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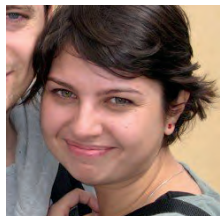
Class Summer Survey

20 Questions with CJ Gelinas '98 and Lani Curtis '98



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As I sat here thinking about what I want to write this time around, what most came to mind is gratitude. We sent out several calls in the last issue - for community service, for news, for interview subjects - and you responded. I won't speak for Gabi, but for me, putting these issues together sometimes feels akin to playing a game of catch while wearing a giant blindfold, not sure if anyone is really looking our way or interested in joining in.

I have learned so much in the last three years since, on a whim, I answered a call in the newsletter myself, not really knowing where that would lead. And again, I'm grateful. The kindness, generosity, talent, and wisdom shared by our fellow '98s has unmistakably added to my quality of life and opened a new level to my personal Dartmouth experience. I am excited to be part of the Class of 1998, and look forward to helping make being a '98 mean more than simply having graduated on the Green (in the rain) 17 years ago.

In this issue, we have your responses to our calls, including updates from two classmates who love what they do, a brief look at what some classmates did on our 98th Day of Service, notes and pictures from the mini-reunions, and more. Please also take a bit of time and complete the summer survey, where our inquisitive minds want to know how we can serve the class better, what events would appeal to you, and how we can celebrate our collective 40th birthday.

Thank you. All of you. Thank you for taking time from your busy lives to CONNECT, SERVE, ENGAGE, THINK, IMAGINE, and SHARE with us. Thank you for catching the ball, and for throwing it back again and again. — Kate

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Happy summer, '98s!

I have to confess, I still think in school years half the time. And this school year has been a great one for our class! More and more of us have been engaging with the class and the college. We've found more of you who were "missing," more of you have found us on Facebook, and we've had a bunch of successful and fun events, like our mini-reunions and the 98th Day event.

And we just want to get better and better! So, you will soon be receiving an email invitation to participate in a survey that will help us figure out how better to serve you guys. There's also a copy of the survey included in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey--either the Survey Monkey version or the enclosed paper version (which you'll then need to mail back to us!) before July 30, 2015. We drafted it up so it wouldn't take too long to get through, but it will help us a ton as we set about planning for the 2015-2016 year. Thank you!

I'd also like to give a special thanks to our officers and executive committee, who've provided great leadership for the class this year. Thanks, guys! If anyone else is interested in participating in class leadership in any way, please get in touch! Have a great summer, and we'll catch you in the fall! — Jo



***Please remember to update your information
in the alumni directory.
And thanks if you have! We'll include
an updated list in the next issue.***

20 Questions with CJ Gelinas '98

In our last issue, I invited classmates who are passionate about their work or their hobbies to share a little bit about what they love with us. CJ Gelinas and Lani (Sipe) Curtis both answered the call, and I'm happy to say that others are getting in touch, so we'll get to read more in the future. If you love the way you spend your days OR how you spend your days off, AND you're willing to be interviewed, please send me an email at kategold98@gmail.com, or leave a note on our Class of 1998 Facebook page. — Kate Gold

1. Where did you grow up?

Until I left for Dartmouth, I lived in Leominster, MA, a town of about 40,000 situated in north central Massachusetts (near Worcester). The city was once the plastics capital of the world and an industrial mecca, but by the time I was born, most of the factories had shut down and jobs had fled. Today, Leominster is experiencing something of a renaissance and has transformed itself into a truly family friendly town.

2. Why did you choose Dartmouth?

While on my "grand tour" of colleges and universities during high school, I assiduously took notes on each institution. I jotted down pros, cons, desired academic disciplines... even where I pictured myself living and working. Upon arrival, Dartmouth grabbed my attention. The academics were amazing, the people were uniformly in love with the school (and so kind and welcoming!), and the overall "vibe" was phenomenal. I chucked my notepad during my first stay on campus to soak in the atmosphere, and told my mother to cancel the rest of the tour. Dartmouth was the only school I wanted from then on.

3. Where/with whom did you live freshman year?

I lived in a ground floor quad in Mid-Mass, with students from Brooklyn, Alabama and California. Because I was from Massachusetts, I was the last to take

up residence. We were quite the rogues' gallery.

4. Where/with whom were you most likely to be found during your years in Hanover? Doing what?

Sadly, the reserve library or my favorite carrel at Dana, with my nose in a book. I didn't get out much!

5. What was your major? What decided you on that choice?

I majored in Classical Studies. Roman history and archaeology in particular had always been an interest of mine. When I attended the department open houses while thinking about my major, the Classics professors responded to my enthusiasm in such a genuine, excited way that from the start I felt very much at home in the Classics Department. I never looked back.

6. Who were some of your strongest influences or mentors at Dartmouth?

Every one of my professors was unqualifiedly amazing, but one stood out—Professor Roberta Stewart, now chair of the Classics Department. Her pedagogical methods were so intense, her desire for understanding so deep, her interest in my personal development as a scholar so impactful, that the person I was on the first day of my first class with her was honed into the lawyer I am today. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to study under Professor Stewart!

