

## D'61 DAM Article – March/April 2023

Although the Class of '61 has been out of Hanover for nearly 62 years and the number of living and reasonably healthy classmates has diminished, we still have the desire, the energy, and the wherewithal to create and fund new class projects. Our newest class project is a collaboration with the Class of 1973.

The joint project was signed into effect by the Class of 1961, the Class of 1973 and the College on December 13, 2022. It entails renewing the landscape, by re-construction and beautification, between The Bema, Bartlett Tower, and the Robert Frost statue, all encompassed within the area known as College Park.

The primary interest of our class was in the enhancement of the Robert Frost statue, created by renowned sculptor, George W. Lundeen and donated by the Class of 1961 to the College approximately 25 years ago. During this period, the life size Frost statue has become one of the Dartmouth's most popular and significant locations within the campus for students, applicants to the College, alumni, and others. On two occasions during the past decade, a picture of the Robert Frost statue became a "month" on Dartmouth's official annual calendar. However, on the other side of the coin, the statue's location had eroded badly and has become a potentially dangerous area. The goal of our class is to expand the area where the statue is located and add a low stone wall, a stone bench sitting area, and a better and handicap-approved walking area leading to/from the statue.

The projected cost for the entire project is being split evenly between the Classes of 1961 and 1973 and, at least for the Class of 1961, is being funded from individual donors, primarily classmates, to emphasize class participation, which has become one of our Class's trademark achievements over the decades. To secure the project's financing, two anonymous classmates to date have graciously promised to secure over 57% of the Class of 1961's total projected cost obligation, if necessary.

The Class thanks **Al Rozycki**, **Maynard Wheeler**, **Pete Bleyler**, and **Ron Wybranowski** for spearheading this project. In December 2022, the Classes of 1961 and 1973 were awarded VOX Annual Citations for collaborating together to implement this significant joint class project.

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