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THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



DEREK CHAU, SARAH KELMENSEN-CHAU, AMY YAMNER, ANDY COHEN, KATE BERKELY, TULLY PRUDEN MURPHY, RICH PARENT AND MELISSA COHEN AT THE SAN FRANCISCO MINI-REUNION IN APRIL.



RHONA DALLISON, MIKE NOVELLO, MEG FUNKE, ANN SHARFSTEIN AND DAN MEILCARZ AT THE HANOVER MINI-REUNION IN APRIL.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow '99s –

Its hard to believe that we are one year away from our 15th Reunion! June 14-16, 2013! Save the Date!

There are a couple of things you can do today to help us plan for Reunion!

1) Update your e-mail address! If you are not receiving our monthly e-mails, we probably do not have the correct address for you. We try and send as many things via e-mail as we can to keep our costs low. Making sure we have your correct address helps us. E-mail us at dartmouth1999@gmail.com and we'll take care of the rest.

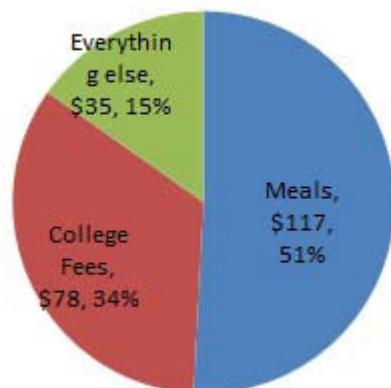
2) Join our Facebook group! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/22171972708/> We now have over 360 members! The group will be a great way to connect with other classmates in advance of reunion!

3) Join the Reunion Committee! Jackie Rioux Gladstone and Danielle Unger Buczek are leading a great committee of 12 volunteers and we're looking for 2-3 more individuals. E-mail us at the address above if you're interested!

In the class survey we sent in the fall, there were a lot of questions and comments like “why is reunion so expensive ?” “Early” Registration for the 10th Reunion was \$230 and the chart below shows how your \$230 was spent. The Reunion Committee does everything it can to keep costs low, like sending as few paper mailings as possible. Approximately half of the \$230 goes towards the food we serve – dinner on Friday and Saturday and brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Yes, half. Catered food is not cheap! We also know you do not want ramen noodles for dinner – so we look to find a middle ground between cost and quality. Approximately one third of the cost covers our expenses with Dartmouth – facility charges, electricity (yes, electricity), security coverage, the students who work for us over the weekend. \$35 covers everything else –mailings (\$8), events and entertainment (\$12), alcohol (\$9), credit card fees (\$6). That's the budget! No black boxes. No hidden costs. That's it. Unlike our peer institutions, or perhaps where you went to grad school, Dartmouth does not subsidize our reunions at all. If you have questions about this, please e-mail me directly: jeffreybfine@gmail.com .

Can't wait to see everyone in a year!

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Elizabeth (Dziadik) Kiefer and **Brett Kiefer** are delighted to announce the birth of their son Xavier James, who joins big brother Miles (3). Xavier was born July 31, 2011 in New York City. Elizabeth is an attending physician at Montefiore Medical Center and Brett currently works for Fog Creek Software.

Meg (Cashion) Lysy and **David Lysy** were thrilled to welcome twins into the world on January 18th, 2012. Hunter Paul (6 lb, 7 oz) and Mairaed Rose (7 lb, 2 oz) were born at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. Hunter and Mairaed recently had the opportunity to meet **Nahoko Kawakyu** and Don O'Connor's children, Aodhan (5), Rai (3) and Sora (1), and they all made plans to go to Dartmouth together someday. Hunter and Mairaed were also able to attend Lexi DeLeon's wonderful first birthday party. Lexi is the daughter of **Sally (Dickerson) DeLeon** and Pat DeLeon, who also live in the DC area.

Amy Mikolajczyk Callow wrote in to report that on September 17th, 2011, she and her husband, Stuart, welcomed their first child, a little girl named Eleanor Jean Susan Callow. She is now 9 months old and amazes Amy and Stuart every day! Amy is still working as a lawyer in New York at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP, and Stuart is in advertising. The couple loves living in Brooklyn, and are lucky to still see a lot of **Karen Yen**. After their trip to England to introduce Ellie to her English family, Amy and Stuart are heading to Verona, Italy to attend Karen's wedding to her lovely fiance, Francesco. Karen is still living in New York City and working at UBS. She ran the Boston marathon in April, and according to Karen, "It was bloody hot that day! I ran with my brother in 4 hours and 17 minutes." While running, Karen picked out fellow '99, **Gretchen Saegh**, in the crowd of over 40,000 runners and the two ladies chatted briefly during the race.