7. Did you have any study abroad

experiences while at Dartmouth, and if so, do you think those influenced your career?

I did not study abroad – I guess I loved the Dartmouth campus too much to leave!

8. Tell us a little about your first job after Dartmouth.

After Dartmouth, I attended law school. Following law school, I signed on as an associate in the Capital Markets Department with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft (the oldest continuously running law firm in the country, I believe). I arrived at my downtown apartment in August and CWT's Maiden Lane office on September 10, 2001. We were one block from the Federal Reserve Bank and the Deposit Trust Company, a few blocks from City Hall and the Brooklyn Bridge and four or five blocks from the World Trade Center. I did my orientation paperwork, met my officemate (we're somehow still friends today!) and set myself to start work bright and early the next morning.

As tragedy unfolded all around us on 9/11, my job quickly became moot. All was mayhem downtown, as we were alternately instructed by upset citizens, building management, the police, the mayor's office, EMTs, the fire department, the national guard, and so on, to stay in our offices, to evacuate southern Manhattan, to stock up on food and water, to trek over the Brooklyn Bridge, to wait for buses to shift us out to a relocation center, et cetera, et cetera.

CWT's building was very close to the World Trade Center, but the height of the buildings around us kept us virtually blind and deaf to what was happening only a five minute walk away, so no one knew what to believe or do.

I had only been in Manhattan for about three weeks, so I went back to the only place I knew—my apartment—which was only a block away. When I got home (I was on the 26th floor), my balcony was filled with burned dot matrix account papers, somehow still held together at their perforated edges, shreds of menu from one of the restaurants in the complex, a piece of someone's ink blotter, singed pieces of building material, and so much fine grey ash. Horrible, just horrible.

After 7 WTC collapsed and the power went out downtown, my building was evacuated. Wrapping my face against the dust cloud still hovering over my neighborhood, I was forced to walk north for as far as I could go. There was no bus, subway, or taxi service downtown, and this was before the age of cell phones, so I was forced to hoof it to the West 80s, where a friend put me up for the night.

By October, the National Guard allowed me back into my building. Without elevator service, I climbed up 26 flights of stairs to my apartment. My breakfast and lunch dishes were where I had left them in the sink, my notepad and pen still on the arm of my chair in front of my TV, the cap on my toothpaste still unscrewed, after all those weeks. It was quite surreal.

By November, I was back in the office and ready to commence my "second" day at work. Despite the tragedy and need for the country to come to grips with what happened, the commercial mortgage-backed securitization market was booming, and I was instantly thrust into intense, 80-100 hour work weeks.

The learning curve was steep and the pressure pretty ridiculous. But I have been in structured finance ever since and, nowadays at least, I love what I do.

9. Anything you wish you had done differently, or anything that went differently than planned?

Following graduation from Dartmouth? Yes, 1000%. Chalk it up to youth or inexperience or whatever, but from an academic and professional standpoint I made a lot of laughably ill-thought through decisions. But what are you going to do? I have had many God-given opportunities... and bungled most of them. My task now is to learn to live with the life I have created.

10. When did you decide to become a lawyer?

My grandfather graduated from Harvard Law School in 1923 and opened up our family's firm (Gelinias & Ward) in Leominster around the same time. He went on to become district attorney in Worcester County. My uncle worked at Gelinias & Ward before becoming a trial court judge and later an appeals court justice in Massachusetts. My father has run Gelinias & Ward since the 1970s, and works with my brother and his wife (both lawyers), as well as my mother and sister. My father's cousin (another Harvard Law grad) also ran a law firm in Leominster. From the time I was in grade school, I worked summers learning how to do legal research and write briefs and memoranda, the ins-and-outs of land court, registry of deeds, and so forth. I just went along with it.

11. What do you think everyone should know about law school?

Harvard Law School proved a fantastic place to learn how to think critically and clearly, advocate for oneself and for others, appreciate our national political and legal heritage, and put all of the above to work in the modern world. Law school is not, however, a sinecure, and does not in and of itself lead to gainful employment in our world today. Think carefully about attending law school before you commit!

12. How did you end up at 大成 Dentons?

In 2004, I switched firms. I left CWT to take on a more senior associate role at Thacher, Proffitt and Wood (TPW). I have stayed with the same group of people ever since then. They are like family to me. But the firm itself went through several paroxysms. The 2007-2008 recession and TPW's heavy investment in subprime RMBS trades put the firm in dire straits, and it ultimately disbanded. While my then-fiancée secured a bankruptcy position at Kramer Levin, my securitization group went to Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal, which later merged with Denton, Wilde & Sapte to form SNR Denton. We then merged with Salans and two other law firms to become Dentons, and just recently merged with 大成, to become 大成 Dentons, the largest law firm in the world!

13. What are some of the best parts of your work life?

As a partner in the Capital Markets group, I enjoy having a broader ability to select which deals I take. It has allowed me to become a subject matter expert in a few areas of esoteric finance I especially enjoy.

