

D'61 DAM Article – November/December 2022

The Class of '61 welcomes the recent announcement of Sian Leah Beilock, the current President of Barnard College, an affiliate of Columbia University's several undergraduate and graduate schools, as the incoming new president of Dartmouth College beginning July 1, 2023 and wish her the best of success in this position. The Class of '61 also wants to thank current president Phil Hanlon for his dedicated service and efforts, many highly successful, to improve Dartmouth's graduate and undergraduate schools during his nearly 10-year term.

The Class of '61 also welcomes Mike Harrity as the new Director of Athletics and Recreation at Dartmouth, and we look forward to meeting with him at our upcoming Fall Hy-Flex Mini-Reunion (both live and virtual), from September 30th - October 2nd.

On Wednesday, July 27th, a Celebration of Life event was held in Haverford, PA for "Joani" Prewitt, who had been an active and valuable member of our class executive committee for many years before passing away earlier this year. The well-attended event was moderated by **Dave Prewitt**, her husband and another highly valuable member of the class executive committee. Attending from the Class of '61 were **Mike Murphy** and **Vic Rich**. **Don O'Neill**, also expected to attend, but had to cancel at the last minute because of Covid issues with Ellen.

Once again, the Class of '61 achieved greatness! From inception in 1957, we have always been a small class, and now much smaller. However, that has never stopped us. Our class easily surpassed its pre-season established revenue goal by over 57% and its very high participation goal of 72% by nearly 1% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Once again, our class's participation achievement (72.6%) was first among all classes. As a result, the Class of '61 again won the *John R. Mason 1915 Award* for the class with the "highest non-reunion participation" and the *Class of 1979 Award* for the "class with [the] best post-reunion retention". These achievements resulted from the outstanding efforts of the Class of the '61 three co-head agents: **Harris McKee**, **Henry Eberhardt**, and **Roger McArt**, and also key members of the '61 experienced "SWAT team": **Don O'Neill**, **Denny Denniston**, **Gerry Kaminsky**, **Bob Conn**, **Hop Holmberg**, **Zhuoman Gardner**, and the College's staff "teammate", Amanda Addington. Congratulations.....

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