

D'61 DAM Article – November/December 2018

What an outstanding fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 for the Class of 1961! Our annual CAR score, which includes only selected statistical areas, was an excellent 95 out of a possible 100 for all non-reunion classes, which ranked us in first place.

With respect to this year's Dartmouth College Fund (DCF), we easily exceeded both our dollar goal and our lofty participation goal. We ranked first among all classes, both reunion and non-reunion, in DCF participation with 77.3%. We ranked third in dues participation with 59.5%. We ranked fourth in cumulative gift planning (BTS) with 12.6%. Regarding class communications, we were tied for first place with several other classes, with areas covered including the DAM class columns, website and newsletters. We had five mini-reunions, including two outstanding and well-attended mini-reunions, one in Hanover during October 2017 and one in Newport, RI during May 2018. We had 13 class officer/executive committee meetings (which placed us in second place) and two class meetings open to all classmates.

We initiated a new multi-faceted endowed class project entitled *The Class of 1961 Robert Frost Endowment for the Arts and International Relations*, divided into two parts: *The Class of 1961 Arts Initiative Award* and *The Class of 1961 Stephen W. Bosworth Award for International Relations* (named in honor of a recently deceased classmate who was, among other positions, a former U.S. Ambassador to several countries).

One classmate was awarded the prestigious Dartmouth Alumni Award, although the actual presentation will not be until the Alumni Council meeting in November. We established the first ever special classmate award for outstanding contribution to the Class, the College and the community, and granted the award to three classmates during the year.

The Class of 1961 should be proud extremely proud of its achievements, its class officers and its fellow classmates for a job well done.

The next off-campus mini-reunion is scheduled for May 15-18, 2019 in London and will celebrate the 80th birthday for most of our classmates. This class event, our first ever outside the country, will be run by **Frank** and **Dawn Stephens** who reside in London. Enrollment applications are available on the class' website.

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