



DARTMOUTH CLUB OF EASTERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INC.

Serving Danbury, Easton, Fairfield, Milford, Monroe, Redding, Shelton, Stratford, Southport, Trumbull, and Bridgeport, where the club was founded circa 1924.

Website: www.dartmouth.org/clubs/dcefc

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2012

Date:	Event:	Contact Email:	Phone:
Thursday, May 3	DCEFC Annual Dinner	burbine@alum.dartmouth.org	254-9331
Sunday, May 20 (10:30am)	Lake Mohegan Walk/Hike	burbine@alum.dartmouth.org	254-9331
Sunday, Aug.? (TBD)	Bridgeport Bluefish	burbine@alum.dartmouth.org	254-9331
Sunday, Sept.? (TBD)	Lake Mohegan Walk/Hike	burbine@alum.dartmouth.org	254-9331
Sunday, Dec. 2 or 9	DCEFC Holiday Party	burbine@alum.dartmouth.org	254-9331

Be sure to check out our web site (<http://www.dartmouth.org/clubs/dcefc/>) for updates!

Save the Date for the Annual Dinner!

The annual dinner will be held on **Thursday, May 3** at the Patterson Club in Fairfield (1118 Cross Highway), with cocktails (cash bar & hors d'oeuvres) starting at 6:00p.m. and dinner at 6:45p.m. Cost is \$65 per person. RSVP by April 26 using the enclosed response form. www.thepattersonclub.com

Our guest speaker will be Rosi Kerr '97, the Director of Sustainability at Dartmouth College. Rosi will speak about the latest strategies and projects that Dartmouth is developing to make the College a green leader (including the Class of 1978 Life Sciences Center) and to put sustainability at everyone's fingertips. The four club officers who attended Club Officers' weekend in February had a chance to hear Rosi speak about Dartmouth's sustainability initiative, and we learned that sustainability is about much more than recycling and turning off the lights. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sustain/>

The Big Green Bus comes to Fairfield!

On **June 13 and 14**, Dartmouth's Big Green Bus will be visiting Fairfield as part of the 2012 summer tour. Details still to be ironed out, but look for more info in your email and on the DCEFC web site as we get closer. If you are not familiar with the Big Green Bus, it is an ongoing project to promote awareness and enthusiasm for energy sustainability. The group currently includes Dartmouth College students who will be traveling the country on their 1989 MCI coach bus which has been converted to run on waste vegetable oil and outfitted with solar panels. <http://www.thebiggreenbus.org/>

Monthly Luncheons

DCEFC monthly luncheons are held on the third Wednesday of every month. Upcoming dates: **April 18, May 16 and June 20**. Future locations to be determined (recently the group has been at the Fairfield County Hunt Club, 174 Long Lots Road, Westport). Check with Bob to find out the current location. Reservations VERY strongly recommended in advance but at least by 5:15 p.m. the day before by calling Bob Johnson '59 at 259-5323 or e-mail at Thejohnsons2@aol.com.

Local Dartmouth Sports Schedule (www.dartmouth.edu/athletics)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sailing	April 14	Emily Wick Trophy	New London, CT	TBA
Men's Baseball	April 18	Hartford	West Hartford, CT	3:00pm
Sailing	April 21	Thompson Trophy	New London, CT	TBA
Equestrian	April 22	Yale	Bethany, CT	TBA
Men's Tennis	April 22	Yale	New Haven, CT	2:00pm

RECENT EVENTS

Holiday Party!

About 40 people gathered at the home of Kathy and Russ Mitchell on **December 11th** to celebrate the holiday season Dartmouth style. Adults and children alike enjoyed the good food and good company, and the Mitchells brought in “expert” chefs to bring us freshly baked pizza from their awesome pizza oven. The Dartmouth Rockapellas (featuring Fairfield’s own Jamie Mercado) provided the entertainment, singing a combination of holiday and Dartmouth tunes, and we all enjoyed chatting with the current students to hear about current life on campus. Many thanks to Kathy and Russ for once again opening their home to us!