14. Describe your most recent work day.

Behold April 9th, a typical day in the life: I start around 6:00am, tending to emails involving a deal I am doing in Cairo. Then, I quickly feed breakfast to my 3-year old daughter Livia. I shower, change, and am out the door by 8:30. I take calls on my mile walk to the PATH train, and also as I finish the Manhattan part of my on-foot commute to my office. Over the course of the morning, I handle calls and the drafting of four amendments for a financing that had come to us the night before, as well as manage work on three loan transactions, a servicing advance finance securitization, and two commercial real estate participations. I



have a partner and three associates to help me on these things.

I take a break at noon to attend the 12:15 service at St. Malachy's before having lunch, and then work straight through to about 6:30pm, attending marketing meetings with a company in Russia and a new dotcom client, while continuing work on those amendments.

At 6:30, I hop the PATH Train back to Hoboken to help my wife with bedtime routines for our two daughters, Livia and 3-month old Maeve. From the moment I step off the train until I sing the last syllable of the last stanza of "Wheels on the Bus" to Livia (her favorite bedtime song), my blackberry has been blowing up. So, I eat at my desk in my home office while I boot up the computer, then take calls and draft documents until about 2:00am. By then, it's the start of the work day in Cairo again, and I am getting a fresh round of emails on that, but I resolutely shut off my blackberry and slide under the covers. At around 3:15am, Maeve is up again for a feeding, and that's the last thing I hear until 6:45am.

Lather, rinse, repeat.

15. What part of your work life do you wish you could change?

Ha! Being a partner at a large law firm is largely great, so I'm not going to answer that one.

16. I know you have at least one daughter – who else is in the family?

My wife, Lauren, and my two daughters Maeve and Livia (smart as a whip, and whom we playfully refer to as "Mathilda the Hun" or "Annabelle Lecter"). My in-laws, Dennis and Marilyn, normally sleep over at our Hoboken home two nights a week to help with child rearing.

17. How did you meet your spouse?

Lauren started at Thacher Proffitt after I did. Previously a bankruptcy attorney, she was assigned to be my junior associate (scandal!) on a repurchase facility involving triple net lease-backed loans tied to a larger corporate merger, and needed to learn the ropes of structured finance pronto.

Our first interactions were rather rocky, as I was a grumpy managing associate at the time and she was working at breakneck speed to catch up on all that she needed to know. What was supposed to be a two week "easy" deal turned into a horrifying, three month marathon, and we spent almost all day, every day of that time working together. The final two days of the deal were all-nighters, after which I had to stay to work on a static CDO I had let languish, while she had a hiatus in her schedule. We had spent almost every minute together for a week—even eaten our meals together—and when she left I felt a void I was totally unprepared for.

So, I called her up and asked her out the next day, and we had a fun first date reviewing the firm's employment manual to make sure I wouldn't be fired for asking her out!

18. When you're not at work, how

do you spend your time?

Normally, when not working, I spend time playing with the girls, and I read, watch movies, and try new restaurants.

19. Where's the most memorable place that you've lived?

Jersey City, in our apartment building that became an island during both Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. There was nothing more fun than cooking on hot plates out in your corridor and having a potluck with neighbors you'd normally only nod to in passing. I'll never forget our consternation at seeing flood waters, in the span of a few seconds, sweep away the stacked sandbags we had spent hours filling and stacking; or the frantic yells of people trapped in the elevator while water simultaneously flooded the shaft from below and poured down from above (my wife and several neighbors pried open the doors using kitchen knives); or how Lauren, then-infant Livia, and I slept with go-bags packed, because there was a reported gas leak in the building and the threat of evacuation was literally in the air (the water had already submerged our car in the underground parking garage, so I wasn't sure how we were actually going to make our way anywhere).

Jersey City is a great place to live, and those memories just make our time there all the more memorable.

20. If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you choose?

Washington, D.C.

20 Questions with *Lani (Sipe) Curtis '98*

1. Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Del Mar, California. A lovely beach community north of San Diego where I live now.

2. Why did you choose Dartmouth?

My 17-year-old self chose it because it looked and felt like everything “college” should be. It was so different from where I had grown up. I loved the history and the importance of the place. Now I realize that there are hundreds of more valid reasons to chose Dartmouth, but that’s the truth of my decision making process at the time. It was my first choice and I was thrilled to get in!

3. Where/with whom did you live freshman year?

I lived in Mid-Mass.

4. Where/with whom were you most likely to be found during your years in Hanover? Doing what?

The Decibelles! That was my most significant activity outside of academics, and created lasting friendships that I treasure to this day. I recommend everyone join an acapella group.

5. What made you decide on Art History as a major?

Art History allows you to study so many other areas of interest as they relate to a particular work of art at a specific place and point in time. It’s not just the art itself you consider, it’s the sociological, psychological, historical, political and economic backdrop in which the art was created that makes it interesting. I loved the practice of unraveling all that one individual work of art could represent. Art History as a discipline is a great

example of what’s great about a Liberal Arts education.

