

# AlmaMatters

## THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



**CLASS NEWS—Sarah Valkenburgh Tsiaras** and **Bill Tsiaras** proudly announced the birth of their first child, Luke William Tsiaras, born on July 11, 2006 in Providence, Rhode Island. Sarah is in her third year of an internal medicine residency and Bill is working towards an MD PhD at Brown.

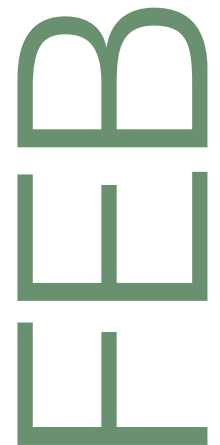
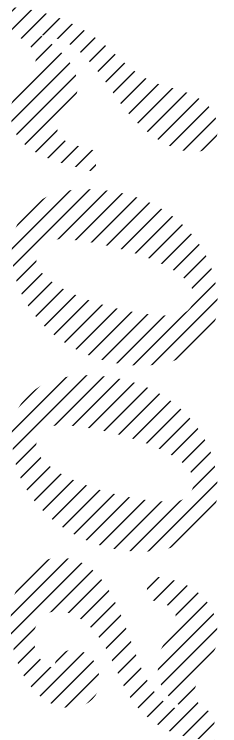
**Amy Stone Atizer** and her husband Jay Atizer (Tuck '00) welcomed their second child into the world on October 3, 2006. James Elbert Stone Altizer weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has already stolen the hearts of his parents and his three-year-old big sister Mary Grace.

**Jennifer Welsh** married James Takata (William and Mary) on July 7, 2006 in Healdsburg, California. The couple celebrated with and enjoyed a few days up in wine country with Dartmouth classmates **Candice Buckley** (with now husband Ben Schmitz) **Jessica Kelley**, **Courtney Vanyo Peschel** and **Jaime Peschel**, **Elizabeth Hamock (Rozumek)**, **Amy Yamner**, **Heather**

**(McNulty) Maher** and **Dave Maher**. Other alumni who attended the wedding include Kim (Keith) Berglund and Andy Berglund '00s.

**Elizabeth Dziadik** and **Brett Kiefer** were married in New York City on October 21st and spent their honeymoon horseback riding, hiking, and dining in Argentina.

After dating for almost 8 years, **Cate Mowell** and Erik Wright '01 were married on November 11, 2006 in Carlsbad, California. They had many Dartmouth alumni who attended the wedding, including bridesmaid **Katie Daly**, Stephanie Owen '04 who was also a bridesmaid, Beth Owen '01 who sang in the wedding, **Kristin Heist**, **Caroline Kaufmann** who flew in from France for the weekend, **Anna Kate (Deutschendorf)** and Jaime Hutter '96 who flew in from New Zealand, **Sandra Muller** and Andrew Rodriguez '96, **Jon Rivinus**, **Dan Gestwick**, **Carrie** and **Sean Kisker**, **Jennifer Keller Pettit**, **Laura Heinichen**, **Nell Shanahan**, **Katey '98** and **Jason Dadakis**, **Greg Vadasdi**



Above: Elizabeth Dziadik and Brett Kiefer at their wedding reception in New York on October 21, 2006.

## 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 dues!***

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

As I write this column, the New Year has just been rung in and with it comes once again the inspiration to set some goals and resolutions to make changes in my personal life. No doubt others of you have made resolutions as well, and by the time you receive this newsletter—well into the new year—some of us will likely have already left some of those goals behind.

