doubts I discovered a lot of new things about myself and about my peers.

The Diversity Peer Program is an intensive training program designed to heighten awareness of diversity and social justice issues as well as create a path to action and change within the entire Dartmouth community and beyond. During a two and a half day off campus retreat about 16 students and staff from various backgrounds participated in a series of workshops that examined issues related to race/ethnicity/culture, gender, sexual orientation, religious difference, people with disabilities, and class/socioeconomic status.

The result was an intense and eye-opening experience. DPP was so much more than learning about buzzwords like "diversity". It helped me learn about people and the value of truly listening to their experiences. DPP was the first program I had ever participated in that gave me the tools to move forward and really begin to enact effective change - even if the change only began within myself. Now as an upperclassman I have come to be thankful for DPP because it gave me the foundation for an incredible Dartmouth experience. First, DPP set me up with a network of some of the most valuable administrators and students on campus. In essence DPP created for me a safe community of compassionate, energetic, remarkable people that I can tap into at any moment. Building relationships across the imagined barriers of diversity is not an idealistic practice. I took this idealism and applied it to my personal life. The result is a group of friends that I truly admire, love and respect. Second, DPP taught me to go out and seize opportunities. Dartmouth offers a lot of amazing programs like the Diversity Peer Program and DPP gave me the knowledge and the courage to try many of them. Whether it is going to view a movie with the African American Society (AAM), going by myself to see Armenian folk music, or attending a discussion on male sensitivity I have been enriched by all my new endeavors. Third, DPP taught me to be introspective. In the countless seminars, programs, and conferences I had attended, DPP was the first to make me think about myself and my own prejudices and biases. Being honest with myself was very difficult but has served me well in my social interactions.

All of the lessons the Diversity Peer Program provided me are valuable beyond the confines of social justice work and serve to enrich anyone's life in general practice. I truly believe that if it wasn't for DPP, my experience at Dartmouth would have been a lot different. DPP opened up my heart and gave me a new readiness to try to take risks. Diversity retreats don't have to be wasted moments of time, but can be valuable lessons to serve you for your entire life!

For more information on the Diversity Peer Program check out www.dartmouth.edu/~opal/retreats/dpp/.



Finding My Other Half

By Katherine Day '07

It's a cliché, but it's true: I never really fit in anywhere. Well, "ethnically" speaking at least.

Sociologists argue that one of the defining characteristics of the U.S. racial/ethnic landscape is the tendency for Americans, White and non-White alike, to prefer a sense of clarity when it comes to racial/ethnic identity. In situations where the racial/ethnic background of a person cannot be immediately identified, many Americans become uncomfortable with this cultural ambiguity.¹

Perhaps it is this need for categorization which drives my feeling of displacement; I cannot describe myself in the usual terms:

I am a first generation American. But then again I am not. I am Asian. But then again I am not. I am Japanese, but not entirely. Sometimes I feel I have a culture all my own. There is a Japan across the ocean and there is a Japan in my home, in me.

Moving to Dartmouth, it was not easy to lose this feeling of displacement. Established cultural organizations exist of which I feel a part of but perhaps not entirely fulfilled by, or even not entirely welcome. I met Yuki Kondo-Shah '07, another mixed race student in the winter of my sophomore year and found a sister, in experience, in background, in heritage and in culture. This, I felt, was the reason for these organizations, to recognize a special bond, a shared experience. We often spoke of trying to tell others of our discovery, to break down the walls which tower so high across racial boundaries.

With the help of dear friends, Yuki and I organized an evening where 11 half-Japanese women at Dartmouth could cook together and share our experiences with anyone who would be willing to listen. The first event of this kind in recent memory, we were unsure of how successful our night would be, even with the promise of "free food." We hoped for about 20 people; we received about 25 RSVPs; but more than 50 students showed up that night. Not only did they enjoy the food, but they stayed for over an hour and listened to the individual experiences of each of the women and, we hope, recognized some sort of collective experience among us.

As each of us spoke about what it meant to us to be half-Japanese women in America, I felt something powerful – the challenge of the straight lines of race and ethnicity, the boundaries which split us apart and create enmity; at the same time I felt the experience which binds together. Mostly I believe the success of our little night was in the awareness that spread, an awareness of the individual experience and the presence of diversity within every category.

(Footnotes)

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2005 Pan Asian Student Awards

Established in 2002, students nominate and a staff and faculty committee annually presents the Pan Asian Student Awards as a way to recognize and thank individuals and groups who have had a significant impact on the Pan Asian community at Dartmouth. The award ceremony was held on Monday, May 19th, 2005. Please join us in congratulating the below individuals and groups.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award goes to the student who has shown strong leadership this academic year in the Pan Asian Community, as evidence by his/her ability to be-inclusive, innovative, engaging, expansive, and creative. This leader has also served as an advocate for the long term sustainability of their group as well as the Pan Asian community in general.

