



# SHADES OF GREEN

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Welcome to the first Class of 1985 Newsletter in too long! Whatever the excuse – Pandemic Lockdown, Zoom fatigue, Long-COVID, the Great Resignation, we’ll cop to it.

First, please Give a Rouse for Margaret Warram Marder and Lisa Sweeney Herrington who, after 25 years (amazing!!), have passed us the baton, and we are excited to accept the challenge! We hope you will find each issue as engaging and full of fun updates from classmates and Dear ol’ Dartmouth as those helmed by our talented predecessors.

We have a few changes coming, and one that you are already experiencing. With our class focus on service and the launch of a new class project to address needs exposed by the pandemic (more on that below), we decided to save the costs of producing and mailing a paper newsletter, and to embrace the digital age (ya know, this whole “internet thing” just *may* catch on after all). While the cost savings from moving to an e-newsletter are significant, it highlights the need to pay our class dues, please, as it is the dues that cover costs of everything we do for the class: the newsletter, our Class Scholarship support, and our invaluable class projects.

In this issue, we highlight a theme of service as we have been inspired by the many examples we see among our classmates. Whether you are the sports team mom or dad, a nonprofit board member, volunteer for your faith community, or mentor a recent grad through your local Dartmouth Club (or any other program!), we want to hear about it. Please email us about your service or help us recognize another classmate’s good works.

We hope you continue to enjoy the newsletter as much as we always did when Margaret and Lisa produced it. We learned quickly that it is dependent upon us all to share the stories we find compelling. Thank you for sharing your stories!

For Dear ol’ Dartmouth,  
-- Shelley Leavitt Nadel and Dan Studnicky

**One week left to donate to the Dartmouth College Fund and receive a MATCH by a classmate - June 12!**

## Class Officers – Serving You to Connect us All

THANK YOU to our retiring Class Officers, David McIlwain, Leslie Davis Dahl, Andy Ford, Pamela Ponce Johnson, Lisa Sweeney Herrington, Margaret Warram Marder, and Beth Ann Parrish (Reunion Chair). Their tireless efforts produced a wildly successful remote 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion along with countless regional mini-reunions and gatherings in Hanover during the past five years.

We are happy to introduce our Class Officers for the next five-year term. Please contact any of us to share ideas about how we may best serve you and our class.

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## An Anniversary Trifecta

Adapted from the Dartmouth College website

This year, Dartmouth celebrates three milestone anniversaries with the commemorations of Coeducation, the Native American Studies program, and the creation of the Black Alumni at Dartmouth Association (BADA).

In 1971, President Kemeny announced that the Board of Trustees had voted to invite women to apply for four-year matriculation as undergraduates with the following public statement. "The historic purpose of Dartmouth College has been to train leaders for society. It is clear that women now will be playing an increasing role of leadership in our society and that Dartmouth can, and should, contribute to their education, making it possible for them to become, as Dartmouth men have through two centuries, outstanding doctors, lawyers, business leaders, scientists, and leaders in government."



Leaders they became, throughout the United States and 'round the girdled earth. Jennifer Avellino '89, chair of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee, says the commemoration of coeducation comes at a pivotal time: "This may be the last big anniversary where we have women involved who remember that turning point in 1972."

Also this year, there will be a rededication of the Native American Studies program (now the Department of Native American and Indigenous Studies), and the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association will celebrate its 50-year anniversary. Thanks to a \$10 million gift from an anonymous donor, trailblazers who were underrepresented during much of Dartmouth's history will be honored by 10 new scholarships – each named for a member of the Dartmouth community who paved the way for others. One scholarship is named for Daniel Simon, Class of 1777, the first Native American to earn a degree from

Dartmouth. Another honors Trustee Emerita Laurel Richie '81, the first Black American to chair the Board of Trustees.

We join the College in urging all members of the Dartmouth community to reflect on these three important points in College history. Read more online here: <https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/content/coeducation-50>

## Class of '85 Class Project – Bridges to Health Professions Fund

At a time when so much attention has been focused on public health and all its ramifications, the Class of 1985 launched a new class project, the **Bridges to Health Professions Fund**, to expand our long-time focus on service and to complement our existing class project supporting Dartmouth Partners in Community Service.

The mission of the **Bridges to Health Professions Fund** is to increase graduate school admissions in the health professions for low-income Dartmouth students. Our vision for this effort is to increase access to healthcare professions for five students annually by underwriting the cost of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation course and the MCAT test fees, which can cost upwards of \$3,800 and are, more or less, a requirement these days. Students also must budget for interview trips and non-refundable deposits when selected and evaluating their options. For our first-year (2021-2022) cohort, we will provide \$2,000 to each selected student for a total of \$10,000 in offset costs.

Supporting these students, who are devoting their passion to the pursuit of helping others by through careers in the health professions, is the College's **Health Professions Program (HPP)** staff: Alicia Kehn, Sarah Berger, and Rae Stokes, under the faculty direction of Dartmouth's Theodore Geisel medical school professor Michael Zegans. Give a Rouse for our very own Linda Blockus, Veronica Jenkins, and Pamela Ponce Johnson for spearheading this new class project!