6. Do you feel like your major has shaped any particular part of your career or other pursuits?

It reaffirmed and exemplified the idea that learning is a joy, not always just a practical pursuit.

7. Who were some of your strongest influences or mentors at Dartmouth?

My Art History professors! The bulk of my coursework was very intimate, seminar style learning environments. I was able to really get to know my professors and engage in the material with them.

8. Do you still sing?

Only when I’m with those girls at a wedding or other Decibelle reunion. Or from the pews at church.

9. Tell us a little about your first job after Dartmouth.

Technically, my first job was at JP Morgan after participating in the corporate recruiting process from Dartmouth. It was an interesting time in markets; Russia defaulted on its debt as we sat in our analyst training program. At the time it was a big deal. Given market volatility since then... not as much. But I was only there a couple months (so it doesn’t really make it on the resume) before moving over to Goldman Sachs for an opportunity in their Special Investments division. It was a unique opportunity that I had been referred to and I grabbed it. Goldman afforded me a really interesting and exciting pre-kid career. After two years with them in New

York, I was tasked with establishing the Special Investments group in London. Then able to transfer back to the San Francisco offices when my husband and I got engaged and his job pulled us there.

10. Anything you wish you had done differently.... Or anything that went differently than planned in those early years?

Coming out of college, I don’t think I had any understanding for how many interesting job and career choices there are. I knew I needed to support myself so I went with an option that allowed me to do that. I can’t say I did a lot of soul searching at that time to discover my passion.

11. You mentioned that you left Goldman Sachs to focus on your family for a few years. Was that a difficult decision? What are some of the pros and cons to the choice?

I loved my time at Goldman, but had always worried about how I could continue that once we started having kids. My husband was in consulting and traveled Monday through Friday. We knew something had to give. I actually went back after my maternity leave with my first son, but soon realized we just couldn’t sustain it. It felt like the clear choice at the time. I’m always up for a new challenge, and change is exciting. Right after transitioning out of Goldman, I got my real estate license and built a business with Hill & Co. in San Francisco. It allowed me to stay local and have more flexibility in my schedule. It was a great job for a mom who likes to work

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Class of 1998 Survey for the of Summer 2015

Thanks for participating in this survey, guys! We are seeking your feedback so that your class officers and executive committee can continue to serve the class to the best of their abilities. Is there change you'd like to see? Let us know! And thanks very much for taking a few minutes out of your very busy lives to give us this feedback!

All the best,

— Your Class of 1998 Officers

CONNECTION

*** 1. On a scale of 1-5, how connected do you feel to the class of 1998 where 1 is "not at all connected" and 5 is "very connected"?**

1 2 3 4 5

*** 2. On a scale of 1-5, how connected do you feel to Dartmouth where 1 is "not at all connected" and 5 is "very connected"?**

1 2 3 4 5

MINI-REUNIONS

*** 3. If you have been to a mini-reunion at any time since graduation, did it make you feel more connected to the class or college? (Please select all that apply.)**

- Yes, more connected to the class
 Yes, more connected to the College
 No, I didn't feel any more connected to the class
 No, I didn't feel any more connected to the College
 I haven't been to a mini-reunion

*** 4. Which factors would help convince you to attend a mini-reunion in the future? (Please select all that apply.)**

- Cost: I'll only attend if it's free
 Location: I'll only attend if it's held within 30 minutes of my house or work
 Time: I'm most likely to attend if it's held on a weeknight

- Time: I'm most likely to attend if it's held on a weekend morning
 Time: I'm most likely to attend if it's held on a weekend afternoon
 Time: I'm most likely to attend if it's held on a weekend night
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it's a cocktail-type event
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it's a dinner event
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it's a family-friendly event
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it's a philanthropic event
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it's an event in a park or outdoors
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it coincides with a broader Dartmouth event, like Pres. Hanlon visiting my city
 Type: I'm most likely to attend if it's a mini-reunion thrown by multiple classes
 Other (please specify) _____

*** 5. Would you be interested in attending a mini-reunion event celebrating our 40th birthdays in the coming year?**

- Yes, that sounds like it could be fun
 No, I wouldn't be into that
 Yes, let's have events in multiple locations
 Yes, let's do one event in one location that people travel for
 Yes, let's do it at Moosilauke in summer 2016
 Yes, let's do it in Vegas or something
 Yes, and here's what I think would be fun:

98TH DAY OF THE YEAR EVENT

This year was the second year that we invited you to participate a 98th Day of the Year event, held on April 11, 2015. The idea was for members of our class to take part in a philanthropic activity of their choosing, in honor of the class. If classmates were able to get together for the event, all the better. But the main idea was just for everyone to get out and do something, anything, to benefit their communities.

This included all kinds of different activities, such as volunteering with specific organizations, doing something private like spring cleaning and then making donations to Good Will or the local library, or running in races that benefited specific philanthropies.

