

# AlmaMatters

## THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



The Bradford Family- Jeff '99, wife Andi, twins Zoe and Riley, and their baby sister Ellie at Ellie's first birthday party.

**CLASS NEWS— Jeff Bradford** lives in North Carolina with his wife, Andi, and their three daughters-fraternal twins Zoe and Riley, who are almost 4, and Ellie, who is 1. Jeff practices civil litigation at Ellis & Winters, where he landed after completing a clerkship for the Hon. Steven D. Merryday of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, and then working three years as an associate at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP. Last year, Jeff was inspired to form a new band called Front Porch Sofa after a life-changing experience. After being hit by a drunk driver, Jeff had a headache. A CT scan led to an emergency MRI, which revealed a brain tumor on the front left lobe of Jeff's brain. It ended up being a grade-two glioma, luckily in the part of the brain that does not affect speech and brain function. Jeff was also lucky to be treated by one of the top five neurosurgeons in the world, Dr. Allen Friedman, who was also Ted Kennedy's neurosurgeon. The tumor was eventually removed and Jeff was given a clean bill

of health, but the experience has given him a whole new perspective on life. This new outlook inspired Jeff to take the opportunity to start the band he had always dreamed of starting, and Front Porch Sofa was born. Jeff plays guitar and sings vocals in the band, which has three other members. Jeff describes their sound as "rock with jam band leanings. *Drive by Truckers* and *Cracker* meet *John Darnielle*." Since forming last year, Front Porch Sofa has played several local gigs in North Carolina, and more live shows are planned. Visit the bands Myspace page at [www.myspace.com/frontporchsofa](http://www.myspace.com/frontporchsofa), where you can listen to a couple of demos, and also keep track of Front Porch Sofa's upcoming shows.

**Courtney (duBois) Brady** and her husband Matt (DMS '02) are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabelle duBois Brady. Isabelle was born on December 1st, 2009 and weighed

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# THE CLASS OF 1999 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

Dear fellow 99's,

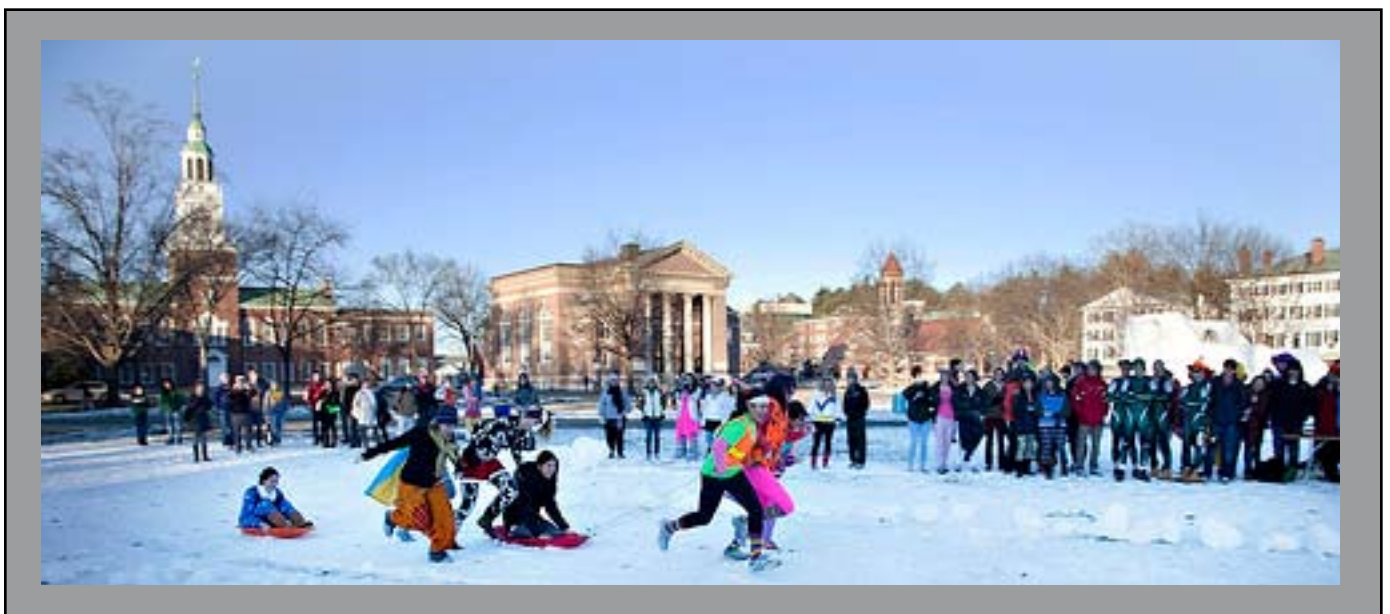
The year 2010 has certainly gotten off to a turbulent start. We've seen natural disasters, political shake-ups, and Hanover-like blizzards in places like Washington D.C. and Philadelphia-all in the first four months of the year! Thankfully, this tumult did not seem to carry over to the recently-completed Trustee and Association of Alumni elections. For the most part, the discourse and campaigning remained civilized and focused on the issues facing Dartmouth. On Saturday, April 10th, the Dartmouth Office of Alumni Relations announced that the Dartmouth Board of Trustees has elected alumni-nomited candidates Morton Kondracke '60 and John Replogle '88 after 20,790 ballots were cast by alumni, representing 32% of the alumni body, a new voting record.

