

## D'61 DAM Article – September/October 2022

Congratulations once again are due to the Class of 1961 for putting together and presenting another outstanding class mini-reunion on May 27, 2022, its third during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Once again, **Pete Bleyler** (the mini-reunion chair as well as the producer and director of the event) along with **Harris McKee** and **Maynard Wheeler** (the online managers and technical wizards for the event) deserve much of the credit. However, as always, it was the panelists who made the show a success; they were well prepared and interesting speakers and moderators, both from the Class of '61 (**Oscar Arslanian**, **Al Ward**, and **Dick Noel** as classmate speakers, and **Charlie Buffon**, **Bob Hargraves**, and **Pete Bleyler** as classmate moderators), from spouses of '61 classmates (**Nyla Arslanian**), and from three current Dartmouth students who are/were Dickey Center/Bosworth awardees of stipends from the Class of 1961. In addition, **Vic Rich and Harris McKee** presented a *1961 Special Classmate Award* (on behalf of the class's Special Classmate Awards Committee) to **Al Rozycki** for his outstanding service to the Class of '61, Dartmouth College, and the Geisel School of Medicine. The approximately five hour mini-reunion ended with several different breakout discussion sessions on several different topics designed to be of interest to the attendees.

**Don O'Neill** and **Vic Rich**, as the class's designated alumni liaisons to the Dartmouth Trustees appointed Presidential Search Committee, have been working hard with the other '61 class officers and class executive committee members to compile a recommendation list for the search committee from the perspective of older and more seasoned alumni as to what qualities and viewpoints the committee should be seeking in a new president for Dartmouth and in what general order of priority. Completion and submission of the of the list is scheduled for July 2022.

The **Mike Kirst** biography project, promoted by Stanford University, has concentrated on structured conversations with and about Mike and about educational reform and the politics of education. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

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