The questions below seek additional information from the class about the 98th Day event and how it can be improved.

* 6. Were you aware that our class held a 98th Day of the Year event in both 2014 and 2015?

Yes No

If yes, how did you find out about the 98th Day event?

* 7. Did you participate in the 98th Day of the Year event in either 2014 or 2015?

Yes No

If yes, did you send us information about and/or a photo of yourself? Would you, if not?

* 8. If you did not participate in the 98th Day of the Year event yet, would you plan to in 2016?

- Yes
 No
 Maybe
 I did participate and will again
 I did participate but won't again

* 9. What changes could be made to the event to help encourage your participation? (Please select all that apply.)

- I like the idea of doing something philanthropic in honor of the class, but not on one particular day
 Give me earlier warning that it's coming up
 I want more reminders prior to the event
 Do it on a Saturday
 Do it on a Sunday
 It would help if there were more ways to participate that were already planned for me, and I'd just sign up and attend

- It would help if you'd provide more ideas about how to participate--I wanted to but wasn't sure what to do
 You guys did everything fine, I just need to make it happen on my end
 Nothing is likely to increase the chance I'll participate

If yes, how did you find out about the 98th Day event?

CLASS PROJECT

This year, we sponsored a class project giving money to benefit the SEAD (Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth) Program, which empowers promising high school students from under-resourced backgrounds to thrive in high school and college and provides Dartmouth students transformative opportunities for service and leadership.

* 10. Were you aware that we had a class project with SEAD this year?

Yes No

Either way, how do you feel about our having participated in this particular class project?

* 11. Do you like the idea of the class continuing to support SEAD as our class project next year?

Yes No

* 12. Do you like the idea of the class doing a new class project that supports experiential learning by current students, at Dartmouth?

- Yes, in addition to the project with SEAD
 Yes, instead of the project with SEAD
 No, stick with SEAD only
 No, I don't think we should do a class project at all
 No, I'd like to see us support this instead:
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* 13. Would you be willing to pay \$5 or \$10 more in dues to support the class project or multiple class projects? (Our current dues rate is \$30.)

Yes No

Any other thoughts on that?

*** 14. Does our class project make you feel more connected to our class and/or the college?**

Yes No

Please feel free to comment further about the class project.

DUES

*** 15. Did you pay dues for 2014-2015?**

Yes No I'm not sure

*** 16. If you did not pay dues in 2014-2015, why not? (Please select all that apply.)**

- 5th year reunion
- I did pay, so this question doesn't apply to me.
- I still don't know if I paid, actually.
- I didn't pay because I couldn't remember if I already had or not.
- I didn't pay because it probably just got lost in my pile of stuff to do, but I meant to
- I need more reminders to pay
- I was annoyed by too many reminders to pay
- I don't know what the dues pay for
- I don't believe in supporting the class of 1998 financially
- I can't afford the \$30 dues
- I'd rather spend \$30 on something else
- Other (please specify)

*** 17. Which of the following would encourage you to pay dues in 2015-2016?**

- Make it easier to check if I've already paid
- Send me more reminders by email
- Send me more reminders by snail mail
- Send me fewer reminders
- Send me emails with links to the website for easy payment
- Lower the dues rate
- Explain more clearly what the dues are for
- Other (please specify)

PARTICIPATION

*** 18. Would you be interested in becoming a member of the executive committee, now or in the next three years? (In terms of time commitment, the executive committee holds three annual one-hour calls and participates in some limited email conversations.)**

Yes No

If you would, please provide your name and email address:

*** 19. Would you be interested in helping to plan a mini-reunion in your area anytime in the next three years? (This can be a commitment of as little as 5 hours of planning and attendance time.)**

Yes No

If you would, please provide your name and email address:

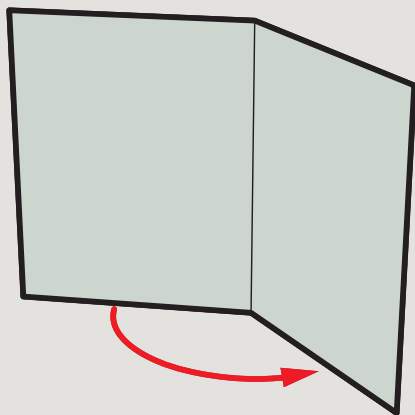
*** 20. Would you be interested in being a Class Agent and helping fundraise for the Dartmouth College Fund?**

Yes No

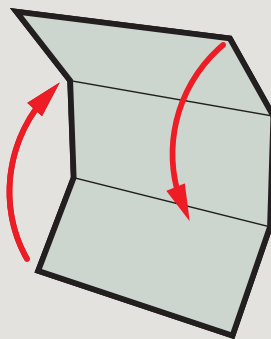
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RE: '98 Survey

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and also be available. I also enjoyed the entrepreneurial aspects of real estate after spending many years in a corporate environment.