Winner: Shawn Zhou '06 for his work as the President of DCCS and Co-Chair of the DAO Culture Night



CREATIVE & INNOVATIVE AWARD

This award goes to the individual or group of individuals who through creative and innovative ideas have had the greatest impact on the Pan Asian Community at Dartmouth this academic year.

Winner: Helen Kang '06 for her work as the Co-President of KASA and for writing and producing two culture night plays.

FIRST YEAR AWARD

This award goes to the individual first year student who has had the greatest overall impact on the Pan Asian community this academic year.

Winners: Irene Shyu '08 and Jennifer Yu '08 for co-founding the Dartmouth Taiwanese Association (DTA). The award also went to **Sindhura Kodali '08** for her work with Milan, Vandana and the Pan Asian Council.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award goes to the individual student or group of students who have demonstrated dedication to community service and the welfare of others in the Pan Asian community (locally, nationally, or globally) during this academic year.

Winners: Anik Gandhi '05 for coordinating the Pan Asian Leadership Seminar with a Tuck School of Business Professor. The award also went to **AASPIRE** (Asian American Women's Group) for establishing a safe and supportive environment for women of Asian descent.

COALITION BUILDING AWARD

This award goes to the individual or group of individuals who have developed coalitions between the Pan Asian community and other sub-communities at Dartmouth this academic year.

Winners: Korean American Student Association (KASA) for Seoul Foods event and Korean Culture in Japan discussion. The award also went to **Dartmouth Asian Organization** (DAO) for the Black HIV/AIDS discussion and inclusive DAO semi-formal.



INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY & EQUITY AWARD

This award goes to an individual student of Asian descent who has had the greatest systemic and institutional impact in the area of promoting diversity and equity at Dartmouth this academic year.

Winners: *Serena Chang '05, Marie Choi '06, and Amisha Patel '05* for their strong leadership on the Asian American Studies Initiative.

Serena Chang '05 Receives Dean's Plate Award

By Nora Yasumura, Advisor to Asian and Asian American Students

Serena Chang '05
Hometown: Los Altos, CA

Major: Women's and Gender Studies; English modified with psychology double major

Women Studies Honor's Thesis: "I Will Not Love You Long Time: A Study of Identity, Media Images, and Asian American Female Sex Workers".

Off-campus Dartmouth Activities: English FSP in Glasgow

Outside of Dartmouth: Outreach intern, Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness (San Francisco, CA); Research intern, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government

Dartmouth Community Activities: Pan Asian Council Intern (working on Asian American Studies Initiative, Pan Asian Council, AASPIRE), Main Street: Asian American Publication (editor), Dartmouth Chinese Culture Society (culture night chair), Diversity Peer Program (facilitator), Women of Color Collective (chair), Deans Office Student Consultants (DOSCs), Admissions Senior Interviewer, Tour Guide, Women's Studies Department Intern, Women in Science Program, SEAD mentor, Senior Executive Committee (newsletter editor), Leadership Matters, Leadership Discovery Program, Dartmouth Shakespeare Project (student leader), DHMC (Psychiatric Ward volunteer).

Previous Awards: Pan Asian Award-Outstanding Senior (2005), Katherine B. Brock Award (outstanding first year woman), Pan

SENIOR AWARD

This award goes to the individual senior student who has had the strongest and most consistent impact on the Pan Asian community during their time at Dartmouth.

Winner: *Serena Chang '05* for her leadership with Main Street, Pan Asian Council, Dartmouth Chinese Culture Society, Women of Color Collective, AASPIRE, Diversity Peer Program, and as a Pan Asian Intern.

Asian Award-Outstanding First Year Student, Palaeopitus Senior Society, Casque and Gauntlet Senior Society, Green Key Society.

On June 8, I had the pleasure of presenting Serena with a Dean's Plate Award for her hard work and commitment to the Dartmouth community. Here is a condensed version of my comments during the ceremony.

"There are students that choose to cruise through Dartmouth and then there are students like Serena who go the extra mile to make a difference in the lives of others. I have had the pleasure of working with Serena on Asian American issues since she arrived on campus. I marvel at the many Dartmouth activities she has done. I was tempted to list them all but then realized that this wouldn't fully represent the many ways that she has inspired others on our campus.

In preparing for this evening's occasion, I invited a few of Serena's peers, faculty and alumni to briefly share their thoughts about the impact that she has had on their lives. Words jumped out like: tireless, mentor, inspiring, appreciate, teacher, friend, hero, hard work, bold, intellectual, activist, caring, role model, fun, powerhouse, and generous. The depth of this list isn't surprising and is well deserved.

Thank you Serena for all that you have done for the Pan Asian community in particular as well as the Dartmouth community in general. You have left your mark through the many lives (including mine) you have touched here at Dartmouth. It is with much appreciation that I present you with this Dean's Plate Award."



Spring 2005 Asian Related Campus Group Updates

Compiled by Avni Shah '07 & Nora Yasumura, Advisor

AASPIRE (Asian & Asian American Women's Group)

AASPIRE continues to grow and thrive this past year. AASPIRE brings a variety of women in the Asian and Asian American community together informally several times a term. The group provides a valuable space for individuals to voice their questions, stories, and experiences over a homecooked dinner, leading to greater support and understanding of one another. Due to the success of this group, AASPIRE was awarded with the "community service" award at this year's Pan Asian Student Awards.



