

2010 T-Shirt Delivery

- Fyi... A great visit which was much appreciated by student and parents alike. I think she's opting for Dartmouth over Yale.
- All 4 t-shirts delivered yesterday. I think at least 3 of the 4 will decide to go to Dartmouth.
- One was up in New Hampshire and the student and her parents were all home. They were so nice and super excited. We stayed for quite a while to chat and she can't wait to go to Dartmouth. When we were leaving we heard the Mom say, "That was so nice!!!!"
- Another student was not home but we left the shirt with a note and my e-mail address. She sent a really nice e-mail back saying she was thrilled for the shirt. I am going to get her in touch with my Niece and Nephew, who are up there now. I offered and she seemed very happy to do that. Have a great night and thanks for such a fun activity.
- I delivered all my t-shirts. Met some really nice kids (and parents) and had a lot of fun, so please keep me in mind for next year's deliveries.
- My two T-shirts delivered. Very cool.
- Just wanted to let you know that the four "local" t-shirts were delivered this evening; the long-distance delivery is scheduled to be accomplished by the USPS on Saturday.
- First student – received t-shirt personally, she & her parents were enthusiastic (alho the vehicle in the driveway bore the license plate "YALIE"; the family is going to Hanover this weekend; I think she will matriculate
- Second student – not home; t-shirt left with his mother who seemed surprised and pleased by the gesture
- Third student – no one home; t-shirt left between outer & inner front doors; subsequently received a nice "thank you" email from the student
- Fourth student – not home; t-shirt left with his mother who wanted to talk about fraternities and the social environment; the student was also accepted at Princeton; the family is spending the next weekend in Hanover
- Just closing the loop on my 2 t-shirts. Both my kids were private school students - one boarding, one not . It's always hard to get to the boarding kids because the schools generally frown on random people coming on campus and contacting their students. This time I was able to poke around their on-line faculty directory and find a Dartmouth alum (!) who works there who is part of their college counseling department. I contacted him and he agreed to be my go-between and make sure the kids got their shirts and the appropriate pro-Dartmouth pep talk. When I delivered the shirts the ladies in the front office were very impressed by the whole 'get accepted, get a t-shirt' idea. I had already heard from him that one of the accepted kids had already committed to Harvard, but one of the staff members in the office said they knew the student and he would definitely wear his Dartmouth t-shirt proudly. I heard back today from the alum that the Harvard-bound student was indeed very happy to receive the shirt and wanted to pass along his

thanks. The other student was sick today so the alum was waiting to give her the t-shirt when she was back in class.

- I delivered my shirts on Sunday afternoon, hoping to catch students at home (which they were!). I did not call ahead, wanting to surprise them. I saw all but one applicant as well. Both the students and their respective parents were very appreciative of the visit. I was able to answer many questions that some people had. I also left my contact information with each student in case they wanted to call or email me about anything.
- I have fun delivering the shirts and you can count me in again to do the same next year.
- I just dropped most of mine off too. I spoke with one very appreciative parent, and met one whole family including the student who has been heavily recruited for tennis. A very fun night! It's great to touch base in person, and I think you are very right about leaving a number/email for those not home.
- I delivered most of my shirts tonight. Unfortunately I only saw one applicant, and he was so appreciative. At the other houses I got a parent, and again, they were very excited and appreciative. I left my email on most of the green letters and one I left my phone number. He just called me back and I think was very impressed with the t-shirt. I should have left my contact info on all sheets. You forget how exciting yet stressful a time it is for these kids. I did not call ahead of time, because my husband is traveling and I have 4 kids under the age of nine. Today was my only chance to do a big drop off and I just didn't have time to make calls. I was lucky someone was home at every house.
- I love the element of surprise, yet, I recommend people attaching a card or label on the welcome sheet in case the students are not home and want to contact you for questions. (if that is okay with you)
- Great idea and very cool!
- All four students were at home when I stopped by, and all were very excited for the personal welcome to Dartmouth. Their parents were as well. An example of a follow-up e-mail from one of the students is below. (I did receive one specific question about DCGB scholarship eligibility and I referred that student to Hugh O'Reilly). I had a great time doing this and would love to be involved again in the spring. Happy holidays!
- As requested, I will recount my t-shirt delivery adventures. I started with the farthest delivery - the one in Nahant. I had 4 female runners on my list. All of them know each other because they have competed together (or against each other) for years. I had never been to Nahant and it is a very interesting place - a little island reached by a long causeway. The girl was not home yet from track practice but I had a nice chat with her mother. She was thrilled with the t-shirt because the daughter didn't have a Dartmouth t-shirt yet and wanted to drive up to Hanover this weekend to get one. My next stop was Swampscott. I spent quite a while there visiting with the student and her mother. We know the family because my husband has worked with the dad for over 20 years. It turns out they came to a party we had about 15 years ago, so I met the student when she was a

