

AlmaMatters

THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



Michael and Nina Brewer-Davis with Laura Mae.

CLASS NEWS—**Michael Brewer-Davis** and his wife Nina were happy to announce the birth of their daughter Laura Mae Brewer-Davis on October 31, 2007. Michael told us that they had a fairly wild ride with Laura Mae. She was born five weeks early and weighed a mere 4 lbs, 1 oz. Other than her tininess, there were no major complications. Nina recovered nicely and the family is doing well in San Diego, CA.

Back on March 4, 2007, at 9:46 pm, **Kristin Lucas Robillard** and her husband Jim welcomed Gregory Leo Robillard (6 lbs, 5 oz) into the world. “Leo is very alert and active and loves being out and about in Manhattan. He can’t wait to meet his new cousins William Dern (5 lbs, 2 oz) and Quinn Corcoran (5 lbs, 4 oz)” said Kristin. The twins were born on the 4th of July to proud parents Emily and **Tom Reynolds**. William and Quinn live in Winnetka, IL and are absolutely adorable. Later in the summer, on August 16th **Jennifer (Keller) Pettit** and her husband Creed were blessed with the healthy arrival of Addison Annadel Pearl (6 lbs, 3 oz) and

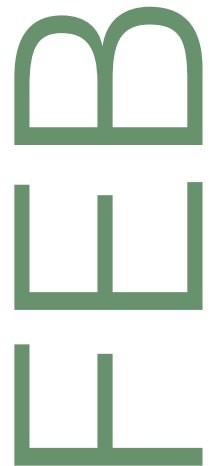
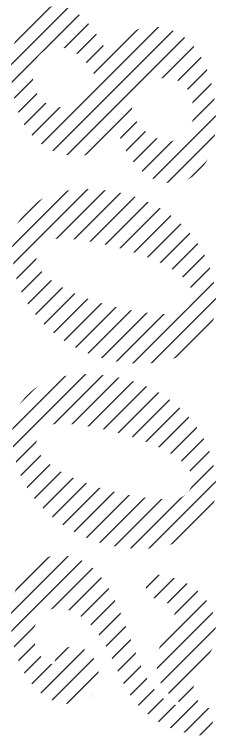
Hayden Elizabeth Grace (5 lbs, 9 oz). Jen and Creed are thrilled with their beautiful little California girls. Kristin and Jim hope that Leo, William, Quinn, Addison and Hayden will all be classmates in Hanover one day!

Alli (Brugg) and **Ben Bawden** were proud and excited to announce the birth of their son, Samuel George Bawden on September 7, 2007. “He has been a joy ever since!” wrote the couple. A number of their Dartmouth friends have already had the chance to meet the little man. They include **Andy Cohen**, **Brian Fleming**, **Carlos Gonzalez** and his wife Erin O’Reilly, **Seth Kelly**, **Michelle (Park)** and **Will Leicht**, **Josh Oberman**, **Scott Peach** and **Samantha Sommers**, Adam Siegel ’00 and Alexis (Vagianos) Siegel ’01, **Erich Shigley** and Debra Brodsky ’01, **Claire Riley**, and **Chris Warren** and Julie Kachniasz ’00. When they’re not hanging out with Sam, Ben is Senior Vice President of the Charles Group—a consulting and lobbying firm in Washington, DC—and is finishing up his MBA at University of Maryland. Alli works at the US Government Accountability Office, where she specializes in oversight of the nation’s nuclear weapons complex. They are looking forward to introducing Sam to more Dartmouth aunts and uncles at reunion this summer.

Julia (Henneberry) Sharma and her husband Neal welcomed their first child into the world on October 17, 2007. **Alexis L. Starke** tells us that “his name is Reece Marlin Sharma and he is an adorable and very happy baby.”

Rachel (Moss) Mitchell married C. Lee Mitchell on September 15, 2007 in her hometown of Nashville, TN. Her husband graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School and Florida State University. Rachel currently works as an affiliate broker with NAI Nashville: Commercial Real Estate Services.

Please send class news to the editor using the enclosed green card or by email: 99news@alum.dartmouth.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT



No matter where you live, the Class of 1999 will do its part to keep you in touch with Dartmouth and with all of your classmates.

But none of this can happen without the support of every member of the Class of 1999.

Remember to pay your class dues.

<http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/dues.php>

Dear Classmates,

In the fall, I wrote about all of the activities and services that the Executive Committee has produced on the Class' behalf—services such as the class newsletter, the class notes section in the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*, the class website, mini-reunions, support of two students pursuing Tucker Fellowships abroad, and selecting the first recipient of the Spirit of '99 Community Service Award, which will be presented in June. As I mentioned at that time, our class could not operate without the generous commitment of time that the nearly 30 individuals who make up the Executive Committee provide in fulfilling their duties.