Al-Nur (Muslim Student Group)

Al-Nur's activities this term have revolved around building a sense of community. They held a social potluck, casual dinners, religious discussion meetings, organizational meetings, and ad hoc events. With ISA and Milan, Al-Nur organized an event entitled "Muslim Women: Beyond the Misconceptions" which was a discussion moderated by world-renowned historian and visiting Dartmouth professor Carole Hillenbrand. In late spring, Al-Nur a retreat to Nunnemacher cabin, and hope to make this an annual event.

Dartmouth Chinese Dance Troupe (DCDT)

During the spring term, Chinese Dance Troupe was busy with several performances. They performed twice during the Dimensions Weekend, first at the PAC Community Dinner, and secondly during Cultural Expressions. They also performed at the Dartmouth Child Care Center, the Festival of Humanity, and the Class of 2005 Graduation Gala. In celebration of APA month, they held a dance workshop with Judy Kuan '03, a CDT alum and performed with members of the Vietnamese Student Association during the Vietnamese culture celebration.

Dartmouth Asian Organization (DAO)

DAO's goal this spring was to focus on strengthening the bond amongst the Asian American community. Through social activities such as poker and non-alcoholic pong tournaments, they were able to attract new members and help expand social networks. They also felt it was important to help plan a few Asian American awareness events. One such event was a dinner discussion on "Asian Fetish" featuring Serena Chang '05 and visiting history professor Shiho Imai. This event was very

successful, and many students from the highly diverse crowd were able to discuss and share their own concerns and opinions on the topic. Aside from these social and political events, we held several community service activities. DAO teamed up with DCCS for Relay for Life and raised over \$350 for the American Cancer Society. The bi-weekly DAO pals events, where we pair up Dartmouth students with adopted Asian children from nearby communities, are well-attended. From kite-making to treasure hunts, from big pal to lil pal, everyone had a fun and enriching time.

Dartmouth Chinese Culture Society (DCCS)

This term, DCCS has continued to try to reach out to the Dartmouth community by hosting various events that spread Chinese cultural awareness. However, DCCS's main focus this term was to have a successful showing at Relay for Life, an overnight fundraiser held by the American Cancer Society. In conjunction with DAO, they formed a team of 15 students to walk throughout the night. They also raised more than \$270 dollars for the cause through a bubble tea fundraiser. Another event that DCCS hosted was a Dumpling Night during the prospective student weekend. While making dumplings from scratch, DCCS members were able to interact with and answer questions for the prospective students. Finally, DCCS believes that Chinese history is a major part of their heritage and culture regardless of whether they are Chinese or Chinese American. Therefore, in observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, they hosted Richard Chu, a Professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology and a former President of the Global Alliance for Preserving the History of WWII in Asia, to speak on the Nanjing Massacre and its implications for Chinese Japanese



international relations today. The purpose of this event was to learn from these historical events in order to prevent it from reoccurring.

New - Dartmouth Taiwanese Association (DTA)

Starting this past fall as an experimental Dartmouth group on thefacebook.com, the Dartmouth Taiwanese Association officially received recognition from Dartmouth's Council on Student Organizations (COSO) in February of this year. DTA was founded by two first year students, Irene Shyu '08 and Jennifer Yu '08. The goal of the group is to bring together students interested in Taiwan and Taiwanese culture. This past spring DTA held a "Taiwan Awareness Week". This series of events featured Taiwanese movie nights, a discussion with Professor Ta-Yuan Chang of the Dartmouth Medical School, and a panel discussion with Dartmouth Government Professors Martin Dimitrov, David Kang, Jennifer Lind. In addition, DTA brought Taiwan expert Steven Goldstein of Smith College and famed academic Lung-Chu Chen from the New York Law School. While the group is still adjusting to the problems that many groups on campus face, it is beginning to find a direction of its own and is already planning events for the fall.

Far Off Broadway (FOB)

Far Off Broadway spent most of the spring term preparing for their annual spring show titled "RAINING TEA". It featured three short plays; *Tea* by Velina Houston, *Cleveland Raining* by Sung Rno, and *Woman Not a Flava* by Yellow Rage.

Filipino American Gathering

This term Anna Sian '07 coordinated an informal Pinoy brunch that brought together about ten students of Filipino descent with several Filipino families living in the Upper Valley.

Held in Brace Commons, it featured a potluck of delicious foods with great discussions and activities for the children. It was tons of fun! There are hopes to hold future gatherings during the summer.

International Students Association (ISA)

Most of the events ISA did this term were open to the entire campus, as opposed to the previous terms, when they focused mostly on the international students. This term they initiated and co-organized the panel discussion on women in Islam which helped to increase awareness of the religious, moral and social status of women in Middle East. ISA also prepared an Easter dinner for Eastern Orthodox students, open to students of all religions and sects. This gathering included religious rituals and traditional dishes from Eastern European countries. A week later, they sponsored a one-day trip to Boston, again open to the entire campus. Finally, on May 28th, they organized a movie night, showing two international related comedies.