Matt Wrobel married Jaime Morelli (Colgate '99) on August 26, 2011 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Nice and Paris. They have now settled in Brooklyn, NY.

On April 15th, 2012, Sean Taylor married Robin Rothman, his girlfriend of 5 years, in her hometown of Philadelphia, PA. The two met at the Magnet Theater doing improv comedy, a hobby Sean picked up as a member of the Dartmouth Dog Day Players. **Nathaniel Rink**, **Andrew Butterworth**, and **Eric Tanouye** acted as Groomsmen, while **Stephen Jackett** did a reading of a quote often attributed to Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel '25. Sean's sister, Melanie (Taylor) Dasher '00, **Eric Del Pozo**, **Jamie (Ober) Jackett**, Charles Divak '00, Ilya Magazanin '00 and Charles Gussow '02 made up the rest of the Dartmouth contingent of the 187 guests. The ceremony was kicked off by a flash mob comprised of musical improv friends of the bride and groom reenacting the "Somebody's Getting Married" song from the *Muppets Take Manhattan*. Sean's favorite part of the evening was when his bride took the stage during the reception to belt out a rendition of Heart's "Crazy on You" she intimated was a foreshadowing of the events of the wedding night. Sean and Robin honeymooned in Hawaii and currently can be seen chasing their dreams from their tiny Manhattan apartment.

Jennifer Anderson writes "Change comes slowly in my life, so it's fun to actually have something to write in about. After 10 years working with the American Institutes for Research, in their Institutional Development Program, I joined Save the Children US at the start of April 2012. I am serving as their Director for Education Resource Mobilization in the Department of Education and Child Development."

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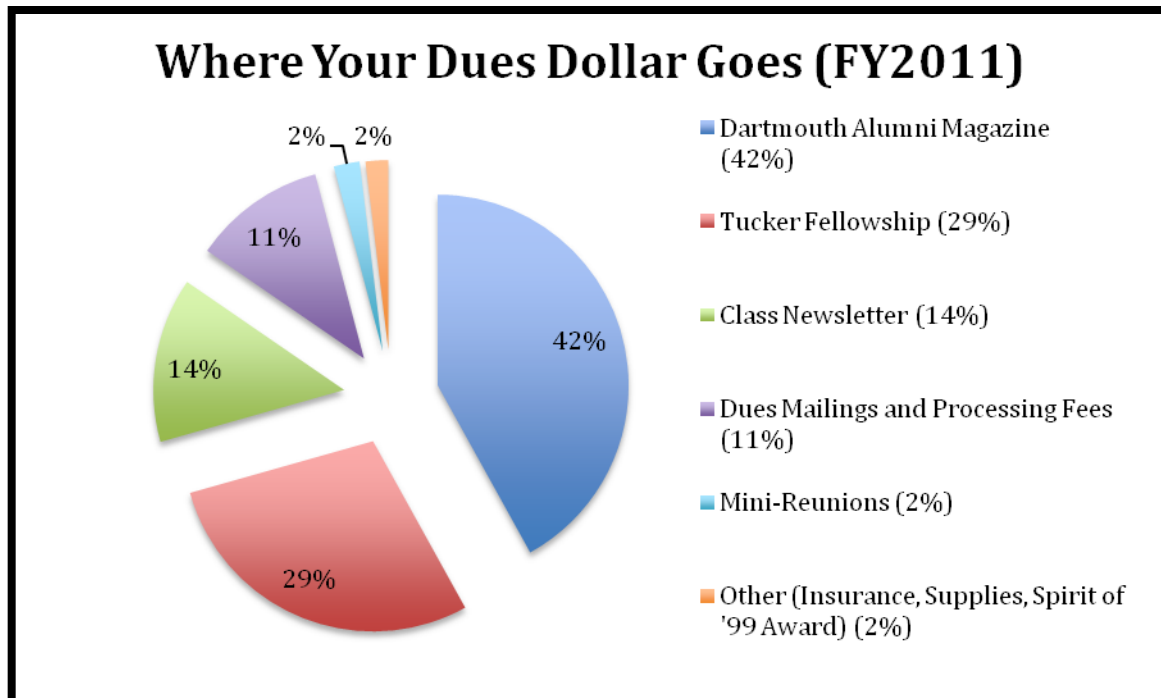
THE CLASS of 1999 CHOOSES A TUCKER FELLOW

Each year the Class of 1999 uses dues money to fund a Class of 1999 Tucker Fellow. The Tucker Foundation sends the Executive Committee a list of current Dartmouth students who are doing community service work overseas, and the Committee votes to sponsor one student. This year the Class of 1999 Tucker Fellow is Edgar Sandoval '14.