Our reunion in June marks the official end to our tenure in these positions, and at our class meeting in Hanover we will elect those individuals who will serve on the Executive Committee, leading our class until our next reunion. I am sure many of us will continue to be involved in class activities. But we need new ideas, energy, and talent to continue to explore new ways to provide information, services, and activities that bring our class together.

If you are at all interested in serving the class in some capacity—as an officer or as a member of the Executive Committee—I encourage you to consider volunteering your time. Having the privilege to serve as an officer of the class has allowed me to strengthen relationships formed while I was an undergraduate in addition to meeting and making new friends from our class and many other alumni classes. I have had the opportunity to work with extraordinary talent and to develop my own in ways that I never expected. While I have given considerable time to my position, I have gained much from it as well.

By the time you receive this, I will be appointing a committee to manage the nomination process. I am certain that this committee will be in touch with you about opportunities to serve our class. I hope that many of you will respond to their call; if you have questions or concerns about the process or any of the positions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Michelle

**Michelle Sweetser
Class of '99 President**

Register for Reunion!

10th Year Reunion: June 13–15, 2008

It's time to come home to Dartmouth and reconnect with the College and your classmates! Registration for our 10th Reunion will open either before or shortly after you receive this newsletter. We encourage you to visit the Reunion website and register online today to attend Reunion: <http://www.dartmouth10threunion.info>. If you would like to register through the mail, you can download the form on the website. The Reunion website also has the most up-to-date schedule of events so you can see all the fun and informative events that have been scheduled (an early version is available in this issue). Whether you are a swingin' single or married with three kids you'll find plenty to do over the weekend! Many of your fellow classmates have already indicated they plan to attend (for a list go to the Reunion website and click on the "reunion intentions" link). Our goals are to set a record for attendance for a 10th year class, and also show up the 98's and 97's by having 99's outnumber either class.

To best accommodate the needs of all 99's the Reunion Committee has worked with the College to provide some flexibility in the registration process. Those of you who cannot make Friday dinner or Sunday brunch will be given the opportunity to opt out of these meals reducing the adult base registration rates shown below by \$20 and \$8 respectively. Registration base rates are as follows:

ADULTS:

Early Registration (through March 31st): \$230

Regular Registration (April 1st through May 31st): \$250

Late Registration (after May 31st): \$270

CHILDREN

Under 2: Free

Age 2–5: \$100

Age 6 and over: \$155

Registration rates cover all meals and entertainment for the weekend, including all late night events in the tents and all children's programming. The rate also includes various fees and charges the College assesses to cover things like security. The rate does not include housing, any babysitters hired through the College, or souvenirs. Events marked on the schedule with (\$) on page 4 will require an additional charge. The Reunion Committee worked hard to provide a high quality but affordable weekend and they know all who attend will certainly think it is worth the cost! You'd certainly spend that much for a weekend away, or out and about in New York City, Boston, San Francisco, etc.

Register today—we look forward to seeing you in June!!

Catherine Maxson Pieroni
10th Reunion Participation Chair
It's Time to Come Home!



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10TH REUNION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th 2008

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	*DOC day trip to Moosilauke (\$)
1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	*Reunion registration at Sphinx tent
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	*Golf outing at the Hanover Country Club (\$)
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	'99 Wine tasting at Collis Common Ground (\$)
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	*Welcome Dinner at Alumni Gym tent
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm	*Family movie night on the side of Blunt Alumni Center (rain location: Collis Common Ground)
9:30 pm – 1:00 am	*DJ Lou at Alumni Gym Tent
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	*Stargazing at the observatory
10:00 pm – 1:00 am	*Late night at Alumni Gym tent

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am	*Breakfast at Thayer Dining Hall (\$)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	*Memorial service at Rollins Chapel
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	*DOC day trip to Moosilauke (\$)
10:00 am – 10:30 am	'99 Class Meeting, 105 Dartmouth Hall
10:30 am – 11:30 am	*President's speech at the Hopkins Center
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	*BBQ lunch at the Boathouse (rain location: Thompson Arena)
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	*Moonbounces/slides at the Boathouse (rain location: Thompson Arena)
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	*Walking tour of campus
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Class of '99 Tucker Fellow reception at Novack Cafe
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	*Reunion meetings with affinity groups
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	'99 Class cocktails on the Brace Patio
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	'99 Class dinner at West Gym
9:30 pm – 1:00 am	*DJ Lou at Alumni Gym Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th 2008

10:00 am – 11:30 am	*Brunch at Thayer Dining Hall
	<i>*Events open to all members of the Classes of '97, '98, '99</i>

Get the most up-to-date reunion schedule at:
<http://www.dartmouth10threunion.info>

2ND CLASS OF '99 TUCKER FELLOW AWARDED

A few short months ago the Class Project Committee embarked on a campaign to raise \$3,000 to support the 2nd Annual Class of '99 Tucker Fellow. I am pleased to report that two-hundred and eleven '99s stepped up to the plate and gave enough to surpass our goal. The small surplus in Class Project monies will roll over to support future Tucker Fellows and fund Alumni Memorial Books.