Korean American Student Association (KASA)

This term, KASA focused on larger social and cultural events. This included "Seoul Food" which is an annual event held with members of the Korean and African American communities commemorating the anniversary of the 1992 L.A. Riots. KASA also coordinated a Korean culture night student play titled "When Kimchi met Sushi". Finally, KASA also offered a new weekly informal language program called GaNaDa table and continued the successful KASA Big Sib Little Sib Program with children living in the Upper Valley community.

Main Street (Asian American Student Publication)

Early in the spring term, Main Street released its latest issue titled "Our Body, Our Health, Our Image". It featured such articles as, "Erasing the Stereotype of Asian Thinness", "Interview with

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Dr. David Ho”, “Osteoporosis and Asian Women”, and “HIV/AIDS Awareness and the APA Community”.

Milan

Over the course of the term, the current exec board endeavored to expand Milan’s involvement in South Asian affairs as well as in the greater Dartmouth Community. Milan held an ice cream social with Mr. Dinesh D’Souza, a Dartmouth graduate who has served under the Reagan Administration as senior policy analyst, to discuss South Asian involvement in Western politics. Alongside ISA and Al-Nur, they organized a discussion on the issue of Women in Islam. Milan also held their annual Culture Night titled “Chal Mere Saath: Walk with me”. This event featured plays, regional musical performances, as well as impressive dance numbers. It was an amazing night with many Dartmouth students, faculty, staff and Upper Valley residents of Indian descent in the audience. Members of Milan also have begun to prepare for a possible first annual South Asian Inter-Ivy Conference to be held at Dartmouth in the fall to discuss South Asian’s diverse influence in the 21st century western societies (primarily the United States). Finally, to honor members from the class of 2005, they organized a Senior Sendoff, in which they invited all members to a barbeque and handed out tokens of appreciation to our graduating class for their priceless contributions to the South Asian community.

Pan Asian Council (PAC)-

The Pan Asian Council continues to hold bi-weekly meetings. This term the Pan Asian Council helped to coordinate efforts for Dartmouth’s celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. They also held a meeting to discuss strategies to address the racist statements made on a New Jersey radio station (101.5 FM). In addition, they held a meeting to discuss feedback regarding a proposal to expand the Asian Studies Center in the future. Finally, the many groups of the Pan Asian Council hosted a reception for over 80 prospective students and their parents during Dimension’s weekend and sponsored the annual Pan Asian Student Awards.

Shanti (Hindu Student Group)

Shanti is the undergraduate student organization that promotes the understanding of the Hindu religion and its traditions. During this academic year, Shanti organized a community wide prayer ceremony celebrating the Festival of



Lights, Diwali. In order to enhance the understanding of Hinduism among Dartmouth students, Shanti held weekly meditation sessions and Ramayana and Gita Lecture Video Screenings. Members of Shanti took part in a discussion at the Aquinas House, in which the beliefs of Hinduism and Catholicism were explored by students. Shanti, with help from the Tucker Foundation, acquired a space in Rollins Chapel for the set up of idols and for Hindu student worship. In this space, Shanti held its culminating event of spring term, a Pre-Finals Walk-in Pooja for all Dartmouth students.

Vandana (South Asian Dance Troupe)

This term was one of Vandana’s most exciting yet. Vandana performed at several Dimension events on campus for the prospective students from the Class of 2009 and spent the term preparing for Milan’s Culture Night. The dances featured in this year’s culture night were each from the different geographical regions of South Asia. This included Garba/Raas from the West and Bhangra from the North. In addition to these intensive preparations, Vandana members taught weekly dance classes to several children in the Upper Valley area. Just this term, due to parental demand and interest, Vandana created an adults class as well! This past week, all the children and adult students came together for their termly recital to show off all the dances they have been working during the term. Hours of practice and preparation for each these events was very demanding for Vandana members, but thanks to their hard work and determination, they all made each one a great success!

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Volunteering in the Neighborhood: *An Integral Part of the Pan Asian Community*

Volunteering has always been a pressing issue in many of the groups that are affiliated with the Pan Asian Council. Whether it is having a dance recital or collecting food for the needy, many organizations are involved in this process that truly involves giving back to the community. It has taught many of us the lessons of valuing what we have, and also be gracious and caring to others. To see the smile light up on a child's face is a moment of true altruism. It has made us understand who we are and given us a distinctive opportunity to act in an utterly selfless manner.

