

## D'61 DAM Article – January/February 2019

Congratulations to the great Class of 1961 for being awarded *Class of the Year* (for all alumni classes out more than 25 years) in September for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Thirteen class officers (the largest representation from any class) were in attendance at Class Officers Weekend in September when the award was announced at the College-wide annual alumni class officers dinner. We knew that our class had a lot to offer and that we were in the hunt, but there were other excellent classes also in the running.

It would be easy to list the names of the four or five key class officers or even to list all of the Class' nineteen officers (including three spouses) and possibly a few non-officer classmates who made specific contributions during the year, but that would not be doing the Class of 1961 justice. Why? Because this award would not and could not have been won by our Class without the efforts and contributions from a great many classmates and in some instances from most of our classmates. Our class won the award because we had the statistics, the creativity and the cohesiveness, which is the most important ingredient of them all. Robert Frost would have been proud of the Class of '61.

This was the second *Class of the Year* award for our class in 57 years, but it was our second win during the past four years. Yes, we have won various *Special Recognition* awards throughout the decades, but only two *Class of the Year* awards. Many classes have never won this award and only a few classes have won the award more than once, and even fewer more than twice. Our old and unusually small class has been referred to as a well-oiled management and participation machine among Dartmouth alumni classes.

An unidentified wise person once said that there were three types of people: those who *make* things happen, those who *watch* them happen, and those who *wonder* what happened. I am proud to say that our Class has evolved over the decades into a class that "makes things happen." Congratulations to all 1961's for a job well done!

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