toddler. My third stop was about 1/2 hour up the coast to Manchester. Unfortunately, no one was home so I left a message on their answering machine and left the shirt. I will follow up today with an email. That was the end of my 'coastal deliveries'.

- I had planned on only doing those 3 on Monday night and doing my Topsfield deliveries Tuesday night, but it was still pretty early when I got home so I grabbed the two other t-shirts and headed to Topsfield. First stop was yet another female runner. They have all been corresponding about their Dartmouth acceptances via facebook so I figured it would be good if they got their t-shirts the same night. She and her mother were very nice and were very surprised to get a hand-delivered t-shirt. My last trip was to the only boy on my list. I use the word 'boy' loosely, because he is about 6'6" tall. I have been friends with his mother for about 14 years, and his father is a class of '81 and the District Enrollment Director for Dartmouth up here. He asked me what was up with all the female runners getting in, and I honestly didn't know. All 4 of them were actively recruited by Dartmouth. He unwrapped the t-shirt (I always roll them up so that 'DARTMOUTH' shows on the outside and tie them with green and white ribbons) and held it up and I realized it would fit his large frame perfectly. Should be interesting to see all those tiny girl runners in them.
- All the kids I talked to were over-the-top excited about Dartmouth and couldn't stop smiling. As usual, the parents were happy to accept congratulations and well-wishes and were impressed that we make the effort to deliver the t-shirts personally. I had a few conversations about the recent "squash taunting" stories and about President Kim and no one was concerned about the bad press and everyone was hearing nothing but good stuff about President Kim. It seemed like a great group of kids - smart and talented and very personable. And with that sense of relief that only the early-accepted have!
the stats:
 1. Shirts delivered: 5
 2. Students met: 3
 3. Parents: 4
 4. Total mileage: 90 miles

And some comments from the kids...:

- Thank you so much for traveling to Duxbury and delivering the Dartmouth T-shirt this past Saturday. I am sorry I wasn't home to meet you! I am so looking forward to attending Dartmouth! I will be playing on the soccer team and have already spent a weekend there and met my future teammates as well as other students. I realize the great privilege I have been given and will take full advantage of my education. Everyone I have spoken to who is or has attended Dartmouth can't say enough about the experience. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
- Thank you so much for your show of kindness today. I knew that Dartmouth's alumni network was renowned for its fierce loyalty, but I had no idea that it would be this strong and tight knit. I am wearing the shirt you gave me as I write this e-mail, and I truly cannot wait to step foot on Dartmouth campus as an official student. I would love to be

involved in all sorts of Dartmouth activities, so please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or cell if there are any events coming up. Thank you once again, and I hope to see you soon.

- Thank you very much for delivering the letter and T-shirt to me. It was an extremely kind gesture and it got me excited to be a part of the Dartmouth family! It is great to see the alumni so involved in welcoming new students such as myself to the Dartmouth community, I really appreciate it. Thanks again and Happy Holidays!
- It was a great surprise to get the Dartmouth T-Shirt and your letter. I am very excited to have the opportunity to attend Dartmouth and look forward to joining the Dartmouth community. Thank you for dropping off the t-shirt. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!