Here are a few comments of what some groups in the Pan Asian Community are doing to give back:

"Although the primary goal of our organization is to spread awareness of Chinese culture and history to the Dartmouth community, the Dartmouth Chinese Culture Society feels that community service and volunteering are integral parts of any socially responsible organization. Earlier this year, we held fundraisers and were able to donate over \$350 to a Taiwanese Orphanage, where one of our members had previously volunteered. More recently, DCCS has been involved in Relay for Life, a fundraiser hosted by the American Cancer Society. By holding various fundraisers, DCCS donated more than \$270 dollars to the cause. Our biggest and most memorable service event was Legacies: Night Market. This event gave Dartmouth students and community members, some with adopted Chinese children, the experience of an authentic night market while witnessing aspects of Chinese Culture through student performance. Looking forward, the Dartmouth Chinese Culture Society will continue and improve on events focusing on service and volunteerism."

*Kevin Keung '07, Dartmouth Chinese Culture Society
President*

"Essentially our Mission as understood by the current execs is to foster a sense of community for South Asians and promote South Asian culture and heritage. Part of our culture and heritage are the notions of goodwill and benevolence. Over the course of the year we have tried to find ways to give back, whether it be to the South Asian community, the upper valley community or for the greater good. Milan has helped out with the Tsunami relief efforts at Dartmouth, donated to American Cancer Society efforts, and has volunteered at various events around campus (FoH,



Closer to Home, Dimensions, collaborated for community discussions). Volunteerism is part of what Milan stands for and is an integral part of South Asian heritage and tradition."

Rehman Sheikh '07, Milan Co-President

"DAO Pals is a mentoring program that pairs adopted Asian/Asian-American kids from 5-12 years of age with Dartmouth undergraduates. The purpose of the program for the kids is to be introduced to aspects of Asian culture and to develop a strong relationship with a peer who shares a similar cultural and racial background. DAO Pals is held once every two weeks and many of the events are of a culturally educational nature. This program serves families of the Upper Valley. Volunteering provides DAO a meaningful way to reach beyond the campus and into the community. It gives us the opportunity to touch the lives of Asian children instead of only focusing on the college-student level academic and social agenda. For many of us, the experience makes us reminiscent of our childhood and humbles us. Our common Asian heritage provides a connection with the children and inspires us to spend quality time and build coalition with the members of our community."

Mei Lun Quach '07, Dartmouth Asian Organization President

"While KASA organizes some opportunities for members to volunteer, it is ultimately the members who are spending time with adopted Korean children on Sundays, teaching Korean at three different levels either through miniversity or on their own, or raising funds for Relay for Life. KASA could not function without these valuable members who help run events like Seoul

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Alumni News Update

D-GALA (Dartmouth Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association) recently expanded its Board and we have a few vacancies. If you are interested in serving on the D-GALA Board, please contact David Eichman '82 at dme4law@sbcglobal.net.

Admissions Update

Applications for undergraduate admissions, including those of Asian Americans, went up this year. First-generation college and international applicants were also up.

Alumni interviewing rates have also increased, but more alumni interviewers are still needed! If you are interested, please email admissions@dartmouth.org.

There were a number of Dartmouth receptions for admitted students in the spring, and DAPAAA members were on hand to welcome them in places including the metro cities of New York City and Washington, DC.

Pallu Manvar, DAPAAA's Admissions Liaison, is looking for people interested in getting involved this fall with recruiting receptions and in the spring for "holding" parties for the Class of 2010! Please email Pallu at pallavi.manvar@alum.dartmouth.org to sign up.

College Update

The Class of 2005 had a milestone in the senior gift program, with 53% of the senior class contributing gifts totaling more than \$14,000 to the College through the Dartmouth College Fund.

Regional Update

DAPAAA's branch in the New York/Tri-State has been busy! Jason Hsiao, the Regional Director, has been organizing numerous happy hours, dinners, and movies. DAPAAA NYC also recently co-sponsored a picnic this summer with alumni groups at Columbia, Cornell, NYU, and MIT. To connect with DAPAAA in NYC, please email: dapaaatrystate@alum.dartmouth.org.

Alumni Council Update

President Wright emphasized his commitment to diversity at the College. There was a lot of discussion about the previous Trustee elections. Discussions also involved the structure of the Alumni Council and how to create better transparency and communication.

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Food or the Korean Culture Night. This term, a surprisingly high number of members turned out for volunteering opportunities."

Helen Kang '06, Korean American Students Association President

"For about two years, Vandana (Dartmouth's South Asian Dance Troupe) has taught dance lessons to the Upper Valley Community every Sunday. For an hour each week, kids from the age of five to seventeen of various races come together to learn about South Asian dance. While South Asia is home to several types of dance, from seven different classical styles to many more folk and now pop and modern styles. Although the kids have been most interested in the modern styles of Bollywood, Vandana attempts to introduce as many of these forms to their students as possible. Throughout the term, each lesson group (divided up by age) learns a dance and performs at a small recital attended by Dartmouth students and close family and friends of the children. Every term, participation in dance lessons have increased and just this term, Vandana has created its first-ever adults dance group. The feedback and interest from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

Vandana dance teachers come from a diverse background of dance experience: some have studied classical dance for several years while others danced for the first time at college, but they all share a love for dance. The ability to share this passion with children and adults is immensely satisfying. Some kids have been involved with dance lessons since the creation of the Vandana organization, and since we have been able to watch the kids grow not only as dancers but on a personal level as well. Knowing both kids and adults of non-Asian backgrounds show immense interest in the culture and dance forms of South Asia is also very gratifying. While we (as Vandana members) perform dances at Dartmouth events throughout each term, we find it important to extend ourselves past the college and into the community, and what better way than to share our love of dance?"

