

D'61 DAM Article – July/August 2022

The January/February issue of DAM contained a two-page spread on artist **Bruce Beasley**, whose work consists of large sculptures, usually of metal, stone, or acrylic. Bruce credits his interest in becoming a sculptor to an introductory art class he took during his freshman year at Dartmouth. However, since the College at that time did not have an established fine arts major, Bruce transferred to the University of California at Berkeley and graduated in 1962. Bruce and his abstract sculptures are now well-known and exhibited throughout the world. At age 82, Bruce is still actively working a full week, creating new sculptures at his Oakland, CA foundry.

Mike Kirst, one of this country's foremost experts in primary and secondary school public education, has been both an educator at Stanford University (now a professor emeritus) and a consultant and administrator in the field of education (completed five terms as the Superintendent of Education for the state of California before retiring). As a result of his outstanding service within and input to the field of education over a period of approximately 50 years, a series of audio recordings and a biography of his lifetime of contributions to education is currently being recorded and written about Mike. It is anticipated that publication of the book will occur by the end of 2022.

Finally, the '61 class officers and executive committee members led by class president **Maynard Wheeler**, have been actively discussing what qualities the College should be seeking from a new president. **Don O'Neill** and **Vic Rich** are the Class of '61 designated alumni liaisons to the search committee, which is comprised primarily of alumni trustees and faculty members, along with an outside professional consulting firm. There have been two listening and discussion sessions with a few designated committee members talking about the Committee's intended search process, how and to what limited extent (due to confidentiality issues) the alumni classes would be kept up to date on the selection process, and the general qualities that a new president should possess. The search committee expects that the process will be completed prior to President Hanlon's announced resignation date of June 30, 2023.

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