Despite your success or failure in sticking to your other resolutions this year, there is one resolution that I would challenge all of us to take up at any point during the year—the resolution to stay in better touch with our friends and classmates (or to reconnect in cases where we’ve lost touch). If you’re not certain where to begin, I offer four simple ideas:

- 1 UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE COLLEGE** online at <https://dartmouth.org/loginform.php?refer=search>. The College’s central database is the primary means by which we know how to reach you. Each time we send a newsletter, e-mail update, or advertisement for a mini-reunion, we rely on the data on record at the College. Take a minute to check that your contact information is up-to-date.
- 2 SHARE YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS WITH CLASSMATES.** Our newly revamped website makes it incredibly easy for you to submit your news for the class newsletter and for the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. Log onto <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99> to submit your news and photographs of your work, travel, and family. Don’t think of it as self-promotion, but rather as an easy way to keep classmates up-to-date on your activities.
- 3 CHECK OUT OUR LIST OF LOST CLASSMATES ONLINE AT** [https://dartmouth.org/classes/99/news\\_missing\\_classmates.php](https://dartmouth.org/classes/99/news_missing_classmates.php). We are unable to reach a growing number of classmates because we do not have valid e-mail addresses for them. As our primary means of communication with the class is via e-mail, you and your friends may be missing out on important communications if we don’t have a valid address for you. With important reunion information appearing in the coming months, you’ll want to be sure that we know how to reach you.
- 4 ATTEND ONE OF OUR 30TH BIRTHDAY MINI-REUNIONS** this spring. There’s no replacement for seeing classmates face-to-face, and our mini-reunion chairs are planning some fabulous events. Further details will arrive via e-mail and will be posted on the website later this winter.

Of course, there are many other ways in which we could all stay in touch, but I’m out of room, and I think you get the idea. I’ll do my best to do a better job of staying in touch, and I hope you will too!

*Michelle*

**Michelle Sweester**



Above: Isabella, 2 1/2 and Benjamin, 1 smiling playfully for their parents Heather (Harnett) Ross and Chris Ross. They're getting ready for Dartmouth early!



Left: Reva Dolores Papsdorf smiling in her holiday best for parents Jill and Josh.

'98, Karen and Liam Krehbiel '98s, Kathleen Eibl '98, and many, many more '01s. Cate and Erik enjoyed a fun and restful honeymoon skiing on 5 feet of new snow in Whistler, BC.

**Seth Mensah** is enjoying life in upstate New York as an internal medicine physician. He also mentioned that **Greg Sainnoval** is in the third year of his surgical residency at Christiana Hospital in Delaware.

**Denise Hobson Ryan** is busy working as a prosecutor out in Arizona and enjoying life with her beautiful baby boy, Liam, and husband Jason.

**John Fowler** has gained extensive experience with the long, dark nights of winter since leaving Dartmouth. As an ice driller, John has worked in remote parts of the world, though this has not dampened his strong Dartmouth spirit. John writes that he has "been travelling and working around the world from the geographic North Pole to Greenland and to the geographic South Pole, and have been taking pictures of the 99 banner along the way".

**Curtis Wilgosh** graduated in May 2006 with an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis and is now a Business Planning and Analysis Manager with a manufacturing firm in Madison, Wisconsin. On top of the new job, Curtis continues to be an active partner on a 2,500 acre family farm which keeps him quite busy. However, he did find enough time to attend a wedding at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC. Whilst there, he ran into **Scott Peach** and **Samantha Sommers**, and the three had a great time.

**Jill Papsdorf** and her husband Josh Papsdorf '98 welcomed Reva Dolores to their family on September 24, 2006. She was named after her grandmother and Josh's grandmother. Reva Dolores weighed 9 pounds 10 ounces—a very big baby! Big brother Caleb (who turned 3 in December) seems to be taking to her very well. She's a great baby, only eating about every 4 hours at night instead of every 2 hours like most newborns. The couple moved from New York to Wichita, Kansas in July 2005, with no plans to leave until next summer at the earliest. Jill returned to work for the National Academy Foundation after her maternity leave. She recently celebrated her 5th anniversary there and is continuing to work on application design and database management.

—Remember to send us your news for the next issue!



## MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS PROJECT COMMITTEE

In 2006 we broke yet another Dartmouth Alumni record by becoming the youngest Class to name a Tucker Fellow. In fact, in addition to naming Johann A. Maradey '08 the Class of 1999 Tucker Fellow for 2006, Class Project contributions covered the selection and plating of an Alumni Memorial Book for each of our three deceased classmates at Dartmouth's Baker-Berry Library.

Our Class Project 2007, which runs from September 2006 to August 2007 will again fund the Tucker Fellowship experience of a Dartmouth student selected by the William Jewett Tucker Foundation.

Your Class Project contribution, however small or large, is a meaningful, tangible way to influence current student life at Dartmouth. Contributions may be made with your dues payment in the mail or online.

I appreciate all you do to support your Class and the College. I look forward to hearing your comments and feedback at [dave.dookeeram@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:dave.dookeeram@alum.dartmouth.org) or 404.277.5830.

Best wishes for 2007,  
Dave Dookeeram

Dear Class of 1999:

I'm still not finished with my work here in Ghana. I'll be back home in the beautiful cold (its beautiful compared to this heat) Monday night. Until then I'm swamped by ungraded final exams, of which I still have one more to administer. Since my last email my responsibilities within the school have grown drastically.

I was officially put in charge of the morning class (the 2nd years) and all of their classes. I occasionally lecture on world history to the first years. Apart from that, I've given all of energy to the twenty-two 2nd years. One of the most exciting aspects of the school, or of this experience, is having to make do with the little around us. Most of the girls do not have books so I photocopy notes for them, and they then make their individual copies. For the entire class, there are about 5 anatomy books, and they serve just fine for everyone's studying. In terms of dissections, we did several this term. Unlike in high school or college where we receive organs prepackaged in paraformaldehyde, here Mr. Tim and I simply go to the butcher's. Getting body parts for dissection is somewhat of an art, since we have to arrive at just the right time in the morning in order to get the right body parts. For only \$50 you can get your very own cow head with partial nervous system, entire respiratory system, and some sensory organs. Besides dissecting, the animal parts that we buy serve as dinner for most of the students. Although I've been invited to these dissection dinner parties, I quietly pass the opportunity by.

The school term has also been quite exciting. We have been relocated twice, thus the students have done about as much moving as attending classes. Apart from being moved around, we were able to set up a soccer team. Thus far, the girls team has gone undefeated. I also joined a soccer team. A team of preachers. Asides from benign preachers, there are of considerable age but quite agile. At first I was somewhat skeptical of the level of play that I would encounter. I soon found out that Ghanaians, particularly older ones, are quite ridiculous at soccer. I think I've bench-warmed more this month than throughout high school. Regardless, playing with these preachers has improved my level of play, somewhat.

We also took a small trip to the northern part of Ghana. Asides from the 24 hours of traveling the trip was pretty awesome. The northern part of Ghana is extremely cultural, and included in that is an almost untinged notion of village life. Mr. Tim is from the north, and thus I visited his mother and home town. His town is scarcely bigger than our school campus and the homes are made of mud and cement. His mother home is a simple two room village house with no door (more like a front curtain). The family sleeps on the roof, since the nighttime heat is often too much to bear. The region is also quite beautiful. The entire region is savannah like with huge baobab trees scattered throughout. One of the particular animals of that region is the crocodile. I decided to visit a pond of them, near a village whose beliefs include the crocodile as a god. After feeding a huge crocodile a chicken, he was apparently satisfied enough to let me grab his tail and take a picture. They said I was also free to swim in the lake if I wanted to, and they promised the crocodiles would not bite. I, of course, gently declined the invitation.

My apologies for the briefness of the email, but I have to get back to making final exams.

Best wishes to all,  
Johann A. Maradey, '08  
25 December 2006



Left: Courtney, Jessica, Jennifer, Amy, Candice, and Elizabeth at Jennifer's wedding

Lower Left: Zehra, Yuika, Elizabeth, Melissa, Josie, Jing, and Grace at Elizabeth and Brett's wedding.



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