

AlmaMatters

THE CLASS OF 1999 NEWSLETTER



JORGE VALCARCEL AND HIS WIFE, ARIANNA, ON THEIR WEDDING DAY THIS PAST AUGUST.

CLASS NEWS— **Jorge Valcarcel** and his beautiful wife, Arianna, were married on August 21, 2010 during the evening at Giondo on the Water in Brooklyn, New York. The New York City skyline provided a truly amazing backdrop for the ceremony. Fellow '99s **Hai Gi Li**, **Michael Ho** and **James Gallo** were groomsmen in the wedding, and other Dartmouth alums in attendance were **Heather (Harnett)** and **Chris Ross**, Daniel Rivera '98, **Manisha Shah**, **Brenda Godoy**, **Fatema Wachob** and **Lydia Garcia**. Jorge reports that, unlike his days at Dartmouth, he did not DJ the reception. He didn't even get close enough to the DJ to make a song request. He and Arianna are currently living in Manhattan.

Healy Jones wrote to report that in addition to his day job as head of marketing for an internet startup (www.officedrop.com), he is now helping out the Boston Chapter of the Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network (DEN) as their social media guy. He is trying to get the word out about the club, get new members, and get Dartmouth alums to attend the club's events.

DEN Boston is an alumni group for Dartmouth, Thayer, and Tuck alums in the greater Boston community who are involved in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, whether by starting companies, investing, or providing services. The Club has a number of quality events planned for this year and Healy hopes to get even more Dartmouth alumni to attend, especially fellow '99s. To learn more about the Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network in Boston go to the following web site: <http://www.denboston.org/>.

Elizabeth (Davis) Lozner sends news of the birth of her daughter, Edythe Wiley Lozner, in July of 2010! Elizabeth and her husband Charlie are enjoying parenthood, and introducing Edy to the many adventures they find living in the Pacific Northwest. The baby has been on many a hike in the Cascades and enjoyed her first ski tour in early January. Elizabeth is heading back to work as a structural engineer after her 6 months of maternity leave are over, and her husband, Charlie, continues to work in the outdoor industry as the Director of Marketing at Outdoor Research in Seattle. They have a great group of Dartmouth friends out there that they see

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Classmates! Its a snow day here in Chicago, the first time in my professional career that the office is closed and I was told to not come in. Wrigley, my dog, is sound asleep next to me on the couch and a loaf of bread is baking in the oven. It is a great day! I know my classmates on the east coast have had their fare share of snow this winter! Thinking back to our days at Dartmouth, I can not ever remember the campus shutting down. We certainly had plenty of snowy days, but I can never remember Dartmouth closing.

My message in this column is simple: ***we need your help***! The Class of 1999 Executive Committee needs you. The EC plans mini reunion, collects and disseminates classmate and college news in various communications like the newsletter and the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine, and raises funds for the College and the Class of 1999. We need your help in all of these endeavors! The Class is only as strong as all of its members, not just its Executive Committee.

Mini Reunions The Executive Committee is looking to hold events in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, and New York this coming spring. We are looking for volunteers in these four cities to help! If you live in another metro area and would like to plan an event, please let me know! We'll give you all the support and direction you need (and handle all the communications) - you would pick the event, the venue and the date and we'll work with you to make sure the details are squared away. No experience necessary, just the desire to have fun with your classmates! If you need help brainstorming events, we can help with that too. One event, one time. If you can help us, please let me know!

*** Communications*** The Executive Committee sends quarterly paper newsletters, monthly electronic newsletters, and bimonthly notes columns in the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. That's over 20 communications a year! We need your news!! How is the family ? New additions to the family ? What are you doing professionally ? Are you seeing your Dartmouth classmates at Happy Hours or the park ? What are you doing outside of work ? We want to hear from EVERYONE! E-mail us at: class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org. Photos are always welcome too! Similarly, we are always looking for people to write a column/article/interview for *AlmaMatters*. If you'd like to help (whether or not you have an idea for a piece), please let us know !

*** Fundraising*** Lastly, we need your help, financially. The Executive Committee collects Class Dues and helps raise money for the Dartmouth College Fund. Your class dues are used to pay for the communications that allow us to connect you with the class, your fellow classmates, and with Dartmouth. Your gift to the Dartmouth College Fund is used to support the College today. More about your gift to the DCF can be found on page 4. The easiest way to contribute to both is to go to our web site: <http://www.dartmouth.org/classes/99/> and donate \$99, which we split between the two. One donation to two important locations.