Our Class of '99 Tucker Fellow award recipient was selected from a list of outstanding Winter 2008 Tucker Fellows. The Class Executive Committee ranked each candidate and the student who ranked highest was Nana Ampadu, Dartmouth Class of 2009. After receiving the award, Nana wrote us the letter below.

Dear Class of 1999,

I truly appreciate and am honored that you have chosen to fund my fellowship this upcoming winter. I wanted to take the chance to briefly elaborate on why I chose to do this fellowship and the goals I hope to achieve.

Firstly, I strongly believe that education is one of the major keys to diminishing many of the social issues that exist in all nations. However I also realize that giving knowledge is only the first step and that education is not strictly academic. Still, education allows people to actually see their dreams come true when opportunity knocks. Thus without education there are many missed opportunities in ones life. In my own family, I have seen how lack of education keeps dreams from becoming reality and even hamper the spirits of the dreamer; so this fellowship is very important to me.

Whilst doing this fellowship, I hope to connect with the students I will be working with beyond the classroom. My one true wish is to help the students enjoy learning. I also want to improve the reading skills of all the 6th grade students I will be working with. Because of my interest in medicine I will also be conducting—what I hope to be biweekly—health workshops for the students.

Once again thank you to all involved in selecting me as the class of 1999 Tucker Fellow. I will gladly keep in touch and keep the committee updated.

**Sincerely,
Nana Ampadu '09**

In two weeks Nana will leave the US for Ghana and embark on a life changing experience. I hope you share my pride in knowing that the Class of '99 continues to touch lives and improve the human condition around the globe.

Important note: In an effort to simplify the collection of Class Project donations, from this year the Class Project contributions have been merged into Class Dues. I hope you will continue to support the Class Projects as you have so generously in the past.

During our 10th reunion (June 13–15, 2008) in Hanover you will have the opportunity to meet both Johann Maradey '08 and Nana Ampadu '09 at a Tucker Fellow Reception. They will return to Hanover during our reunion to give short presentations about their experiences in the field.

Please join me in thanking the members of the Class Project Committee. As always, I welcome your comments and questions at dkd@dartmouth.org

Respectfully yours,
Dave Dookeeram

Class Project Committee Members:
Danni Downing, Jeff Fine, Emily Kornegay, Michelle Sweetser

(The Class Project Committee is responsible for the Class of '99 Tucker Fellow and Alumni Memorial Books Projects.)



THE SPIRIT OF '99 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



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HELP HONOR YOUR FRIENDS & CLASSMATES!

DUE DATE: MARCH 15, 2008

Do you know someone who has made it his or her life's work to change the world? How about someone who dedicates his or her spare time to making someone else's life better?

The Spirit of '99 Community Service Award was created to recognize the members of our class who have shown a passion and commitment for bettering the world around them. But we need to know who those individuals are! Which is where you come in.

Submit your nominations for the Spirit of '99 Community Service Award by **March 15, 2008**. The award recipient must be a member of the Class of 1999, and a nominee's service may be in either a voluntary or professional capacity.

Your submissions should include a short biography of the nominee, as well as descriptions of:

- a) How the nominee demonstrates continuing commitment to community.
- b) Examples of the nominee's impact on the community.

The 2008 recipient(s) will be announced in the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine Class Notes*, in the Class of 1999 newsletter *Alma Matters*, and on the Class of 1999 website, and will be recognized at a ceremony during reunion in June.

If you have any questions, contact Danielle Downing, Awards Committee Chair, at danielle.downing.99@alum.dartmouth.org. Nominations may be mailed to her using the Nomination Form on the opposite page, emailed to her, or submitted through the class website.

NOMINATION FORM:

THE SPIRIT OF '99 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

YOUR INFORMATION:

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:

Full Name:

Mailing Address (optional):

Phone Number (optional):

Email (optional):

Summary of nominee's community service:

Other information that highlights nominee's commitment to community service:

Please feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

Please mail this form and any
additional information/pages to:

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**The Class of '99 Tenth Reunion
Committee has reserved a
block of rooms at the Lebanon
Marriott just for '99s.**

If you choose to stay at a hotel during reunion—we hope that you join us at the Marriott! There are rooms with single king beds and rooms with two queens at \$179 per night. There is a limited number of rooms in the block, so book your room today! To reserve the rooms, visit www.marriott.com/LEBCY and enter group code of **dccdcca** for King Rooms or **dccdcbb** for Queen/Queen rooms or call the hotel directly at 603-643-5600 and make a reservation under the "Dartmouth College Class of 1999". The hotel provides limited shuttle service to campus. Note, the college-provided childcare is available only to classmates staying in the dorms. It is *not available* to those staying in area hotels. If you choose to stay in a hotel with your children, you are responsible for arranging your own sitter/childcare. If you have any questions, please email us at class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org or Jeff Fine, '99 Reunion Chair, at his alumni account.

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