12. Tell us a little about being a stay-at-home parent for those three years.

After our second son was born, my husband was offered an impossible-to-refuse job opportunity in my hometown of Del Mar. As much as we loved city-living, we decided to make the move out of SF. Pregnant with our third son, we also decided we would have me stay home with the boys for a little while as we got established there and transitioned into a family of 5. My husband bet I wouldn't make it more than 6 months. I made it three years! I had three boys under 5 and I am so thankful for the time I got to spend with them in those early years. As every mom can attest, many days felt absolutely torturous at the time! But looking back, the age is so fleeting and I love that I was able to spend the quality time that I did with them in that season. Now that all my boys are in school, I'm nostalgic for the time I had them with me all day, even though I didn't always appreciate it in the moment. I'm also thankful for the amount of time and thought I was able to put into our family foundation, and the friendships I was able to cultivate with other moms in the same season of motherhood. There is a camaraderie between moms of babies and toddlers that is so unique and precious. It's a real opportunity to connect with other women in a powerful way.

13. How did you make the transition from full-time parenting to working with Horizon Prep Christian School?

After our youngest started preschool, I got the itch to get back to work. It was a unique opportunity in that I wasn't in a rush or under financial pressure, so I got to really spend time exploring what kind of career would be satisfying, and still allow me to be as "hands-on" with my kids and family as I had gotten accustomed to and enjoyed. I explored

everything from Interior Design to Counseling to getting back into Finance. A friend of mine was working as the Assistant Principal at Horizon Prep and mentioned the Development Director job was open. I knew nothing about what the job was, but she was convinced I'd love the school and my finance background would be a benefit.

14. Describe your most recent work day.

Where to begin?!? Basically, I spend my days asking people to give me money. I am responsible for all the fundraising the school does. We are a newer school, about halfway through a very ambitious building project to complete our physical campus. I work with our school families and other community supporters to solicit donations that allow us to keep building and growing. Horizon Prep is a dynamic, exciting, passionate place and we are building new buildings and facilities just as fast as we raise the funds to complete them. It's satisfying to see the campus grow in such a tangible way! I'm passionate about generosity. As a Christ-centered Classical school, we tend to attract a lot of amazing Christian families that are also passionate about generosity. It is such a joy to see families give out of abundance, give sacrificially, give as a statement of their faith, and rally around the growth and development of our school.

15. What are some of the things that make you love your job the most?

In addition to the content of the job I just described, the structure of it is incredible as a mom. I am able to work three days a week, I get the month of July off, and I am afforded flexibility whenever I need it. I'm still the primary caregiver at home, so if someone is sick or has a performance at school, I can switch my hours and days around to be the mom I want my kids to have. My job entails working with other parents and educators, so who I am as a mom is valuable to the job I do, not something I have to separate from my work life. I love the authenticity of that.

16. How did you meet your spouse?

We met at a Young Life church camp in Junior High. I was 11 and he was 13.

We stayed in touch after that and our lives continued to cross in crazy ways. For example, his parents moved to Hanover, New Hampshire (from Northern California) two weeks before I started my freshman year at Dartmouth. His dad was the Senior Pastor at Valley Bible Church until his retirement just this past year. So I was in contact with Joe and his family throughout college even though he wasn't at Dartmouth. After college, he joined the Peace Corps while I was at Goldman and another wild confluence of events brought us back in touch with one another. We got engaged shortly after that.

17. How old are your three boys now and what are their names?

Cole is 9, James is 7 and Rees is 5.

18. When you're not at work, how do you spend your time?

At the beach, with our extended family, planning our next family travel adventure and/or figuring out when we can next get ourselves to the family cabin in Montana.

19. Where's the most memorable place that you've lived?

I got to live abroad twice as a part of my time at Dartmouth (LSA in Barcelona, Off term internship at the Peggy Guggenheim in Venice) both of those were amazing. I love that Dartmouth has such an international perspective. It instilled in me the travel bug.

20. If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you choose?

Tavarua, Fiji. It is heaven.



Class Updates

Mini-Reunion Notes

with Katey Ritrovato Dadakis

After our winter mini-reunions were planned around President Hanlon's visits to various cities, our spring/summer minis are focused on getting families out to enjoy some sunshine, tasty treats, and friendship! We had two family-friendly gatherings on opposite sides of the country this spring - one in Los Angeles and one in Boston - and look for more this summer including the Bay Area and the greater New York area.

On the first Sunday morning in May, a group of '98s met up at Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills. The park had been newly renovated proved to be the perfect setting for the kids to run around and play, with occasional bagel and fruit pit stop, while the moms and dads got to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather and some coffee. **Kate (Knaus) Galston** and her husband Jay Galston brought their boys, Charlie and Ben. **Katie (Malone) Weiss** was there with her son Sam, while her husband Nick Weiss stayed home to tend to their sleeping daughter Phoebe. I brought my girls, Maia and Ainsley, as well as their beloved dolls. **Lara Hoffman** also joined us with her husband Nishad Chande '97 and son Remi.

