

The class officers recently approved the establishment of a Class of 1961 Special Awards Committee, comprised of **Dave Prewitt** (chair), **Vic Rich**, **Denny Denniston** and **Harris McKee** to select and recognize outstanding classmates, based on (in order of importance) outstanding service to the class, to the College and to the community. After much discussion, both among the members of the entire committee and later without the input of Harris, it was decided unanimously to make the initial award to only a single classmate, to present the award at our class dinner during mini-reunion at Homecoming in early October and to present the first such award to the deserving Harris McKee, whose ongoing contribution and service to the Class of 1961 and to Dartmouth, both as an undergraduate and as an alumnus, will be spelled out in detail on our class website and in our class newsletter.

If anyone would like to recommend other classmates for this *Class of '61 Special Recognition Award* award, please contact Harris McKee for a brief form to complete and send to any member of the committee. The list of prospects is growing.

As part of the *Class of 1961 Legacy: The American Tradition in Performance Fund*, our class recently co-sponsored and helped to support the popular “Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis”. These performing artists also engaged with students, faculty and community members during multiple forums. The highly talented Mr. Marsalis and his jazz band were first introduced to Dartmouth nearly a decade ago as one of the first top performing artists brought to Dartmouth in connection with the 1961 Legacy. This successful fully endowed class project was originally the brainchild of **Oscar Arslanian** and **David Birney**, who saw the project through from beginning to end with assistance from varying other classmates.

In closing, I leave you with the following comment by Will Rogers: “I don’t make jokes. I just watch the government [both Democrats and Republicans] and report the facts.”

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