The Class of 1999 Executive Committee (the "EC") also has experienced some shake-ups in the past few months. Because of other commitments, Rex Morey was no longer able to serve as our President, and his tenure officially ended on February 18th, 2010. To fill the vacancy left by Rex's departure, the EC elected Jeff Fine to serve as our President until our 15th Reunion in the Summer of 2013. Congratulations, Jeff! Jeff has some great goals and new ideas for our class, and looks forward to all of your input in the upcoming months. Look for his columns in future newsletters. In other EC news, Danielle Unger Buczek has volunteered to be our Webmaster, and will be working to get our Class of 1999 webpage back up and running in the next couple of months. Thank you, Danielle!

So much of the news coming out of Dartmouth these days seems to be negative- budget shortfalls, layoffs, disagreements over College governance, lawsuits against the College, and the list goes on. It is important to remember, however, that despite these big picture problems, Dartmouth students are still skiing at the skiway, going on FSPs, taking classes with amazing professors, competing in intercollegiate sports, participating in Winter Carnival festivities (see below) and doing all the things that made each of our Dartmouth experiences amazing. I recently interviewed four students hoping to be members of the Class of 2014 (ouch!) and it was great seeing their enthusiasm for Dartmouth. Seeing students who are hoping to be admitted always makes me so thankful that I got to spend four years in Hanover!

The green card enclosed is for you to send us your news- please fill it out and let us know how and what you are doing! Pictures are always appreciated, as are guest columns, interviews, and anything else you would like to share with the great Class of 1999!

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# Dartmouth Admits Two Haitain Students

Dartmouth has admitted two undergraduate students from earthquake-ravaged Haiti, Daphnée Charles and Ronel Lefranc (pictured below (image from [www.dartmouth.edu](http://www.dartmouth.edu))), who are both students at Université Quisqueya in Port-au-Prince. They began spring term classes on March 29, and will be taking courses pri-



marily in environmental studies and economics. Charles is a 23-year-old from Pétion-Ville and a fourth-year student at Université Quisqueya's Agro-Economie program. Lefranc, a 23-year-old third-year from Hinche, is studying Agro-Environnement. Both are honor roll students and have met appropriate academic standards. While it has not yet been determined how long they will study at Dartmouth, their plan is to return to UniQ when the university reopens. They are not pursuing a degree from Dartmouth.

“Our goal is to provide Daphnée and Ronel with the resources and course work they need to continue their studies while their school is being rebuilt,” said Dartmouth President Jim Yong Kim, who has spent a great deal of time in Haiti with his work with Dr. Paul Farmer and Partners in Health. “Daphnée and Ronel will certainly give their new Dartmouth classmates insight on the challenges and opportunities their country faces.”



