

## **Class of 1961 Sets Records for Dartmouth College Fund at 50th**

Our 50th Reunion Celebration was the greatest! Seeing old and meeting new friends, attending some wonderful informative sessions and presentations, including "passages," reminiscing about the "good old days," dancing, laughing, and remembering our classmates who are no longer with us captures the essence of this milestone. And, during the graduation ceremonies, we watched two of our own, Ron Boss and Mike Gazzaniga, presented with honorary degrees!

Congratulations to all who helped us roar past our goal of \$2 million and achieve \$2,455,820 for the Dartmouth College Fund! With 443 donors, our participation rate of 88.4% was the highest of any reunion class and garnered the Mark R. Alperin '80 Award for the highest reunion participation percentage.

A well-deserved thank you also goes to our Honorary Chairs, Gerry Kaminsky and John Zabriskie; the Leadership Team, Ron Boss, Len DiSavino, John Henry, Roger McArt, Jack Reno and Victor Rich; and our Leadership and Participation volunteers who are listed in the masthead.

Five years ago, a class plan was set in motion to become a Class that would Stand Out Among All Classes. In 2006 our class participation increased from 55.4% to 66.2%, and this positive trend has steadily continued, culminating in our astounding 88.4% participation rate this year!

Dartmouth's development staff uses a number of measures to assess class performance. One such measure is the "multiple," or the ratio of dollars raised in one year to the dollars raised in the prior year. For our 50th reunion, the Class of 1961 achieved a multiple of 12.1, which is the highest reunion dollar multiple this year and is the highest 50th Reunion multiple in the last 10 years. As a result, our class received the Class of 1948 Award for the highest reunion dollar multiple. A year or so ago, Development predicted that the Class of 1961 would achieve a multiple of 9 during our reunion year. (We showed them!)

It doesn't get much better than this. We thank you for making our 50th Reunion Celebration truly memorable.

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Reunion Giving Co-Chairs

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