DCEFC Wine Tasting and Food Pairing

On **March 9**, ten people gathered for the inaugural DCEFC wine tasting event at the home of Nicky '94 and Eric Schmidt in Milford. At the event, Nicky led everyone through a wine tasting and food pairing of 6 different varietals, red and white. Under her guidance, we swirled, sniffed, and spit our way to becoming more educated wine consumers. Nicky and her husband Eric were fantastic hosts, and a great time was had by all. We look forward to making this an annual event!

Pictured at right: Nicky Schmidt '94, David Mercado P15, Eric Jenkins '99.



CLUB NEWS

Election of Club Officers

We will be electing the new slate of officers at the annual dinner. For your convenience, a voting proxy is included on the same page with your annual dinner response form. The voting is for dues-paying members of the club only, so if you haven't paid your dues yet, you can use the same form to do that! Below is the roster of officers whose terms expire on May 3. Thanks to everyone who served the club this past year!

President	Eric Jenkins '99	jenkine@gmail.com
2nd VP	Nicole Schmidt '94	nickyschmidt@gmail.com
Secretary	Deb Karazin Owens '91	djowens@optonline.net
Treasurer	Sara Burbine Potter '91	burbine@alum.dartmouth.org
At Large	Suzy Nachman Mercado '86	mercman@optonline.net
At Large	Kathy Mitchell '83	kathym@mitchellsonline.com
At Large	Steve Hafner '91	shafner@kayak.com
Continuing Ed	Joel Goldfield '76	joel@cs.fairfield.edu

FARE Update

We continue to sponsor our college book scholarships for Bridgeport public high school students through the Bridgeport Public Education Fund. We are currently sponsoring ten local students. Two of our current scholarship recipients will graduate this spring, and we expect to present scholarships to three new students this year.

One of our first scholarship recipients, Shanee Brown D12 from Bridgeport, is currently featured in the Spring 2012 edition of Dartmouth Life. Shanee has been selected as one of 25 recipients nationwide of the 2012 Aspiring Teachers of Color Fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The award helps recruit, support, and retain individuals of color as public education teachers and administrators. To read more, go to www.dartmouth.edu/~dartlife/goto/222. Congratulations to Shanee!

Acceptances to the Class of 2016

We had a terrific outcome for our district this year! Our district had 62 applicants for the class of 2016, with three students admitted Early Decision and five admitted through the Regular Decision process. This makes our district's acceptance rate 12.9%, versus the 9.4% overall average for Dartmouth. Here they are:

Name	Town	High School
Lydia B. Brown	Fairfield	Fairfield Warde High School (ED)
Ana Lucia Carmello	Stratford	Frank S. Bunnell High School (RD)
Joseph F. Clyne, Jr.	Fairfield	Regis High School (RD)
James B. Esse	Fairfield	Greens Farms Academy (ED)
Shanet D. Hinds	Bridgeport	Bridge Academy Charter School (RD)
Matthew A. Klein	Trumbull	Hopkins School (ED)
Olivia D. Morrison	Fairfield	Fairfield Ludlowe High School (RD)
Allison P. Siegenfeld	Fairfield	Hopkins School (RD)

Thanks to our DED Gabrielle Guise and her hard-working team of interviewers, we were able to interview 100% of the candidates from our district. Given the large number of local applicants every year, we can always use more volunteers to help out with alumni interviews. Gabrielle would be happy to give you pointers, and there is great information available on the College web site (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~interviewers/interviewing/index.html>). If you are interested in participating in alumni interviews next year, please contact Gabrielle. (gabrielle.guise@yale.edu or 256-1558).

Dues Honor Roll

These club members have already paid their dues for the current dues year. Your dues help pay for this newsletter and other club programs, so they are greatly appreciated. If you have not yet paid your dues, please use the dues form on the last page of this newsletter.

