

## Class Of '61 Special Recognition Award

Presented to

## Arthur M. Kelton, Jr.

Art, your ongoing contributions to your community, Dartmouth College and to the Class of 1961 have been both extensive and varied. We, your classmates, are most grateful.

Your successful career in real estate development in Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming and Vermont has led you to be actively involved in both non-profit and educational institutions, serving on the boards, often as an officer, of several charitable and non-profit organizations.

As a member of the Dartmouth Alumni Council, you chaired the council's Athletics Committee. You were a valuable member of the College's Real Estate Advisory Committee and an overseer of the Hanover inn during its recently completed major renovation. As the president of the Dartmouth Club of Vail, you and your wife, Elaine, were instrumental in building a strong relationship between the alumni of the western region and Dartmouth College, including the establishment of the now ongoing and popular annual CarniVAIL extended weekend event. You were extensively involved in the preparation and publishing of *A Passion for Snow*, a Dartmouth-related book and subsequent documentary film. During October, 2017, the College presented you with the prestigious Dartmouth Alumni Award.

Your contributions to the Class of 1961 has been both significant and meaningful. You have served your class in several official capacities, including Class President for five years during the mid-1990's and chair of the Class' nominating committee thereafter. During your term as class president, you were one of the two classmates most involved in getting the Robert Frost statue 1961 class project implemented, funded, accepted by Dartmouth College and placed on the College's campus.

Art, you have been and continue to be an ideal classmate. For this, the Class of 1961 is most grateful and we have selected you to receive the Class of '61 Special Recognition Award.

Dated May 22, 2018



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## J. Michael Murphy

Michael, you were a significant force within your industrial career and within the Class of 1961 for decades and have the distinction of having been deeply involved in not one, but two of our Class' most significant projects.

You made your career in the industrial container industry, where you were a highly successful executive. Your avocation, however, was supporting competitive rugby. Over time, you also became a successful proponent of conservative government at all levels.

As Vice-President of the Class of 1961 during the late 1980's - early 1990's, you were a key force in creating and implementing Dartmouth's first major organized mini-reunion off-campus, when in May of 1989 well over one hundred '61 classmates and their spouses/significant others held a weekend event in Washington, D.C. to celebrate jointly our 50th birthday.

In the mid-1990's you volunteered to chair the project to celebrate the contribution of Robert Frost to Dartmouth College and to our Class. You and your committee came up with the unique idea of creating a life-size sculpture of Robert Frost that the Class would donate to the College at its 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June, 1996. You guided us in selecting the sculptor, worked with him on the design of the sculpture and in negotiating his contract, worked to raise the classmate contributions required to fund the project, oversaw the sculptor's work from inception to timely completion and, finally, you spearheaded the unexpectedly difficult negotiation with the College's administration to accept and place the statue on Dartmouth's campus. To this day 22 years later, the Frost statue remains the only statue of a person, real or conceptual, located on the College's campus. Over time, the statue and related viewing area, nestled in College Park, has become a uniting symbol for our Class and a popular visiting site on campus.

It is for the aforementioned reasons, "Murph", that you have been selected to receive the Class of '61 Special Recognition Award. Congratulations.

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