



Letter from the President

I've spoken many times in the past to the next Dartmouth first-year class and their parents. It's generally a welcome to our Dartmouth community and a wish for their success. At this past summer's Freshmen sendoff, I told a story. Here's what I said.

A Dartmouth Story

"I'm going to tell you a Dartmouth story which today you will think is anecdotal and cute, but every alum in this room understands its significance.

My wife and I were eating breakfast one Sunday at Tommy's on Coventry. Out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a family being seated at the adjoining table but didn't think anything of it. My wife informed me that one of the older gentlemen was wearing a "Dartmouth Dad" hat and another was wearing a "D" hat. When I turned to look I saw that there was someone at the table who looked about the right age for a Dartmouth student. I immediately rose and went to their table. I apologized for intruding, said I noticed their Dartmouth hats, and introduced myself. The young lady said, "you're the one that sends me all those emails from the Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio." I confessed that I was. She was a recent graduate on her way to George Washington Law School. We talked for awhile, shared some memories, and then I returned to my wife.

I'll come back to this story shortly.

You are an extremely gifted class. You are matriculating at an extraordinary college which will challenge you both academically and experientially. I have no doubt that you will rise to that challenge. That's a given. And I'm not saying that just because your parents are in the room. For me though, Dartmouth is much more than that. The essence of Dartmouth is the connection you will make with the College, with your class, professors, and student body. It is profound and immutable and it will become part of you the rest of your lives. That's why every alum in this room was nodding when I told

that story because they have similar ones of their own, some as simple, other's perhaps more life altering. It's why one of our '60's welcomed an '11 into his Saturday morning squash game, or I can call the President of the San Francisco Alumni Club and tell her that one of our young alums is moving to the Bay area and please extend a welcome mat, or have a conversation this evening with another young alum who is using the Dartmouth Career Center to network job opportunities. You will make your own path through Dartmouth. You will have your own unique journey. What you will share with those who went before and those who will come after is a profound sense of place. It won't take you long to feel that connection. Maybe some of you already have. But I am absolutely sure that all of you, years from now, will have your own Dartmouth story to tell the next incoming first-year class."

After my talk a number of alums came up to me with a story about a chance meeting in an airport in Europe, a Colorado ski slope encounter, etc. However the one I'd like to relay to you is one from a '71 traveling on a subway in New York City.

It seems he was rattling along when he noticed a young lady with a Dartmouth backpack across the aisle. He got up and went over to her. He said, "Dartmouth '71" pointing to himself. She replied, "Dartmouth '92" pointing to herself. They talked and then the subway came to her stop. She grabbed her backpack and before exiting the train she turned and said, "it runs deep, doesn't it."

Sound familiar?

- **Mark Heller '70** (mheller@fodorco.com)

DCNEO, President

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Dartmouth Admissions — Class of 2018

Dartmouth Alumni Book Award

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Dartmouth Alumni Book Award.

- Broc Miller – Aurora H.S.
- Cheri Lo – Shaker Heights H.S.
- Audrey Fetsko – Hudson H.S.
- YiHan (Sophie) Chen – Western Reserve Academy
- Daniel Petticord – St. Edward H.S.

District 443 Report

This past year saw 39 applicants in the “southern” NEO district. While down a bit in numbers from recent peaks, still a strong number historically. Once again, the alumni volunteers offered an interview to all applicants in our region, easily surpassing the national rate. In so doing, we offered our local students, as well as Dartmouth, a fantastic initial interface.

Four students were offered admission (10.25%), two matriculated (50%), both in line with national averages. While we frequently exceed the national rates of admission and matriculation, our district held its own this year, in what seemed to be an unusual year for Dartmouth admissions.

Our volunteers put forth an admirable, inspiring effort each year. I will venture to say that they do so, not only from dedication to Dartmouth, but also because of the gratifying experience of meeting and talking with promising students from northeast Ohio. We always have room (and need) for more alumni volunteers, especially from recent classes. Give me a call, or an email; I'm always glad to discuss the opportunity to get involved.

- Ray Boniface '78 DED 443 (South)

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District 441 Report

Our Volunteer interviewers did a great job again last year and we gave every applicant the opportunity for an interview.

Requirements added last year - (repeated for emphasis) –

- Use of iTrack is now mandatory and there is a new acknowledgement for the college's policy on interaction with minors which you will need to click on.
- Interviewing applicants in your home (or theirs) is not allowed
- You are not allowed to interview for more than one institution in the same admissions cycle

- You may not interview at all if you have a son or daughter in the applicant pool.

There were 89 applications to the college for the class of 2018 from District 441, down 21 from 110. There were 9 early decision candidates with four admitted and matriculated. The class of 2017 had 7 ED applications with 2 matriculated, so the variability is large year to year.