Priya Patel '07, Vandana President

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Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)

The Vietnamese Student Association started out this term with an informal meeting where the VSA exec board cooked Pho, a traditional beef noodle soup as a way to welcome new and returning members. They then collected 5 boxes of books that they sent to colleges and universities in Vietnam. They also invited a speaker, Jason Hoai Tran, who discussed about Vietnamese nationalism along with the topic Buddhist martial arts. Finally, VSA planned for their largest culture event in its group history. They raised the funds to bring Dr. Phong T. Nguyen and his ensemble to

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KALEIDOSCOPE: The Shaping of Cultures

By Avni Shah '07

This past May, the Pan Asian Council (PAC) commemorated Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month. The actual month long celebration originated as a congressional bill. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared May as the month long national celebration. It was a perfect fit considering that it commemorated the first Japanese who immigrated to the United States on May 7, 1843, as well as marked the completion of the transcontinental railroad, which many Chinese immigrants were part of, on May 10, 1869.

At Dartmouth, the many groups that make up the Pan Asian Council collectively decided on the theme of "KALEIDOSCOPE: The Shaping of Cultures". It became a true celebration that helped to draw out the many rich cultures that make up our community. Over fifteen events took place throughout the month of May. They featured visiting scholars, films, small discussions and several large cultural night celebrations. Dartmouth's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was a tremendous success overall, bringing out many new people who were able to learn and celebrate the diverse Asian American experience.

KALEIDOSCOPE: THE SHAPING OF CULTURES

Schedule of events

WEEK ONE:

May 1st

"Asian Garden Day: Seeding Event"
Dartmouth Organic Farm

May 6th

"Grave of Fireflies"
DJS

WEEK TWO:

May 8th

"Seoul Food"
KASA, AAM, Alpha Phi Alpha

May 9th

"Celebrating Japanese Culture"
PAC & DJS

May 10th

"Sex and Body Image Across Cultures"
PAC and SexEd

WEEK THREE:

May 16th

Pan Asian Community Dinner titled, "Feeling Multiracial: Emotions, Transnationalism, and the Geopolitics of Mixed Race Asian America".
Featuring Professor Jeff Santa Ana
PAC

May 17th

"Women and Islam"
Al-Nur, ISA, Milan

May 20th

KASA Culture Night
"When Kimchi Met Sushi"

May 21st

Milan Culture Night
"Chal Mere Saath"

WEEK FOUR:

May 23rd

"Pre-finals Pooja"
Shanti

May 24th

"Asian Fetish & Stereotypes of Asian/
American Women"
DAO and PAC

May 26th

"Rape of Nanking"
Featuring Professor Richard Chu

DCCS

May 29th

Far Off Broadway's Spring
Performance
"Raining Tea"
Featuring three short plays

May 31st

"I Will Not Love You Long Time: A
Study of Identity, Media Images
and Asian American Female Sex
Workers".
Senior Honors Thesis by Serena
Chang '05

June 1st

Vietnamese Student Association's
Culture Night.
"Traditional Vietnamese Music:
Folksongs, Dance, Food and Music"
Featuring the Phong Nguyen
Ensemble.

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and I had no idea of the wide array of events and programs that were going on. I also really have enjoyed the academic environment. Finally, when people come and say 'thank you', and they often do, it brings a lot of joy to me because I know that something I have done made a positive difference.

How has working with Nora and the Pan Asian Community been?

Hall: Working with Nora has been absolutely excellent. She is so caring about student and colleagues. She wants to maximize her time and make efficient use of her resources. Nora's office is very prompt with requests, which creates a strong environment for cooperation and collaboration. In terms of the rest of the community, I am currently working on the Milan South-Asian conference with some students, which has been going very well. This has been a very positive experience on my part. I hope to learn more about the rest of the Pan Asian Community over time.

How has planning the Milan event been going since it is your first large-scale PAC event?

Hall: The Milan group is putting together a draft of the program for this Inter-Ivy conference. The content looks very interesting. We have also had discussions to make the conference more interactive. This is a student-initiated and driven event and I want to be of as much assistance as possible to work with them to make it a very successful conference. I have appreciated the thought and work Milan has already put into the planning for the conference.

What are looking forward to in the upcoming academic year?

Hall: We are far ahead in our planning cycle for the next academic year which will help us to offer quality programs. I am excited about all of the programs that Rocky has to offer! The Civics Skills Training program, Rocky Leadership Fellows, the Student Organizations, the Policy Research shop, and our Public Policy Minor program are all off to a good start. We are already working with faculty members to plan our joint programs. We hope to have major speakers confirmed for the academic year by the end of July 2005.

