Communities Team & Alumni Clubs Infrastructure

*Dartmouth’s Diverse Global Family*

**Mission**
The Communities Team, comprised of Alumni Clubs, Affiliated Groups and Shared Interest Groups, builds vibrant regional hubs and national/international networks by identifying, training, guiding, and supporting Dartmouth alumni leaders. These hubs and networks connect our alumni, students, and parents and are integral institutional partners in advancing Dartmouth's priorities.

**Achieved by:**
- Leveraging our leaders’ passion, talent, and expertise to create vibrant organizations
- Training, supporting, motivating, and guiding our leaders and the organizations they serve
- Connecting our alumni with Dartmouth resources and collaborative partners
- Celebrating individual and organizational diversity and inter-connectedness

**Alumni Clubs**

**Mission:** To foster and strengthen connections between Dartmouth alumni, students, and parents to the College and to each other through activities and opportunities for service, fellowship, communication and education.

**Achieved by:**
- Acting as a channel of communications between alumni and Dartmouth.
- Creating opportunities for interaction amongst all members of the Dartmouth Family.
- Supporting students with scholarships, information, mentorship and the like.
- Admissions interviewing.
- Serving as the local gateway to Dartmouth for the region.

**Alumni Club System Structure:**

- Communities Team
  - Alumni Clubs Office
    - Club Officers Executive Committee
    - Club Officers Association
    - Club Volunteers
• Local Alumni, Current Parents and Surviving Spouses/Partners

**Purpose of the Alumni Clubs Office:**

- Primary Dartmouth contact for clubs; advocates at the College for the interests of alumni clubs.
- Actively supports all Dartmouth Alumni Clubs around the world.
- Support is administrative, financial and motivational

**Club Officers Association:**
The Club Officers Association (COA) is the umbrella organization that includes all club officers, regardless of role. The COA provides volunteers with a platform with which to voice concerns, share best practices and provide assistance to both the College and other club volunteers. The COA began informally in the 1950's with a constitution written and adopted in the 1960's. The constitution has been amended twice, in 2009 and 2014.

**Club Officers Executive Committee:**
The Club Officers Executive Committee oversees the interests of the COA and acts as the advocate for club volunteers. The COA assists the Communities Team in the planning and execution of Club and Group Officers Weekend (CAGOW) each year. They provide a valuable service to the Communities Team by contributing insight and knowledge born from their volunteer experience. The committee is comprised of volunteers from all regions and is representative of all size clubs. The committee includes:

- President
- Vice President
- Past President
- Secretary (typically a staff member)
- 10 Club Officers, representing clubs of all sizes and locations
- 3 Alumni Council Representatives
- Alumni Magazine Editorial Board Representative
- Alumni Magazine Club Notes Editor

**Breadth of Club System:**

92 Active Clubs: 80 Domestic and 12 International

**Domestic Clubs:**
All states represented except the following nine:
West Virginia Oklahoma Kansas Nebraska North Dakota South Dakota
Montana Wyoming Idaho

**International Clubs:**
Canada (Toronto) China (Beijing) France (Paris) Germany Hong Kong
India (Mumbai) Japan (Tokyo) South Korea (Seoul) Singapore Thailand (Bangkok)
United Kingdom (London)

**Oldest Clubs:**
1864 Boston
1866 New York City
1875 Cincinnati
1876 Washington DC

**Club Size Definitions:**
The official "club count" reflects all undergraduate and graduate alumni of Dartmouth, current parents and surviving spouses/partners.

Size Categories based on club count:

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Dartmouth's Largest Clubs (counts as of Feb. 2014):

- Dartmouth Club of Greater Boston – 7,874
- Dartmouth Alumni Association of New York (NYC) – 7,181
- Dartmouth Club of Washington, DC – 3,791
- Dartmouth Club of Greater San Francisco – 3,337
- Dartmouth Club of the Upper Valley – 2,976
- Dartmouth Club of Los Angeles – 2,649
- Dartmouth Club of Chicago – 2,293

Samples of Club Accomplishments:

Hosting social events is only one small portion of the outstanding work of Dartmouth Alumni Clubs. Dartmouth’s alumni clubs make a difference by raising money for scholarships and local charities, performing community service, interviewing prospective students, hosting intellectual events with Dartmouth faculty, bestowing book awards on local deserving juniors and cheering on Dartmouth teams that are competing in the area. The opportunities and activities Dartmouth Alumni Clubs are involved in are varied and numerous with limitless possibilities. Here is a list of some accomplishments for fiscal year 2013:

- $190,400 was raised for Club Scholarships
- 666 Book Awards presented to deserving juniors from 679 high schools
- 7,216 prospective students were interviewed by 2,738 alumni
- 775 events (faculty presentations, social events & community service efforts) were held and nearly 23,000 individuals participated

Please explore other parts of this website for more information about Alumni Clubs and to find some very useful tools that will help you in your role as a volunteer.