Again, if you're interested in helping with any of our Executive Committee projects: planning a class event, writing a column for the newsletter, raising money for the Dartmouth College Fund, or in other ways, let us know! class.of.1999@alum.dartmouth.org or jeffrebyfine@gmail.com or catherine.pieroni@yahoo.com.

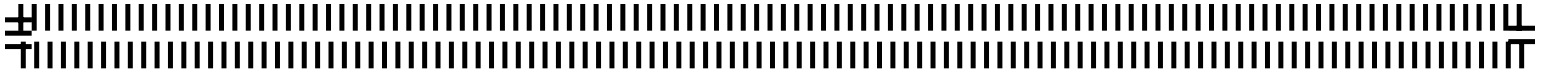
Forever Green,
Jeff





2010 Tucker Fellow Update

For the past 5 years the Class of 1999 has supported a current Dartmouth student doing overseas volunteer work through the Tucker Foundation with our Tucker Fellowship Class Project. Money raised through dues payments are used by the Tucker Foundation to fund a student chosen by our Executive Committee. Last year’s Tucker Fellow was Chris Han ‘11, who spent a term in Uganda in 2010. Below *AlmaMatters* reprints a letter Chris wrote to the Executive Committee reporting what he did in Uganda and what the experience meant to him.



Dear Class of 1999,

Thank you for funding the most valuable learning experience of my life. My fellowship to Uganda broadened my perspectives on service and global citizenship, synthesized my interests and studies, and realized my desire to engage personally and apply my untested passions and knowledge.

Your Tucker Fellowship ended up being the ideal way for me to experience global understanding and leadership, and I was able to put into practice the motto of the Tucker Foundation and the College in living service and spirituality while experiencing global citizenship and cross-cultural understanding. You see, before going to Uganda I had understood what it meant to study development and public health, but as I found out, there is quite a gap between studies and understanding, with practice and experience filling in that vital space that makes the difference between being a student and agent for change.

Whilst in Uganda I filled that space with so many rich experiences, making both classroom and co-curricular experiences prior and since much deeper and more meaningful. For example, this term I am taking a development economics course where my experience in Uganda has helped inform my studies on every section of the syllabus from land use and labor economics to health and the nutrition-based poverty trap. Outside of the classroom, I’ve been inspired to talk with the administration about more synthetic learning opportunities like the fellowships program and have begun to work with some peers on advancing global learning through various campus institutions.

In placing the fellowship into my Dartmouth experience, I can, with ease, mark it as one of my favorite quarters. The Tucker fellowship was the pin-

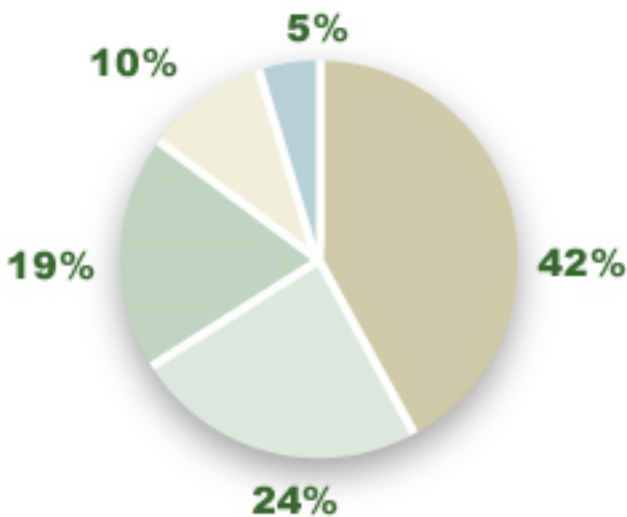
nacle of a very international year for me, where I studied economics and health or worked in health and community development on three continents and in four different locations throughout the year. At the University of Copenhagen, I took classes in and on the advanced welfare state, a system where the human right of health is extended to everyone to some degree. While back in Hanover for winter term, I took a medical anthropology class and Allen Koop’s course on the history of the American medical system, a course that illustrated the historical idiosyncrasies of the world’s greatest have-and have-not system.

In any other year (and trust me that it wouldn’t be hyperbole if I said lifetime) either of those two terms would have been the best learning experiences on the topic of health and health policy that I could have imagined. But thanks to you, my journey into understanding health and human rights, geographic privilege, and the great challenges that our world faces vis-à-vis health care was about to take its most interesting turn, a turn that directed me to rural Uganda.

