



Dear Classmates,

I write to report a few details (in addition to those in the recent letter from Laurie Shapiro, President of the Alumni Council) from our recent Council meeting which I thought might be of interest to we older alums.

The College is thriving and planning extensively for its future. The endowment grew 46% in the past year. The Trustees have decided to direct 50 basis points (1/2 percent) of endowment earnings yearly into a fund devoted exclusively to housing and infrastructure upgrades as well as additional housing. They are committed to getting the housing shortage issue at Dartmouth addressed before considering any expansion of the undergraduate or graduate classes. They also reported that money from tuition covers only a relatively modest percentage of the costs of running the College and making it the premier institution it is. That percentage decreases as financial aid increases.

The classes of 2024 and 2025 were selected without reference to collegiate test scores. The class of '24 appears so far to be thriving academically. The College is considering if and how collegiate test scores might be used in the future. 95% of admissions to the class of '25 were in the top 10% of their class. 14% are international students. 44% are BIPOC students. Admissions are shifting principally from the Northeast to the South and West. 13% are children of Dartmouth grads. And no, neither I nor some of you (and you know who I'm talking about) probably would not have made the grade if we were applying this year.

The College continues to put its money on the table to support need-blind admissions. Students from families making less than \$65,000 annually will have the cost of attending Dartmouth covered completely. Money is also being donated by generous alumni/a specifically to fund scholarships. The Dartmouth College Fund continues to be a principal source of funds for financial aid. As a class, we are exceeding 50% participation. Please keep it up.

The Alumni Council Lifelong Learning Committee has created two resources consolidating courses, lectures, and talks for all in the Dartmouth community, especially her graduates from all classes. They are fun, stimulating, and worth exploring and will only get better over time. They are these: [Lifelong Learning guide](#), and [faculty lectures](#).

Finally, my term as your Council representative expires after the coming May meeting. It is a fun job, gets you to Hanover twice a year – you cover transportation, the College covers your room and board – where you work with reps from all classes, attend meetings with trustees, top officers, and more. You become involved closely with the College (growing in ways, intellectually and otherwise, that are surprising and satisfying), plus you get to deal with classmates who remain dynamic and creative when it comes to most all things Dartmouth, well beyond idle reminiscences over cigars and brandy. If you are interested, contact our class President, David Peck, at [davidbpeck@aol.com](mailto:davidbpeck@aol.com)

Stay well and healthy,  
Tom Stonecipher

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