

# *IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE*

*Dartmouth College  
Recognizes with Deep Appreciation  
the Extraordinary Achievements of*

## **John J. Doyle, Jr. '55**

*2011 President of the Year  
26 Years Out and Older*

“We make a living from what we get. We make a life from what we give.”  
—*Winston Churchill*

Jack, in two terms as president of the Class of 1955, you have given so much, both to your classmates and to Dartmouth. Under your leadership, the class has grown and thrived in tangible and intangible ways. Of course, as a banking executive, you excel at elevating the financial health of your class and the many projects and scholarships it sponsors, but you also understand the fundamental nature of engagement and collaboration, and your work has touched the hearts and lives of your classmates and the Dartmouth community.

With you at the helm, your class has continued to excel with dues, newsletters, mini reunions, Dartmouth College Fund participation, and an impressive array of special projects. This year, in line with your goals, the Class of 1955 again made regular annual gifts to the Hood Museum, the College athletic sponsorship program, the Tucker Foundation, the Memorial Book Program, and the Dickey and Wright Scholarship Funds established by the Class; you dedicated a bench at the corner of West Wheelock and Main, and also raised the funds to bring to campus a theater production and a film produced by the late, great Budd Schulberg '36.

In addition to holding a well-attended mini reunion at Homecoming, one of your stated goals for the year had been to have a weekend-long mini reunion at a location outside of Hanover. This past June, 100 of your classmates and wives traveled to the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. It was the largest mini reunion in your history. Even classmates who had not been involved in recent years attended, and many agreed that it was your “best mini reunion ever.”

Above all, you are a diplomat and exemplary leader. You have a strong cabinet of officers that you lead very effectively. You shepherd them well yet give them autonomy to get on with business. The Class of '55 abounds with passion and strong opinions on a variety of issues, yet you always manage to communicate those opinions with the College in a manner that is respectful and leaves room for dialogue. You respond immediately to everyone who communicates with you, yet you wait patiently for responses. You are able to hear both sides of an issue and convey them in a manner that reveals the depth of your wisdom. Then, you readily pass the credit for success onto others. Each year, you bestow the “Class of 1955 Award” upon three or four of your fellow classmates who have made significant contributions to their communities, professions and the College.

Jack, your leadership and guidance strengthen the Dartmouth bond. For your stalwart dedication to your class and to Dartmouth, we are thrilled to present you with the 2011 Class President of the Year Award, 26 Years Out and Older.

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