Fifteen of the RD applicants were offered admission to the college (19%), about double the national average. Only six of the fifteen matriculated, so our yield was a little disappointing, and below the national average, despite strong outreach by many DCNEO members.

The college admissions process is so competitive now it is hard to comprehend. The college got about 18 applications for each available spot, admitting a bit over 9% and expecting about 50% yield on admits. Many extremely well qualified candidates are not offered admission, but it is still interesting and satisfying to meet and interview them, so I hope to continue to have such great help and effort from so many of the alums in the area.

Tom Wise is taking over the lead as District Enrollment director for the class of 2019 with some ongoing support from me, and we hope to continue to:

- offer every applicant the opportunity for an alumni interview,
- not ask any alum to do more than two, unless they want to, and
- provide as much time as possible for alums to schedule and conduct interviews.

We have 10 Early Decision applicants in iTrack so far and you'll start hearing from Tom soon if not before you read this. Sincerest thanks once again to all for your help, discretion and effort!

Respectfully, !

- Jay Hole '81 DED 441 (North)

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Treasurer's Report

Financial Statements for 2014 year-to-date are presented here. Anyone with questions regarding the financial statements of the Club, please contact Libby Sobota. (libby@dittrickcpa.com)

Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2014	
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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Key Bank Checking	9,713.42
Total Checking/Savings	9,713.42
Total Current Assets	9,713.42
TOTAL ASSETS	9,713.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Net Assets	10,662.32
Net Income	-948.90
Total Equity	9,713.42
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Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio Profit & Loss January through September 2014	
	Jan - Sep 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Book Award Income	140.00
DCNEO Scholarship	5.00
Dues Income	1,485.00
Operating Fund Income	385.00
Scholarship Fund Income	200.00
Special Event Revenue	275.00
Total Income	2,490.00
Expense	
Accepted Students Party	792.40
Advertising	68.00
Alumni Newsletter	196.59
Bank Service Charges	14.00
PayPal Fees	15.78
Scholarship Fund Distribution	1,200.00
Special Events	773.13
Supplies	379.00
Total Expense	3,438.90
Net Ordinary Income	-948.90
Net Income	-948.90

Fun Events from the Past Year



Dartmouth Cords sing at the Holiday Brunch



2013 Holiday Brunch



Family fun at "The Lorax" film screening

Dartmouth Class of 2018

- Jessie L. Anderson — Laurel School
- Abhishek Bhargava — Jackson High School
- Andrew W. Blackwell — University School
- Walker L Chieffe — University School
- Benjamin W. Goodman — Shaker Heights High School
- Raegina T. Hill — Cleveland School of Science & Medicine (John Hay)
- Jinxuan Hu— Orange High School
- Yingchun Li — Hathaway Brown School
- Omar F. Mahmoud — Cleveland School of Science & Medicine (John Hay)
- Jane R. McInerney — Oberlin High School
- Henry N.K. Senkfor — Hawken School
- Andrew J. Shuffer — Orange High School
- Alexis Wyatt — Kimball Union



Scavenger Hunt at the CMA

Mid-Size Club of the Year!

February 2014 - Winter Carnival Weekend

At the Club and Group Officers Weekend (CAGOW) Awards Dinner the Dartmouth Club of Northeast Ohio received the 2013 Mid-Size Club of the Year designation. We shared this honor two years ago with the Dartmouth Club of Pioneer Valley (Holyoke/Springfield MA).

Book Award News

DCNEO will join the Harvard, Yale, and Princeton Alumni Clubs to present Alumni Book Awards at The Cleveland Metropolitan School District Ivy League Awards ceremony, Spring 2015.

The guidance counselor's for each of the CMSD high schools will select four students to receive the Dartmouth, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton Alumni Book Awards. These "top" students will have met the individual Ivy school's book award criteria. In the past years this has resulted in approximately 25 book presentations for each of the Ivies. We would like a few volunteers to get involved in the planning process and to represent Dartmouth at the award ceremony. Please let Lindsay Guzowski '03 (lindsay@integis.com) know if you'd like to be part of this initiative.



Family Fun Day & Scavenger Hunt at the CMA

Dartmouth Club Of Northeast Ohio

2015 Dues Request

We appreciate your support. Your dues pay for mailings, newsletters, Club events, recruiting activities and support for undergraduates at Dartmouth from our area. Your dues allow you to attend Club events at a discount.

Dues Schedule

10 years out and less..... \$ 5.00 11 years out and more..... \$30.00

Dues \$ _____

Operating Fund (to help defray the normal operating expenses of the Club) \$ _____

Scholarship Fund (provides scholarship monies to undergraduates from our area) \$ _____

DCNEO Scholarship for special academic studies \$ _____

Alumni Book Awards \$ _____

Total \$ _____
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