Name	Class	Town	Name	Class	Town
Beverly Abt	56W	Southport	Suzy Mercado	86	Fairfield
Dorothy Baekey	56W	Fairfield	William Miller	50	Shelton
Alice Becker	48W	Southport	Kathy Mitchell	83	Fairfield
Milton Cooper	46	Easton	Carl Nelson	59	Fairfield
Nicole Dielo	00	Stratford	Deb Owens	91	Fairfield
Clifford Ennico	75	Fairfield	Jeff Owens	92	Fairfield
James Gardner	69	Fairfield	Sara Burbine Potter	91	Fairfield
James Gentile	54	Trumbull	Michael Rafferty	91	Southbury
Peter Heneage	45	Bridgeport	Michael Savage	60	Darien
Raymond Jankowich	52	Stratford	Nicole Schmidt	94	Milford
Adrienne Jenkins	97	Milford	Robert Shannon	51	Stratford
Eric Jenkins	99	Milford	Ken Weinstein	83	Easton
Bob Johnson	59	Fairfield	Chuck Wessendorf	63	Wilton
Nancy Lomazzo	87	Old Greenwich			

COLLEGE NEWS

Board of Trustee Election

Voting is open until April 11 for the three candidates for the Dartmouth Board of Trustees nominated by Dartmouth's Alumni Council. The candidates are Nathaniel Fick '99, Richard Kimball '78 and Benjamin Wilson '73.

Dartmouth Admits 9.4 Percent of Applicants for Class of 2016

Once again, Dartmouth experienced a record number of applicants for the class of 2016. A record 23,110 applications were processed, with admission offered to 2,180 students, or 9.4 percent of the applicant pool. This includes the 465 students admitted through the early decision process. In 2011, the rate of admission was 9.7 percent. The projected enrollment for the Class of 2016 will be approximately 1,100.

Reservation for DCEFC Annual Dinner, Thursday, May 3, 2012

I am looking forward to a great evening! I would like to reserve the following number of places:

1 2 3 4 Dinner(s) @ \$65 = \$_____ Make checks payable to DCEFC, Inc.

Name: _____ Class: _____

Please return by April 26, 2012 to Sara Potter '91, 108 Hillcrest Road, Fairfield CT 06824

**Dartmouth Club of Eastern Fairfield County
Proxy ballot for election of officers for 2012-2013 (members only)**

President	Sara Burbine Potter '91	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
1 st VP	open	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
2nd VP	Nicole Schmidt '94	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
Secretary	Deb Karazin Owens '91	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
Treasurer	Eric Jenkins '99	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
At Large	Suzy Nachman Mercado '86	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
At Large	Kathy Mitchell '83	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____
At Large	Steve Hafner '91	YES _____	NO _____	ABSTAIN _____

Appointees for 2012-13:

DED: Gabrielle Guise '85

Continuing Ed.: Joel Goldfield '76

Monthly Luncheon Chair: Bob Johnson '59

Newsletter Editor: Deb Karazin Owens '91

Book Awards: Jim Gardner '69

Name (print): _____ Class: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

DCEFC Dues Invoice (11/15/11-11/15/12)

\$35 Classes 1996 and earlier

\$25 Classes of 1997-2006

\$10 Classes of 2007 and younger

\$15 for widow/widower or parents

\$7 for alumni spouse of duespayer

Note: Graduates of Tuck, Thayer, or Dartmouth Medical School who did not attend Dartmouth as an undergraduate pay based on the year they received their undergraduate degree from another institution.

Note: Graduates of Dartmouth, Tuck, Thayer or the Medical School who are members of the DCEFC but live outside of the Eastern Fairfield Country district pay one-half (50%) of the rate they would otherwise pay (minimum \$7.50).

NAME and CLASS: _____	Dues: \$ _____
STREET: _____	Scholarship Fund _____
TOWN, STATE, ZIP: _____	Book Award _____
TEL: _____	Bursary Fund _____
EMAIL: _____	TOTAL \$ _____

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