The great football coach Vince Lombardi could have been speaking about the Class of 1986 when he said “Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work.”

Members of the Class of 1986 Executive Committee are to be congratulated individually and as a whole for your work for Dartmouth and for your Class during the past 12 months. Your class president describes the Executive Committee as “involved, engaged, and passionate about their roles, getting things done and done well and working together.” Dartmouth College agrees! You worked together to achieve a 25th reunion that not only brought your classmates together for a great party but served to strengthen your Class and its ties to the College for the years to come.

- You gathered each other together with more than 10 mini-reunions in locations around the globe!
- You cared for each other through your recently formed Compassio Committee, which helps those in need and honors deceased classmates.
- Your class projects involved classmates and current students in meaningful ways with your class president personally involved and taking students to dinner.
- Your reunion committee worked hard and played hard — sending countless emails at all hours of the night and also getting one of the best bands ever heard at a reunion!
- Your class treasurer is a rock solid “doer” who did double duty as reunion treasurer — keeping the bills paid, the books balanced, and everything on track.
- Your DCF giving team was unstoppable! The Class met its dollar and participation goals with 55 percent of the 1986s contributing more than $3 million to Dartmouth.
- Your class secretaries have not missed a magazine column in 15 years!
- Your “you have to read this now” newsletters featured a variety of classmates, news of reunions, and updates on class projects and mini-reunions.
- Your website, a Facebook page, and e-mail communications all worked together to keep up a constant stream, but somehow managed to not be a barrage!
- Your class president set goals and assignments — who communicated, who delegated, and who worked to get all ’86s involved, no matter where they lived or what their interests, background, race, occupation, or sexual orientation.

Dartmouth Class of 1986, you have worked hard as individuals and as a team during the past year. The ripple effects of your efforts will be far reaching in the good they achieve for your Class and for Dartmouth.

Congratulations and thank you for all of your work and your achievements.

Vice President, Alumni Relations        President, Class Presidents Association

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