During my fellowship I was able to really gain a deeper understanding of development and health in the context of a marginalized community. I had been privileged to have some experiences in the Dominican Republic through Tucker’s Alternative Spring Break program, but because of the length of the fellowship I was better able to explore my own motivations and beliefs about service and work and more deeply connect with my peers and mentors on a professional and familial level—strengthening my own beliefs as a self-identifying spiritual humanist. While on the ground I was able to explore various

Dartmouth College Fund Update

The cost of educating a Dartmouth student is \$286 per day, an amount that is not covered fully by tuition. Gifts to the Dartmouth College Fund are so important because they make up the difference between tuition paid and the amount it costs to educate each student. The pie chart below (taken from www.dartmouth.edu/~alfund) shows where the College allocates this money.



Faculty who love to teach undergraduates and the staff who assist them

Out-of-classroom opportunities such as athletics, student programs, student services, and residential life

Financial aid, which guarantees to meet 100% of every student's demonstrated need

A modern campus that facilitates learning and community

Opportunities for students and faculty to engage in the discovery of knowledge

Meet Our New Contact at the Dartmouth College Fund

Andrea Orlando recently took over as the main contact for the Class of 1999 at the Dartmouth College Fund (DCF). Andrea has been fundraising for Dartmouth for the past 4 years. She lives in Lebanon with her husband and two year old daughter, and enjoys reading, snowshoeing and running. Andrea recently answered some questions about the DCF for *AlmaMatters*.

* What is the DCF?

The DCF is comprised of current use, unrestricted gifts which the College uses to sustain students in all facets of their education. You can find more information at www.dartmouthcollegefund.org.

* How is my gift used?

Gifts directly affect the student experience, supporting financial aid, faculty and academic programs, athletics, and culture and community. Your DCF gift helps to advance the Dartmouth Experience, enabling deserving students to attend this great institution, and accomplished faculty to mentor them.

* How do I contribute?

You can make your gift online at www.dartmouthcollegefund.org or call me, Angela Orlando, at 603-646-9048.

* I am in grad school and don't have a lot of money, can I still give?

Absolutely, your annual gift to the DCF, at any amount, demonstrates that Dartmouth matters to you. Participation, at any level, is very important to the institution.

* How can I become more involved?

There are many opportunities to become involved at all levels. Besides giving financially, we are also looking for dedicated alums who wish to give a bit of their time to aid their class in reaching DCF goals.

* What is your role?

My role is to maximize your class fundraising, connect you back to Dartmouth and serve as your Hanover contact.

regularly, including **Martinique (Devereaux) Grigg**, Mamie (Fitzgerald) Marcuss '01, Clara Veniard '01 and **Karen (Anderson) Natorp**.

Nancy (Forsyth) Hafstad and her husband Glenn welcomed Gavin Aksel Hafstad to the world on September 12, 2010. Gavin weighed in at 6 pounds and 14 ounces and was approximately 19 and 1/2 inches long. Nancy, Glenn and baby Gavin live in Palo Alto, CA.

In more Class of 1999 baby news, **Catherine (Maxson) Pieroni** gave birth to Andrew Joseph Pieroni on December 26th, 2010. Thankfully, the blizzard that hit the northeast that day started after he arrived. Andrew weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces at birth and was 21 and 1/2 inches long. Big brother Joshua, now 3, is excited about his baby brother, but is frustrated that Andrew can't play trains and Candy Land with him right now. Catherine and her husband, Marc, still live in Maplewood, NJ. Catherine has put her law career on hold to stay at home with the kids, and Marc is a Product Manager for Forest Pharmaceuticals.

Jennifer (Kaye) Argenti also has a brand new baby! Jackson Bruce Argenti was born on January 5th at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Mike and Meg (Funke) Novello are expecting their first child this coming summer. On top of that, at the same time Mike is giving birth to two wind farms: Granite Reliable (99 MW in northern New Hampshire) and Record Hill (50 MW, in Western Maine). Mike says he has no idea whether the baby or the wind farms will keep him busier!

Holly (Smith) and Jeff Munsie are expecting their second child, a little girl, in May 2011. Their son Tyler, 2 1/2, is getting ready to be a big brother! In other news Jeff also started a new job in February as the Corporate Counsel at Merrimack Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, MA after having spent over eight years practicing corporate law at WilmerHale. Holly is still at Procter & Gamble working as a Brand Manager on the Gillette brand.