## DID YOU KNOW...

**that the recently admitted Class of 2014 had the lowest acceptance rate in Dartmouth history?**

The College has admitted 11.5 percent of applicants to the Class of 2014, the lowest acceptance rate in College history. The Admissions Office accepted 2,165 of a record 18,778-person applicant pool, according to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Maria Laskaris. The 18,778 applicants this year constitute a 3.5 percent increase from the 18,130 applications submitted last year, making it the largest applicant pool in Dartmouth history, Laskaris said. The 11.5 percent selection rate marks a decline from 12.5 percent for the Class of 2013.

**that the Class of 1999 is on Facebook?**

If you are on Facebook, please search for our Facebook group, “Dartmouth College Class of 1999”. The group currently has 178 members, but we know there are more of you out there on Facebook, and we hope to start using the site more frequently to keep you up to date on Class of 1999 news, events and information.

**the the College has set up a Financial Hardship Fund for laid-off employees?**

Dartmouth is establishing a Financial Hardship Fund (FHF) to offer financial assistance to those eligible employees affected by involuntary layoffs or reductions in hours. FHF payments will be made specifically for unmet financial needs not addressed through the layoff package and loan programs. Dartmouth employees, as well as other individuals and organizations, may contribute to the fund effective immediately. See [www.dartmouth.edu/~hrs/news/fhf.html](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~hrs/news/fhf.html) for more details or to make a contribution.

# Class of 1999 Announces 2010 Tucker Fellow



The Class of 1999 Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Chris Han '11 is our 2010 Tucker Fellow. A grant from the Class of 1999 to the Tucker Foundation, made possible by your dues payments, is currently providing the funding Chris needs to volunteer this Spring term in Mukono, Uganda. Chris is volunteering with the VOLSET organization.

This organization works with rural and under-served communities to help alleviate suffering caused by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As a VOLSET volunteer, Chris is conducting educational programs on disease prevention and caring for a wide variety of age groups. Primarily, Chris will focus on designing and implementing educational programs, teaching English and computer skills to youth, and assisting in HIV testing and counseling. In addition, Chris will participate in community labor projects such as construction of a water tank, a boys' dormitory, and a community vegetable garden.

At Dartmouth, Chris is a member of Dartmouth Ends Hunger, co-chairing the Lose the Shoes Tournament. In addition, Chris has extensive experience working with children as a camp counselor, and a SEAD and DREAM mentor.

Chris also has participated in the Alternative Spring Break Dominican Republic program for the past two years, both as trip member and a trip co-leader. This experience introduced Chris to the intricacies of grassroots development, public health applications, and community partnerships. Chris' passion for public health and health rights advocacy also stems from his academic pursuits. To enrich his education in economic and human development, Chris studied "health policies and economics of the welfare state and European Union" at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Chris writes: "My knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention, paired with my skills as a group facilitator, value of understanding and empathy, and love for children make the core part of the VOLSET program perfect for me."

Through this Fellowship, Chris is excited to explore the many sides of volunteerism and community service. He looks forward to this experience as an opportunity to gain "agency in the world of community development." Chris writes: "I hope that this experience would help me feel like a partner in development and allow me to come into my own as an advocate for change."

Look for updates from Chris in upcoming issues of AlmaMatters. And be sure to pay your dues so we can fund more Tucker Fellows in the future!

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## Where Does Your Dues Money Go?



**A.**            **B.**            **C.**    **D.**

The above shows how dues money was used by the Class of 1999 Executive Committee for the fiscal year running from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

**A. Dartmouth Alumni Magazine Subscriptions (39%)**

**B. Tucker Fellowship, Spirit of Service Award and other Class Projects (33%)**

**C. Dues Processing (18%)**

**D. Newsletters and other Communications (7%)**

**E. Mini-reunions (3%)**



Twins Maggie and Brett Berthiaume, daughter and son of Erin Loback, hanging out together in their pj's.

in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. According to Courtney, Isabelle is a very healthy and happy baby. Mom and Dad are both doing very well and are completely and absolutely in love with their gorgeous little bundle of joy. Courtney, Matt and Isabelle live in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

**Erin Loback** and her husband, Dan Berthiaume, had double the fun when they welcomed their twins, Brett Halsey Berthiaume and Magdalena "Maggie" Reade Berthiaume, on September 28, 2009. Erin, Dan, and the twins, live in San Francisco with their dog, Lola. Erin just recently finished her maternity leave and returned to work as a prosecutor in Oakland, doing primarily homicide preliminary hearings.