We also want to implement an outreach program to strengthen our ties with other organizations around campus. We have begun conversations with the Office of Pluralism and Leadership, the Tucker Foundation and hope to meet other relevant departments on campus to collaborate on and strengthen our leadership activities.

How can the alumni help foster your goals?

Hall: Many alumni have been engaged with the Center's activities. They have come on campus as speakers, have connected me to other resources and have also offered to serve as mentors for specific Rockefeller Center programs. The Rockefeller Center programs are up on our web-site rockefeller.dartmouth.edu. If any of the programs are of interest, they can contact me— we could use their expertise, guidance, and experience! I would love to hear from them.

Sadhana Hall can be reached via e-mail at Sadhana.Hall@Dartmouth.edu or via phone at 603-646-2779.

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Dartmouth. Dr. Nguyen is a recipient of the National Heritage Fellowship in 1997, the nation's highest honor for achievement in the traditional arts awarded at the White House. He specializes in musical genres that span the Vietnamese musical spectrum from theatrical to chamber music, folk songs to Buddhist chants. In addition to traditional Vietnamese music, the event also featured authentic Vietnamese food, a dance performance by students, and a slide show. One of the members of VSA will travel back to Vietnam this summer to volunteer with the Vietnam Medical Project. All of the proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing medicine for children in a northern village in Vietnam.

Women of Color Collective (WoCC)

The Women of Color Collective is a coalition network of women of color and allies that examines the intersections between race, gender, and culture. Through weekly discussions and opportunities for inter-group collaboration, the WoCC aims to strengthen the bonds between individuals and communities at Dartmouth and to raise awareness of national and international women's issues. This spring term, WoCC has continued to promote dialogue on campus by having discussions on the gender wage gap, women of color and the beauty myth and how individual identity at Dartmouth has been shaped by gender and race. They have had the pleasure of hosting dinners with two extraordinary activists: Katherine Chon who is founder and director of Polaris Project, an organization dedicated to ending sex and human trafficking, and Aliza Dichter who is a media activist and the Center for Women and Gender's 2005 Visionary in residence. WoCC and the LGBTQ community also sponsored five students to attend the National Conference on Gender this past month at Washington D.C. In the year following, we hope to continue to engage Dartmouth students in discussions of gender as well as serve as a safe space for women of color to meet and come together.

ANNOUNCEMENT

David P. Spalding appointed Dartmouth's Vice President for Alumni Relations

HANOVER, N.H. - David P. Spalding, a 1976 graduate of Dartmouth who is Vice Chairman of The Cypress Group LLC in New York City and Chairman of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York, has been appointed Dartmouth's Vice President for Alumni Relations, effective in early October.

"David Spalding has distinguished himself throughout his career by his outstanding management ability on behalf of both non-profit organizations and businesses," Dartmouth President James Wright said. "He knows how to help institutions achieve their goals and how to reach out to key constituencies. He has also since his student days demonstrated his continuing desire to help Dartmouth. I look forward to his joining the Dartmouth administration. We are so fortunate that he was willing to take on this important assignment at this time."

The Vice President for Alumni Relations is a key administrator at Dartmouth, serving on the president's senior management team and heading an office that maintains close connections with and helps foster connections among Dartmouth's approximately 60,000 alumni.

Spalding succeeds Stanley A. Colla, Jr., a member of the Dartmouth class of 1966 and a 1986 graduate of Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, who has served as Vice President for Alumni Relations since 1993. Colla announced in January 2005 his plans to retire.

"It is a pleasure and an honor to be coming back to serve an institution I care about very deeply," Spalding said. "My objective will be to work to maintain the preeminence Dartmouth has in the field of alumni relations. I hope to make even more effective the relationships and communications between Dartmouth and her very important alumni body."

Spalding's appointment follows a nationwide search that involved extensive consultation with Dartmouth alumni. The search committee, headed by Provost Barry Scherr, included Karen McKeel Calby '81 and Richard Routhier '73, Tu'76, the immediate past president and current president respectively of the Alumni Council; Ozzie Harris '81, Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Diversity and Equity; Carolyn Pelzel '54A, Vice President for Development; and Cheryl Reynolds, Executive Director and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Dennis Barden of the search firm of EMN/Witt/Kiefer facilitated the search.

The committee sought recommendations and nominations from alumni worldwide, reaching out to the alumni volunteer leadership and contacting more than 1200 alumni.

"David Spalding emerged from a very strong pool of candidates," Scherr said. "We interviewed an exceptional group of finalists, and we are grateful to them for their interest in this position and in serving Dartmouth."

Alumni Council President Routhier said Spalding's "breadth of experience and love of the institution were very compelling and impressive to the search committee. We know he is a progressive thinker who is dedicated to building a great set of relationships with Dartmouth for its alumni."

