



## Dear Classmates,

Dartmouth needs us now. This is a request for those who can, to lean in to help the College and the Class of 2020.

At the Alumni Council meeting this past week, we learned that revenue losses currently are projected at \$80 million for this fiscal year, \$50 million for the next. What did College officers talk about? Principally, stabilizing and ensuring funds are available so that students who need financial aid to attend Dartmouth get it, from the class of 2024 now admitted and matriculating this fall to the remainder of the undergraduate body, all of whom face changed circumstances. Second, asking alumni to make a special effort to find employment for the graduating class of 2020, students who are just hammered by the pandemic, many facing job offers revoked due to these extraordinary times. They also talked about cutting expenses, freezing hiring, and other cost saving steps (President Hanlon has voluntarily taken a 20% pay cut). The main focus was on preserving our extraordinary student body, those here and those coming, whose futures at Dartmouth are threatened by financial issues whose effects range from distress to pandemonium.

Most of us have completed or are at the end of our careers. Many of us have enjoyed success in our post-graduate endeavors. We have many causes we support. This is an extraordinary, devastating time. Now is the moment for those classmates who can to lean in, step up, and give even more generously to Dartmouth to support her students and the wonderful opportunities she offers them. The [Dartmouth College Fund](#) will do that: to support members of the class of 2020 who need a job, click [here](#). In addition, our class will make a contribution toward the [Emergency Student Relief Fund](#) for every contribution our class members make to the DCF made before June 30 (a match up to \$500).

Please give what you can at this point. No amount, no amount at all, is too small. Every dollar helps. Thanks.

Tom Stonecipher

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