

THE PRESIDENT

December 1, 2010

Dear Members of the Great Class of 1961,

Congratulations on the occasion of your 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! I was honored when your class president, Roger McArt, asked me to contribute a letter for your reunion book. I look forward to welcoming you back to campus next June.

I understand that you intend to set a new College record for class attendance at a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. I have no doubt that you will succeed. Your extraordinarily high participation rates for Dartmouth College Fund donations (exceeding 80% in fiscal year 2010!) are a testament to your ability to rally around a cause. In a family of dedicated alumni, your loyalty and generosity have set you apart. In particular, your extensive support for scholarships strengthens our community by ensuring that the Dartmouth experience remains accessible for another generation.

I am especially impressed by your commitment to the arts. When you matriculated in the fall of 1957, the Hopkins Center was still a dream, with construction yet to begin. It finally opened the year after you graduated. Now you are among the strongest supporters of the Hop. Your '61 Legacy for the Performing Arts, supporting the American performance tradition, has brought cultural luminaries to the Upper Valley and created outstanding opportunities for current Dartmouth students to have personal contact with some of the greatest artists performing today. The program's contribution to the campus experience cannot be overstated. With all that you do for Dartmouth, you help to breathe life into this extraordinary institution, and I am grateful.

Warmest regards,

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