Lara played a huge part in the planning of our event. Lara is working as an attorney at the Federal Public Defender's Office in LA. Lara wrote that she is excited to attend the first ever Camp Dartmouth with her family this summer, where "**Stacey Sheriff** and **Kristin Dwyer**, are all getting together with our kids in

Maine for a mini-reunion in July right before Camp Dartmouth." Who else is going to be there? [Camp Dartmouth, Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2, 2015, <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/events/CampDartmouth2015>]

On the last Saturday morning in May, another group of '98s met up at Robbins Farm Park (also known as Skyline Park for its view of the Boston skyline) in Arlington, MA to enjoy lemonade and munchkins. **Christian Atwood** flew solo with his three boys (Griffin, Sawyer and Dashell) because his wife **Susan O'Bell** was at work. **Rachel Drew** brought son Aaron while her husband **Jon Drew** stayed home with a sick daughter, Leah. **Terry Bradshaw** came with his little guy Ryan and **Tracy Van Dorpe** brought sons John and Henry.

What I love about these family friendly mini-reunions is not only seeing all of our littles playing together, but also hearing how we're all experiencing similar joys and struggles navigating this busy world. I'm sure many out there would find at least one other '98 with similar life/career/family/health situations, and being able to reconnect through these minis and share experiences is invaluable.

If you are interested in helping to host a mini-reunion, please let us know! You can email Katey at kateyritro@gmail.com.

Green Gossip

with Gabi Sarhos & Kate Gold

More and more '98s continue to join the '98 Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/Dartmouth1998>) and we would like to thank those of you who have joined since the fall: **Marlin Twitty, Edward Chu, Brook Detterman, Jennifer Burdman, Assim Ghaffar, Erika Johnson, Rena Chicklas, Etoile Pinder, Janelle Garrett, Keisha Sellers, Brian Cina, Anthony Hatch, Demetrius Brunson, Jason Bunyan, Michael G. Ross, Matthew Penn Rothe, Jennifer Tetler, Maria Stutsman y Marquez,**

Lilei Huang, Dominic Lanza, Bill Scott, Aaron Grotas, Jackie Rose Leopold, Daniel Goren, Matt Carter, Jun Shen, and **Catherine Baumann**. Thanks, too, to **Robert Mullins** for reaching out to update his email address and to say that he enjoyed the March issue of the newsletter.

Edward Kim recently joined the '98 Facebook page, and took a moment to write in. "It's been since never that I provided an update to the newsletter.. so here goes. I currently reside in Portland, Oregon where I work as a neurologist and residency program director at Oregon Health & Science University. On November 8, 2014, I married my wife, Amanda Kim. She is a pediatrician who also works at OHSU where she specializes in neonatal intensive care. While she is absolutely amazing, she is a grad of Wake Forest rather than Dartmouth. There was a strong contingent of Dartmouth representation at our wedding." See the photo spread on page xx of the wedding contingent which included many "non-Dartmouth grads who are pretty cool too."

Our class webmaster, **Jasson Walker**, recently took a spin on the *Steve Harvey Show* as handsome, Ivy-League bachelor number three. He explains: "I was one of three bachelors that was brought on the show for a date with one of three women. They reached out to a friend of mine named Paul Brunson (who is a pretty famous matchmaker) who in turn, reached out to me. Then I had to go through an interview process, which wasn't too bad." Of the actual time on the show: "It was a lot of fun! I really enjoyed the experience. And for the record, my date (Jessica) and I did not make a love connection..." If you haven't seen it, check out the link here: <http://steveharveytv.com/nyc-ladies>

The kids lucked out with a parent-free visit with the grandparents while **Kathryn (Balink) Fernandez** and her husband Ron suffered through a grown-up vacation in Iceland this April. [editors

note: I'm not jealous. Okay, Fine. I am.] To make it all more bearable, she kept warm in an awfully familiar green fleece jacket and sent us the pictures. What a brave smile!

Amy Feldmann wrote in to share: "I got married on April 25 at Opolo Vineyards in Paso Robles, CA to Jerome Hauser, a Princeton grad I met in Tahoe two years ago. My closest Dartmouth friends traveled from near and far (San Francisco to London) to share in the celebrations with us. We had a blast! It was so wonderful to share the day with friends I made 20 years ago and with whom I still have such special friendships." In attendance were: **Diana Bullen Presciutti, Beth Haas Laschinger, Meghan Pound, Kate Kenney, Hae-Seon Song, Meg Blakey Lyons, Mona Gupta,** and **Marisa Howe**. "Jerome and I are living in Sunnyvale and I am taking a new job as an attending pediatrician at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose."

In response to the feature on classmates working for social justice, **Phuoc Le** wrote in about his own work, which includes co-founding HEAL Initiative (<http://healinitiative.org>), which helps pair healthcare workers with communities in need both in rural America and abroad and also the Global Health Boot Camp (<http://globalhealthbootcamp.org>). A hospitalist and assistant professor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Phuoc participated in medical relief efforts in Liberia during the recent Ebola outbreaks, in Haiti for the post-earthquake cholera epidemic, and in Lesotho for drug-resistant tuberculosis, just to name a few.