Edgar traveled to Peru this spring to work as a teacher for the Light and Leadership Initiative. The goal of the program is to respond to the needs of the women and children in the Ate-Vitarte district of Lima, Peru. The organization works to improve the availability and quality of education offered to women and children in an effort to overcome poverty. Edgar will serve primarily as a teacher of English, and math and science, but he will also participate in the extra-curricular programs run by the organization. He will work directly with the women of the community in the computer skills training program. Edgar brings many skills and experiences to this fellowship, the most significant of which are his experiences as a tutor for America Reads and his native proficiency in Spanish. He has participated in numerous leadership training program on campus and led an Alternative Spring Break trip to Kentucky this year. His planned work with the Light and Leadership Initiative is a perfect blend of his interests in education and women's empowerment.

Edgar sees this fellowship as an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth and he seeks to challenge himself in service of others. After graduating, Edgar hopes to work with the Peace Corps before pursuing a PhD and becoming a professor.

Look for an update from Edward on his experiences in a future edition of Alma Matters. And thank you to those who pay class dues and make this Fellowship possible!



ALMA MATTERS SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH NATHANIEL FICK '99 DARTMOUTH TRUSTEE-ELECT



NATE FICK WITH HIS WIFE, MARGARET, DAUGHTER ELLA (2) AND DAUGHTER KATE (2 MONTHS).

In the most recent Trustee elections, Dartmouth alumni elected our classmate, Nathaniel Fick, to the Dartmouth Board of Trustees. He will join the Board on June 11, 2012, following Commencement ceremonies. Nate is currently the CEO of the Center for a New American Security, a non-partisan think tank based in Washington, D.C., and an operating partner at Bessemer Venture Partners. After graduating from Dartmouth, Nate served in the United States Marine Corps until 2004, and chronicled his experiences in both Iraq and Afghanistan in his book *One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer*. Before he begins his tenure as a Dartmouth Trustee, *AlmaMatters* sat down with Nate to discuss his upcoming responsibilities and his past experiences.

AM: First, congratulations on being elected to the Dartmouth Board of Trustees! I'm sure I speak for your fellow '99s when I say it's exciting to have a classmate on the Board. While many '99s follow governance issues at Dartmouth very closely, I am sure some do not. So for those people, can you explain what the duties of a Dartmouth Trustee are?

Nate: Thank you, Catherine. I'm really looking forward to serving on the Board. If the College were a company, then the Trustees would be its board of directors. At the simplest level, they hire the President and then hold him or her accountable for performance. There's an old joke about corporate board meetings that they should start by answering the question of whether to fire the CEO; if the answer is "no," then they should adjourn. The reality, of course, is more involved. The College isn't a company, and so the Trustees' role is different, with more engagement with all the different constituencies of the College: students, faculty, administrators, staff, and alumni. The Trustees have oversight of the academic affairs of the College, of its finances, the buildings and grounds, and every other aspect of Dartmouth.

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AM: What are the biggest challenges you think Dartmouth as an institution will face in the next 3-5 years?

Nate: The most immediate one is to find our new President. Leadership transitions are rarely easy. They require a lot of time and energy, and other important initiatives inevitably get put on hold while they take place. More generally, Dartmouth exists in an increasingly competitive landscape. The number of great universities in the world is growing, and so is competition for the best faculty and students. We need to remain excellent at the fundamentals of education and also innovate to stay competitive so that our reputation continues to allow us to attract the best talent to Dartmouth. People, after all, are the lifeblood of this place. By the way, I believe strongly that if we lead with the fundamentals then the reputation will follow. You can't start by worrying about the reputation – by over-focusing on rankings, for example -- without paying attention to the underlying reality.

AM: Are there any particular problems/issues that you would like to address in your role as Trustee?