**Kathleen (O'Keefe) Wigenhauser** recently moved back to West Hartford, CT. Making the move with Kathleen were her husband, Peter, their three year old son, Graham, and their new little baby, Molly. Living in Connecticut puts Kathleen and Peter close to **Sarah (Halsell) Nutting** and her family, and **Meg** and **Todd Becker**, who they are lucky to see often.

**Dave and Adrienne (Wilson) Wagner** welcomed son David "Austin" Wagner at 7:46 AM on March 15, 2010.

Austin weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Big sister, Allison, who is excited to have a new baby brother, will turn three in May. Dave and Adrienne and their family live in Dallas, TX. Adrienne teaches English at the Dallas International School and is also coordinator of the school's English Program. Dave is still with 7-Eleven in their International Division and works in strategy and planning for the overseas operation. Because of his position, Dave travels frequently to Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guangzhou, Kuala Lumpur, Taipei, Seoul, and Jakarta.

**Shauna (Brown) Leung** and her husband, Jesse, welcomed their new baby girl, Naomi, on October 25, 2009. The family currently lives in Baltimore, MD.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CLASS NEWS IN THE ENCLOSED GREEN CARD, OR E-MAIL THE CLASS' ACCOUNT: CLASS.OF.1999@ALUM.DARTMOUTH.ORG.**

# Class of 1999 Spirit of Service Community Service Award

## Help Honor Your Classmates!

**Due Date: June 30, 2010**

The Class of 1999 Executive Committee is soliciting nominations for this year's Spirit of Service Community Service Award, which the Executive Committee instituted to recognize the work members of the Class of 1999 do on behalf of others. Nancy Bloomfield was the inaugural recipient of this award at our 10th Reunion in 2008, and was recognized for her work with Cover, providing home repair in the Upper Valley area for those who can't afford it, as well as her work at The Junction, a program that helps at-risk youth. People like Nancy, who work selflessly to better the lives of others, so frequently go unrecognized. By granting this award the Class of 1999 Executive Committee hopes to begin to change that. We are accepting nominations for this year's award until June 30, 2010, and guidelines for submissions follow.

The award recipient must be a member of the Class of 1999. A nominee's service may be in either a voluntary or professional capacity. Nominee submissions should include a short biography, as well as descriptions of:

- a) How the nominee demonstrates continuing commitment to community. The duration of the commitment and the extent to which it is under-recognized through other channels will also be considered.
- b) Examples of the nominee's impact on the community, preferably supported by documentation such as letters of recommendation and/or select news clips from the public media. Please also include information about any organizations that may have benefited from the nominee's involvement, and whether or not those organizations have 501(c)(3) status.

Awards will be made at the discretion of the Class of 1999 leadership, and more than one person may receive the award. The Executive Committee will announce the 2010 recipient(s) in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine Class Notes, in the Class of 1999 newsletter AlmaMatters, and on the Class of 1999 website.

If you have any questions, contact Danni Downing at her Dartmouth email account, [danielle.downing.99@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:danielle.downing.99@alum.dartmouth.org). Please send your nominations to the same e-mail address, or mail the form on the next page to Danni. Remember, send your nominations by **June 30th, 2010!**

# **Nomination Form: Spirit of Service Community Service Award**



## **YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOMINEE'S INFORMATION:**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Nominee's Community Service:**

**Other Information That Highlights Nominees Commitment to Community Service:**

Please feel free to attach additional pages.

**Please mail to: Danni Downing, 6605 97th Avenue, Apartment A, Seabrook, MD 20706**

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