98th Day of Service

with Kate Gold

This is our second year featuring a 98th Day of Service, encouraging classmates to participate in some kind of service in their own communities. We're slowly

gathering steam, though some folks chose to wait for the College's new Alumni Day of Service May 2nd. To those folks: thanks for representing the '98s among the greater horde!

Here's a sampling of folks who wrote in to let us know what they chose to do on our 98th Day, and some even sent photos you can see in the next pages.

Nora Behrens attended the annual planning meeting for Family TIES of NV, a nonprofit supporting families of people with disabilities.

Austyn Borjigin, Christy Utter, and **Jesse Fourt** and their families cleaned up trash around a campground in the Uinta Mountains of Utah.

Lani Curtis and her whole family headed down to Rosarita, Mexico to serve breakfast to folks there that don't normally get a hot breakfast. She followed up to let us know that they'd been able to serve about 100 children that day.

Jo Golub and **Brad Jefferson** volunteered at the Alameda County Food Bank.

Andrea (Stern) Himoff writes: "In our family we like to use birthdays as an excuse to think of others in need and stage service and philanthropy projects. My daughter, Isabel (6), and I have birthdays quite close together, so this year we celebrated with a joint party, during which we hosted a donation drive for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah program. We raised about \$500 in donations for the organization. It was a fun way to help out the community and to teach our kids about the importance of service."

Janet Johnson helped with the installation of the community garden at Seminole Nation Pumvhakv (Our way of learning) Language Immersion school in Seminole, OK.

Anat Levtoy participated in a walk for sexual assault awareness.

Unai Montes-Irueste volunteered in a community garden as part of an effort to bring attention to fresh, healthy, affordable, nutritional food deserts in the greater L.A. area.

Anne Renna planted rose bushes at a community memorial garden known as Amanda's Garden.

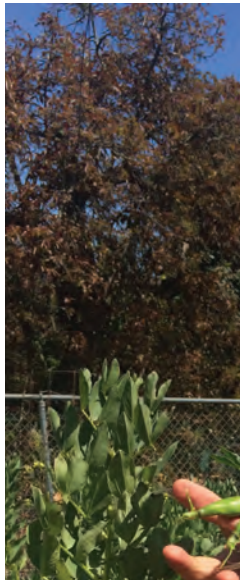
Kelly Wardell Rierson sorted through and donated toys to a children's shelter.

Gabi Sarhos donated books to her public library.

Jun Shen volunteered as a poster judge at the New England Science Symposium.

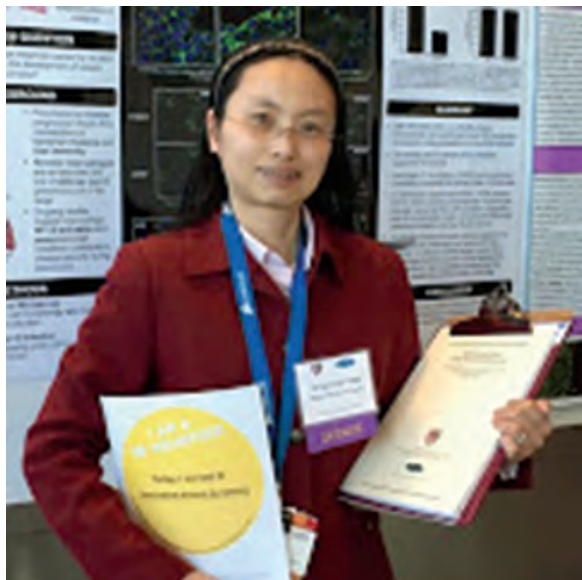
Abby Smith cooked and delivered a meal to a family in need.

Maria Stutsman y Marquez joined in the 3rd Annual Millions to March Against Child Abuse, which took place on April 11th in New Mexico. She writes: "It was sad and shocking to hear the horrific stories about children and babies within our community who we've lost due to abuse and neglect. We were standing and marching to raise awareness within our community."



TOP ROW | California Mini-Reunion organized by Katey Ritrovato Dadakis || Kathryn Balink Fernandez in Iceland || 98th Day of Service volunteers Brad Jefferson and Jo Golub || **CENTER ROW** | Edward Kim '98 wedding party || Unai Montes Irueste volunteers on the 98th Day of the Service || Maria Stutsman y Marquez participated in the Millions to March Against Child Abuse || Andrea (Stern) Himoff and daughter Isabel volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters || **BOTTOM ROW** | Great morning at Robbins Farm Park in Arlington with classmates. The munchkins were a hit! — with Jun Shen, Tracy Van Dorpe, Terence Scott Bradshaw, Christian Atwood, and Rachel Bogardus Drew || Jasson Walker (left-most) as eligible bachelor #3 on the Steve Harvey Show || Amy Feldmann wedding party || Jun Shen volunteered as a poster judge at the New England Science Symposium || **Folks, thanks for sending your photos. It makes the newsletter a lot of fun to put together and to read, too.**

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