

D'61 DAM Article – March/April 2022

The Class of '61 article for the January/February 2022 issue of the DAM, stated that the class had received a Letter of Achievement (one of only 10-12 issued) from the Class Officers Association Executive Board and the Office of Alumni Relations. This was a nice recognition for the Class of '61 and for the class officers, members of the class executive committee, and multiple other classmates who commit their time, talent and effort to make the class a continuing success from year to year.

However, we are now in a new fiscal year and again hope and expect to prove our net worth as a class. We are off to a great start, winning the College's Forever Green Challenge for our decade of classes, which took place in November 2021, by raising \$72,384 from 63 classmate donors. As a result, an incoming student in 2022 for the Class of 2026 will be named a *Class of 1961 Scholar*. Kudos to our Class' co-chairs of fundraising, **Harris McKee**, **Henry Eberhardt**, and **Rog McArt**, with assistance, as usual, from **Denny Denniston**, **Gerry Kaminsky**, and **Don O'Neill**.

Some classmates receive star status early in their careers, whereas a few other classmates receive rock star status later in life. **John White** has pushed this comment to the limit. An educator who has turned a childhood interest in alleged UFO sightings and alleged alien encounters into a now prominent career. John has chronicled accounts of UFO sightings and alien encounters, lectured widely, hosted annual conferences on UFOs, and published several books on the existence of UFOs and the paranormal. Now that the Pentagon has recently admitted the existence and validity of UFOs, the entire field of study has received much more credibility. Many in the field believe that more public admissions by the Pentagon in the areas of UFOs and paranormal experiences will be forthcoming within the foreseeable future.

As a result of John's success in the areas of alleged UFO sightings, paranormal experiences, and alien encounters, he has been highlighted in a full-page interview/article on the prominent back page of the November/December 2021 issue the DAM (including an excellent caricature of John).

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