Catherine (McCarthy) and Muhammad Hutasuhut live in Charlotte, NC. Catherine works as an attorney for the Council for Children's Rights and Muhammad is still with Deloitte Consulting, working in Afghanistan advising the Afghan Minister of Finance. The couple is expecting their first child in the Spring. Recently, Catherine celebrated Jing Wang's engagement with fellow 99's **Aiyana Thompson** and **Grace Eboigbe**, and she visited with Aiyana, who moved to Chicago last spring from Seattle. During the fall, Catherine also caught up with **Ros Prabarasuth** in Minnesota.



Andrew Joseph, son of Catherine Pieroni, at about 2 weeks old.

**WANTED: YOUR
CLASS NEWS!!!**

This spot is blank because not enough of you are writing in with your updates. PLEASE, PLEASE, SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!!

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Dartmouth Heads to Stowe!

Skiing in Stowe, VT, March 10-12

Connect with fellow alumni for a weekend of skiing and festivities, and cheer on Big Green at the 2011 NCAA Skiing Championship!



Get your pulse racing on the powder, meet Dartmouth friends old and new, and watch Big Green smoke the slopes for the national title at gorgeous Stowe, VT!

Join informal gatherings of alumni and friends, and enjoy Dartmouth discounts on lift tickets at Stowe Mountain Resort!

GATHERINGS:

Thursday, Mar 10 • 6–8 pm | Trapp Family Lodge
For alumni and guests. Meet Big Green skiers and coaches! Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

Friday, Mar 11 • 6–9 pm | Pie in the Sky Restaurant
For alumni and guests. Food and drinks on your own.

Saturday, March 12 • 4–6 pm | Stowe Inn Tavern
YADA reception for young alumni, young-at-heart alumni, and guests. Free food, two free drink tickets.

For more information about the NCAA skiing championships, registering for the event, and lodging discounts in Stowe visit the alumni relations website: <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/Green/skiing-stowe2011>

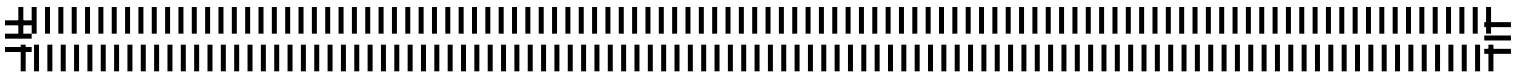
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT STOWE!!!!

levels of the health system and I was exposed to the expertise and opinions of many people from various perspectives. While I began to build a relationship with the community and acclimate myself to my surroundings I helped out at the local government health clinic. There I would weigh babies and help record test results as a part of the daily maternal care clinics, basically learning about Uganda's governmental health programs while serving the clinic in any manner that they needed.

After a couple of weeks of working at the clinic and making new friends and contacts, I began running health seminars in some local high schools, working with the headmasters to put together a good curriculum for HIV/AIDS and hygiene seminars. Some of my favorite memories from my fellowship came from the end of each day at the schools after my sessions ended, when a dialogue between the classes and myself would start, a truly cross-cultural conversation between the young people of very different backgrounds. The students and I would discuss geopolitics, religion, President Obama and Museveni, and the great Premier League soccer stars. I learned so much about Uganda, and was really able to reflect on my own identity as both an American and human.

My last project in Uganda was a fortuitous one. Luckily, my organization was playing host to a Peace Corps member who was working to build village health teams (VHTs). He opened up to me and allowed me to work as a partner on the project, meaning that I helped travel to dozens of villages in the sub-county to speak with village elders to recruit the best and brightest community members for training. Every two weeks we held a week long training with education modules, demonstrations, and exams to train a whole new level of localized health responders. I got to work with young American doctors and Ugandan community health workers as a presenter and peer, and I really felt empowered as a partner and servant to the community. While working with the Peace Corps and his partners, I really felt what being a global agent for change felt like, and that sense of service and value is something that was particularly special in Uganda.

All of these projects summed to the best experience I could have imagined. And while there were lows to accompany the highs, I can only sit on campus and reflect positively on my time in Uganda. It gave relevance to my studies and activities, and as a senior has given me very valuable direction for my future. Largely due to the fellowship you sponsored, I know that I am aiming for medical school, ultimately to serve an under-served community in both practice and policy. I want to embed myself, whether domestically or abroad, into a community and advocate for health rights. I'm so glad I've had this experience to make my studies in economics and geography relevant to development and social medicine, and the connection that I feel to issues of inequality have invigorated me to continue on what I had hoped my passions would be. And for that, I have to thank you all for your generosity. Without my Tucker Fellowship I would have missed out on so much, and I hope to pay it forward in a big way through my work some day.



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