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Dartmouth 1955

October Special 2013

We're Class of the Year!

*Award Based on Gifts, Reunions, Communications;
Jack Doyle Again Named Class President of the Year*



Accepting the Class of the Year Award for classes 26 years out and more, at Class Officers Weekend Sept. 20-21, were Woody Goss, head agent; Dick Blodgett, vice president; John French, 60th reunion chair; Bob Fanger, 60th reunion vice chair; and Joe Mathewson, newsletter editor. Jack Doyle was unable to attend. Citations inside. Enjoy!

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Dartmouth College Recognizes With Deep Appreciation Extraordinary Achievements of the Class of '55

A 55-gun salute to the Dartmouth Class of 1955! Class President Jack Doyle '55, your Executive Committee, and your class advisory committee worked together to create an array of offerings that reach across the years and across the miles for a class connected to the College and to each other. Dartmouth Alumni Relations and the Class Officers Executive Committee recognize your outstanding achievements and teamwork by naming you Class of the Year for 2012-13.

Led by the thoughtful, thorough, and tireless president Jack Doyle and vice president Dick Blodgett '55, the '55 Executive Committee met regularly both in person and by phone. Laughs, catching up, and planning great things for '55s were always on the agenda, with Jack keeping all on track and with an action plan of next steps always clear.

During the past year, the '55 leadership team surveyed the class — and the responses led to a clear course of action. The team responded: Communicate, gather, give to the College, and support each other!

And communicate you did! Newsletter editor Joe Mathewson '55 published 10 engaging, well-written newsletters in 2012-13 that shared news of the class, its activities, the College, and the individuals who are proud to be '55s. Secretary Ken Lundstrom '55 made every column in Dartmouth Alumni Magazine a who's who of '55s, with more than 60 different classmates mentioned during the year. Webmaster John French '55 got the word out via class emails and maintained a vibrant website. No matter their location — near or far — '55s knew what was going on!

Class treasurer Ralph Sautter '55 and Head Agent Woody Goss '55 walked side by side in their fundraising for class dues and the Dartmouth College Fund. How did they achieve those matching 58-percent participation rates? Generous and responsive classmates responding to a great program and two great volunteers! Stan Bergman '55 did his part in making the opportunities of Bartlett Tower Society membership known to all.

Class generosity and vision led to '55 projects that reflect how much the class cares about Dartmouth in so many ways, with more than \$12,250 given last year to a memorial book program, athletic sponsorships, Hood Museum of Art purchase grants, a John Sloan Dickey Class of 1955 scholarship, the Class of 1955 Jim and Susan Wright Scholarship Fund, a Tucker Center endowment, interest in Dartmouth ROTC, as well as support of DCARE.

Class of '55s want to see each other! Five mini-reunions — including multiday gatherings in Big Fork, MT, and Woodstock, VT — brought the class together for fun and connections.

A group of octogenarians such as the '55s know better than most that the support of friends is critical in life. Betty Brady, '55 widows chair, extended a warm welcome to spouses at the minis and all '55 events. A '55 healthcare task force was established in response to the survey to find the proper balance between support of classmates and privacy with health issues. And the class recognized four classmates this year through its class awards program. Established in 1987, this award sees '55s honoring fellow '55s for their contributions to the College, the class, their communities, and their professional fields.

And now, the Class of '55 is honored en masse as Class of the Year! The hard work of the Executive Committee and the positive response of classmates show that you have the mix more than right! Bravo and best wishes for the coming years!

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John J. Doyle Jr. '55
2013 President of the Year
26 or More Years Out

Jack Doyle, you are a loyal son of Dartmouth, a good friend to '55s, a clear communicator, a wise navigator, and a great class leader. The Class Officers Executive Committee is pleased to recognize you as President of the Year.

You came from Scarsdale, NY, to Dartmouth in the fall of 1951 eager to learn. You loved the College and your classmates. You loved it so much that you chose to stay on for a '56 Tuck degree. Married to Marilyn since 1963 — and father to John, Christopher, and Scott — you are interested and active in everything from the visual arts to film to hiking to the world of business and economics. How much time you have for these interests is anybody's guess, as you continue to work to this day in the banking industry that has been your field since graduation.

For your 25th reunion book you said: “ ‘Great Issues’ was one of the Dartmouth courses that made a lasting impression upon me. Although my professional career has been demanding it its time commitments, I have continued to be influenced by John Dickey's teachings and have made time for community and civic activities.”

And make time you did! Treasurer and trustee of the New England Aquarium, chairman of the board of the Weston School, chair of the Weston Public Library, extensive leadership work with the Brighton Marine Health Center — after these “easy” jobs, you were ready when the call came to be class president.

Dartmouth administrators and your '55 Executive Committee members take your calls in return. They know that a conversation with you will always be clear, to the point, and offer balanced opinions. The call may not end with mutual agreement, but the respect that you share for all in the College and your class, when coupled with your political savvy in navigating the various wants and needs of your classmates with the ins and outs of Dartmouth, is impressive.

You have served as class president for eight years. Your class responded so well to your leadership that members begged you to stay on for a second term. You thrived in your first term, and now, three years into your second term, you seem unstoppable with your great vision, tact, and talented and hardworking Executive Committee.

The Class Officers Executive Committee is inspired by your service to the College and the class!
Here's to the coming years!

Jack also won the Class President of the Year award in 2011. --Ed.

Tom Byrne Reports on Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni

Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni (DUSA) is up and running as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. We have a fabulous website (<http://dcusa.dartmouth.org>) that will tell you everything you wish to know about the organization. Please go there and consider joining!

Fifty alumni signed up immediately after our initial announcement, and we're hoping to have 200 members by the time we meet over Veterans Day weekend (November 8-9) to hold DUSA's first Annual Meeting and elect permanent officers. There will be a special awards luncheon where DUSA will present the first annual James Wright Award for Distinguished Service.

Brigadier General Burke Whitman '78 will be the featured speaker. (You can purchase a membership, donate money, and buy tickets to DUSA events such as this via PayPal on the DUSA website!)

Now, together with a broad range of younger classes, we have an opportunity to do much to help DUSA attain its mission: **To establish a network of alumni to support military members of the Dartmouth**

community.

To identify and attract more veterans to attend Dartmouth.

To inspire Dartmouth students to consider a career in service to their country.

By sponsoring and participating in panel discussions, programs and debates on the role of the military in waging war, keeping peace, providing humanitarian relief, and providing support for our diplomatic efforts, DUSA may some day help make the institution, its students, faculty and administration more informed and appreciative of the military and its mission.

We are already in touch with, and supportive of, the many veterans on campus at the undergraduate level (DUVA), at Tuck (AFAA) and at the medical school (GMA). They are energetic, resourceful, and articulate and leaving their mark on campus and in the Upper Valley community.

So, I say again: "Consider, consider, consider and Join, Join, Join!"

It's SIMPLE at <http://dcusa.dartmouth.org>!

-- Tom Byrne '55, Quartermaster, DUSA

'55 shared the honors on September 20 with Philip Hanlon '77, inaugurated as Dartmouth's 18th president. Former Presidents Jim Kim and Jim Wright passed the Wentworth Bowl to Phil.