Spalding has spent nearly 30 years in the financial field, and has also been very active with a number of non-profit organizations, including Dartmouth. Following his graduation from Dartmouth he joined The Chase Manhattan Bank, NA, where he became a Second Vice President. He received a master of business administration degree at New York University, and from 1983 through 1987 he was with The First National Bank of Chicago, where he became a Vice President. From 1987 to 1988 he was Senior Vice President of GE Capital Corporate Finance Group Inc., and later served as a Senior Vice President and then a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers. He has held his current position at The Cypress Group since 1994.

He has also been a very active Dartmouth alumnus, currently as a member of the President's Leadership Council and formerly as a member of the Dartmouth College Fund Committee and as a member or co-chair of the reunion giving committees for the 20th, 25th and 30th reunions of his class. As a Dartmouth student, he was a member of the debate team, Alpha Delta fraternity and the student radio station. His father, Lyle G. Spalding, is a member of the Dartmouth Class of 1952.

He has been active with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York since 1997, and has chaired the group for the past two years. He is a member of the board of the New Choral Society in Scarsdale, N.Y.

He also serves on a number of corporate boards: the Lear Corporation, RNCC Holdings, AMTROL Inc. and Cooper Standard Automotive Inc.

Spalding and his wife, Marianne, and their two children live in Bronxville, N.Y.

EVENTS

Recently Held

East Coast Asian Alumni Picnic: On Saturday, August 6th, 2005, CAAA co-sponsored the 11th Annual summer picnic with Columbia (ACAA), Dartmouth (DAPAAA), MIT (CAMIT), NYU (APAAA) and UPenn (UPAAN). Over 200 attendees came out to the Allen Shandler Recreation Area in Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx to enjoy an early morning golf game, BBQ picnic, and various activities such as the battle of the brains: quiz bowl, battle of the brawn: tug-of-war, volleyball, soccer, and 3-legged race. Cornell teams won the Quiz Bowl competition demonstrating Big Red's intellectual breadth against a challenging field. Food and fun were had by all participants. Board members, Nicole Xian '00, Ruth Hsu '89, Anthony Chang '00, Fung Lin '02, Ketan Zaveri '01 were among the helpful volunteers who made this event a success.

Pan-Asian Alumni BBQ: The First Annual San Francisco Picnic was held on Saturday, August 27, 2005, at Crissy Field "West Bluff Picnic Area". Sponsors included Asian Columbia Alumni Association (ACAA), Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA), Dartmouth Asian Pacific American Alumni Association (DAPAAA), Harvard Business School Asian American Alumni Association, Chinese Alumni/ae of MIT (CAMIT), Stanford Asian Pacific American Alumni Club (SAPAAC), and the University of Pennsylvania Asian Alumni Network (UPAAN). Participants hope to begin a new tradition in the Bay Area.

Upcoming

Strategies for Women: Balancing Work and Family

Host: The Society of Asian Women Leaders

Location: YEAH Bar & Chinese Cuisine

246 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA View Map

When: Thursday, September 22, 6:30pm

Phone: (650) 508-0999

The Society of Asian Women Leaders (SAWL) invites you and your friends to an inspiring night with Pauline Lo Alker.

BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY: STRATEGY & CHOICES

It is a common misconception that as you rise up the professional ladder, you might escape some of the challenges which are common to all of us who have to make two choices:

Get home to make dinner or work on a proposal until the wee hours of the morning?

How ambitious can a woman be?

Moving up the career ladder obviously takes a personal toll.

How can we women handle both successfully?

Join us at this special event as Pauline shares her remarkable stories with our group.

Pauline is currently starting her fourth company as President and CEO of ALa Mobile, Inc. Most recently, she was President, CEO and Chairman of Amplify.net., which sold its technology and rights to its Japanese partner Takechiho Koheki Corporation in May 2004. Previously, Pauline was President and CEO of Network Peripherals, which she took public in 1994 and was named "1994's best IPO performer" by the Wall Street Journal and USA Today. In 1996, the company's sales rose to \$53.1 million, and it continued its fast-paced development with the acquisitions of NuCom Systems Inc. of Taiwan in 1996, and NetVision Inc. of New York. Prior to Network Peripherals, Pauline held executive management positions at Convergent Technologies and Acer, Inc., the latter position following Acer's acquisition of Counterpoint Computers, a company she founded in 1984. Pauline came to the U.S. in 1960 to attend Arizona State University after spending her childhood in Hong Kong, where her family moved from China during the 1949 revolution. And now, her passion is to give her time to promising young professionals who are constantly searching for the values in life and to achieve a healthy balance between life and work.

Pauline will be spending some intimate time to share with us how she was able to balance such a successful career with family. Please join us for an inspiring evening. If you would like to carpool from downtown San Francisco and the South Bay, please indicate so in your response to the Evite.

Schedule:

6:45 - 7:15 Cocktails, Meet & Greet

7:15 - Seating for dinner

8:00 - Speaker presentation

Cost: \$15/person - Dinner included

Space is limited! PLEASE RSVP by Monday, Sept. 19 at:

<http://www.evite.com/r?iid=YYUYMSSWDWMHWSNECENA&li=iq&src=email>