Nate: Dartmouth has a relatively small board, which means that every Trustee must be broadly engaged with the College, and I believe that the very nature of “trusteeship” requires having a holistic view, rather than a parochial one. We should not have pet interests. I also have a lot to learn about the affairs of the College – I haven't even attended my first meeting yet! That said, I believe there are a few themes that interest me. One is curricular innovation. The basic value of a classic liberal arts education is unchanged, but necessary skill sets evolve, as do methods of teaching and ways to communicate and convey information. Tied to that is ensuring that our classrooms are equipped for new modes of learning. They should be as modern as other parts of the campus. Above all, though, is the endless quest to recruit – and retain – the best faculty and students from around the world.

AM: When you decided to run for Trustee I imagine that you never thought that you would be helping to select a new Dartmouth president within the first year of your term. (For our classmates who haven't yet heard, President Kim will leave Dartmouth on July 1 to run the World Bank.) Any thoughts on the presidential search process, or about what qualities the next leader of Dartmouth should have?

Nate: I was really looking forward to working with President Kim, but finding his successor represents a great opportunity for the College. I think it would be a mistake to shy away from non-traditional candidates – either younger candidates or candidates with backgrounds outside traditional academia – simply because we have a fear that they will depart sooner. This is a global institution and we have a global talent pool from which to pick.

AM: I looked quickly at the make-up of the current Board of Trustees and there are no representative from any class in the 1990's. Are you excited to be the first from our decade? Do you think you can bring a new perspective as a much younger member of the alumni?

Nate: I'm honored and excited to be the first from our decade. All the Trustees share a love for Dartmouth and a sincere concern for its excellence, but I think the younger classes always see things a bit differently. Our traditions and norms are in some ways a little different, we grew up interacting with information in different ways, and our memories of our time in Hanover are different from those of earlier classes. That will be true of our successors too. So yes, I hope I can contribute to the Board's diversity in that sense.

AM: Changing gears, you are currently serving as CEO of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). The web site (www.cnas.org) states that the mission of CNAS is “to develop strong, pragmatic and principled national security and defense policies.” Could you give some examples of some of the work CNAS is currently doing?

Nate: CNAS was started in response to the political polarization of American foreign policy. We believe that there can and should be a lot more non-partisan common ground on national security issues. Our biggest projects currently look at the nexus between energy and national security, at the intersection of technology and national security, the implications of defense budget cuts and the coming military draw down, and at the rising importance of Asia in American foreign policy.

AM: You served in the United States Marine Corps until 2004, and your service included tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Now that you are 8 years out, does that time seem like another life, or just like yesterday, or somewhere in-between?

Nate: A bit of both, I guess. This really struck me last month when I was coming home from a work meeting in Dubai. I was kicked back in the airplane seat, drinking juice and reading a newspaper, when I looked out the window. There below us was Baghdad. I could see where the Tigris curved around the Green Zone, and a little island in the river on the city's western side where I'd been with my Marines one night back in 2003. The contrast was totally surreal. So there are times when it all comes flooding back, but life goes on. We have to take what we learned and keep going.

AM: Your memoir, *One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer*, was published in 2005 to consistently great reviews. Were you surprised by the book's reception? Any new books in the works?

Nate: No new books yet – I don't know enough about anything else! But yes, I was very, very surprised by the book's reception. It clung by its fingernails to the bottom of the New York Times best seller list, just below a book called "Why Do Men Have Nipples." My friends got a kick out of that. I've also been pleasantly surprised by the fact that people continue to read it. In fact, it was just assigned to the entire incoming freshman class at Stanford, which really means a lot to me. I wrote it in 2004-2005 and never would have guessed then that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan would have continued in the headlines as long as they have. So I think some people read it for insight into the wars of this past decade, but it's also been characterized more generally as a book about leadership and decision-making, which has been gratifying.

AM: Thanks for your time, and good luck in your new role as a Dartmouth Trustee!

DARTMOUTH RUGBY WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

On June 4th, at PPL Park in Philadelphia, PA, the Dartmouth men's rugby club was crowned National Sevens Champions, their second title in the USA 7s Collegiate Rugby Championship in as many years. In the title game, the Big Green faced off against the University of Arizona Wildcats. The team jumped got off to a quick starts, had a 19-5 lead at halftime, and won the game with a score of 24-5. Madison Hughes '15 was named the tournament's most valuable player by Rugbymag.com. Hughes, Derek Fish '12, and Nate Brakeley '12 were named to the all-tournament team.

CONGRATS TO DARTMOUTH RUGBY!!!

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