

# Dartmouth

## ***Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award***

***Presented to***

**Donald F. O'Neill**

Don, there are class presidents and then there are CLASS PRESIDENTS! You are includable in the latter group, as an outstanding 1961 Class President. Your devotion to the Class has been an inspiration to all of your classmates.

As a valuable pitcher on the Dartmouth baseball team, you threw strikes when needed. During the past six decades you have represented team Dartmouth on numerous levels. You have been a DCF class agent since graduation, a 1961 co-head and head DCF class agent for many years and for several reunions, and a recent 4-year member of the most senior Dartmouth College DCF Committee. In 2010, you were presented with *The Stephen F. Mandel '52 Society* award in New York for outstanding alumni volunteer effort and visionary leadership with respect to the College's DCF efforts.

In your application essay to Dartmouth, you stated that you "At an early age, I found defeat very hard to take." That is clear. During your first four years as Class President, you have guided the Class of 1961 to one *Class of the Year* designation and two *Class Special Designation* awards. Then there is the current 5<sup>th</sup> year, still open at this time.....

As current class president, your two most outstanding achievements were the multi-year revision of the 1961 Class Constitution, which included the Class' informal adoption of all of the Class spouses and widows, and the development leadership for the most complex virtual mini-reunions and virtual full reunion in the College's history.

Don, for your substantial efforts and your success, the Class of 1961 has selected you to receive the *Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award* in recognition of your decades of service to the Class, College and community.

Dated June 16, 2021

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**Peter A. Bleyler**

Every good ship needs a first rate captain in order for it to become a first rate ship. Pete, your time spent in the Navy after graduating Dartmouth in 1961 taught you about leadership and management. When you volunteered to take charge of our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, you didn't know whether the reunion was going to be live or virtual, so you initially planned for both as well as for some combination of the two. You assembled a large team of classmates, assigned them all reunion-related functions, got approximately 45 classmates and spouses/widows to formally participate in various reunion seminar/discussion/entertainment groups, and planned out to the minute each of the reunion programs for each of the four days of the reunion. When you learned that our 60th Reunion could not be live, you didn't skip a beat. You simply shifted gears and changed direction, holding the longest (4 days) and most event-backed virtual reunion in Dartmouth's history. The end result? A fantastic reunion enjoyed by approximately 150 classmates, spouses/widows and guests.

Nor was this a "one-night stand". During your 60 years as an alumnus, you have chaired the Class' project committee, you twice were a member of the Alumni Council, you were a vice president of the Dartmouth Association of Alumni, you were the ninth President of our alumni class (2001-2006) and you were the fifth recipient from our Class to receive the prestigious *Dartmouth Alumni Award* (2011). Even Ruth, your spouse and an active graduate of Ivy League rival Cornell, has to be impressed with your record of Dartmouth alumni leadership.

Pete, we thank you for your decades of service to the Class of 1961 and to Dartmouth and we are now presenting you with the *Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award*.

Dated June 17, 2021

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## ***Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award***

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**Russell A. “Ron” Boss**

Every Dartmouth class has its dedicated classmates. However, not every Dartmouth class has a Ron Boss. In his own quiet manner, Ron has been a long-term, consistent and substantial supporter of both the College and the Class of 1961.

Ron’s support of the College, primarily as a past president of the Dartmouth Alumni Council, a past president of the Dartmouth Club of Rhode Island, as a strong supporter of intercollegiate tennis at Dartmouth and as a long-term member of the Dartmouth Athletics Advisory Board, is well documented. In 1990, Ron became the first from our Class to receive the prestigious *Dartmouth Alumni Award*.

Ron’s support of the Class has been more subdued, but certainly not any less valuable. Whenever asked, he has provided guidance to the Class and to the class officers and he has assisted in soliciting significant classmate contributions to various class projects and classmate donations to the College’s annual DCF drive. For several years over two decades, Ron was the head class agent for the Class of 1961. In addition, Ron and Marge have always been significant contributors on their own.

As a result, we are presenting the *Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award* to you and thanking you for your decades of service to Dartmouth and to the Class of 1961.

Dated June 14, 2021

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## *Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award*

*Presented to*

**Gerald P. Kaminsky**

From New York to New Hampshire in 1957; oh what a ride it has been since that time. While at Dartmouth, you were President of your fraternity and graduated Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude.

From there you went on to graduate from Harvard Business School with honors ---- and then to Wall Street, where you became a respected and successful money manager and financial consultant, with your own team of approximately 20 people.

Gerry, you have always been charitable, donating with your wife, Jackie, notable sums to Dartmouth College and to various 1961 class projects over six decades. You have also solicited and inspired other classmates to contribute to your College and to your Class.

As an alumnus you have helped to lead our class both as a past class president and as a current class vice-president. In 1981, you were selected as the *Class President of the Year*. Your thoughts and opinions are often sought by both past and current class leaders and by the College administration. The College recognized your service and financial contributions by selecting you as the third person in our class to receive the prestigious *Dartmouth Alumni Award* in 1994.

In summary, the Class of 1961 has selected you to receive the *Class of 1961 Special Recognition Award* in recognition of your decades of service to your Class, to Dartmouth and to your community.

Dated June 14, 2021