Working through both formal and informal networks, including the College's **First-Year Student Enrichment Program**, as well as undergraduate and graduate school faculty and staff, the Healthcare Professions Program identifies students who may qualify for financial assistance. A special emphasis is placed on first-generation college students and students from historically-excluded groups, and all students are certified for financial need through the Office of Financial Aid.

We will be following the selection of students and sharing news of them and their exciting plans and progress with you in future editions of the newsletter. And, we hope to expand this project by offering additional support with travel expenses to grad/med school interviews, housing seniors during grad/med school interviews, mentoring newly-minted health professionals, and underwriting funding for summer research projects. Look for an upcoming webinar/info session with Class of 1985 alumni panelists and undergraduates.

If anyone is interested in learning more or, even better, visiting with any of our **Class of 1985 Bridges to Health Professions** scholarship recipients in Hanover or your hometown, please email us and we will be happy to connect you!

## Nancy Vogele – Committed to Service

By Shelley Leavitt Nadel

Recently, I had the phenomenal pleasure of reconnecting with our classmate and my sorority sister, Nancy Vogele '85, as she settles into her new role as Chaplain and Director of the William Jewett Tucker Center for Spiritual and Ethical Life at Dartmouth. Here are some highlights from our Zoom chat where we explored how acts of service have defined her professional and personal journey:

### **Tell me about your professional journey after we graduated.**

Nancy came to Hanover from Chicago. As a student, Nancy was an active volunteer, including serving as the Philanthropy Chair for Alpha Chi Omega (go AXO!!) and tutoring prisoners in Woodstock. We shared some hilarious stories about our experiences “in prison.” 😊 So, her first job after graduation, Volunteer Coordinator for the Tucker Foundation, was a natural first foray into the professional world.

Nancy majored in Government and French and had envisioned a career in the Foreign Service. To that end, she transitioned to a position as the Volunteer for Missions through the Episcopal Church and served in the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire. The people were “Mother Theresa poor,” but their religious faith is what made the strongest impression. Nancy’s interactions with government officials during her work in the DRC, where policies could change according to whatever U.S. Administration was in power, made her uncomfortable.

Thus, Nancy’s Foreign Service dream pivoted to “putting all her eggs into the Church basket,” a model for service that she knew growing up watching Reverend Jesse Jackson. She graduated from the Yale Divinity School with a Master of Divinity, was ordained as an Episcopal priest, and in 1999 received her Doctor of Ministry, Theology, from Episcopal Divinity School.

After graduating from Dartmouth, Nancy ended up making a life in the Upper Valley. Her church positions post-1985 included several stints serving as the Rector for St. Paul’s and St. Matthews’s Episcopal Churches. From 2013-2016, Nancy became the Dartmouth Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, a move outside direct church service which, given her current role at the College, now seems prescient.



### **How do you define service, professionally and personally?**

Nancy’s doctoral dissertation was “Living Mission: Qualities for Mission Engagement in the Episcopal Church,” which is a perfect description of how Nancy has devoted her personal and professional lives to serving others. Her guiding “living mission” comes from Saint Irenaeus, who said that “The glory of God is a human being fully alive.” Nancy believes that her purpose in life is to help people live their fullest life possible, and her joy comes from leading them to “be who they were created to be.”

Before Nancy accepted any of her many professional positions, she asked herself one question: “Can I be of service?” She is passionate about helping people know they are beloved. While her professional service has been largely with the Episcopal Church, her joy comes from guiding people of all faith to recognize that “the gift of creation is that we are worthy.”

Several times during our conversation, Nancy referred to the Jewish scholar Hillel, whose famous lesson - “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And being only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?” – encapsulates what motivates her active commitment to serving others.

### **What does retirement look like for you and when will that happen?**

Nancy’s current position at Dartmouth is the perfect next and possibly last step for her full-time career. She loves being able to guide students – yes, we once were that young! – and help them believe in their power to live their best lives.

Another Hillel attribution is the “Golden Rule:” Love thy neighbor as thyself. Nancy said that a possible “trap” of leading a life of service, or any life for that matter, is needing to remember that serving others begins with taking care of ourselves. She pointed out that people are depleted after two years of COVID and need reminders to prioritize their own needs. Sadly, Nancy is feeling that depletion in her own life. Her mother passed away last December, barely three weeks after starting her Chaplaincy, and when we spoke, she was trying hard to work through her grief and find time to put herself first. Nancy freely admits that having weekends off is a great perk of her new position, and she does not miss having to do a sermon every weekend.

For her “me” time, Nancy loves relaxing with her wife of four years, Lynn, hopefully running half marathons again sometime soon, and spending time in her garden. Lynn just retired from her job as a Pediatric Pulmonary Nurse Specialist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and both are planning to do some travel and possibly build a new home in the Upper Valley where they could age in place.

### **Tell me about your Marie Kondo moment and the message you learned about the power of simplifying your life.**

Nancy’s love languages are Quality Time and Acts of Service. As we were finishing the interview, she raised the positive impact “decluttering” ala Marie Kondo has had on her and Lynn. I noted that as empty nesters, my husband and I feel no urgency to clear out the extra stuff in our large house. Nancy gently pushed back with the guidance that a gift needs to keep getting used. So, while I might not be motivated to move those extra chairs from my parents who died over 10 years ago (!), there are many people in Houston (e.g., Afghani and Ukrainian refugees) who need me to give it to them right now. Nancy also pointed out that too much clutter can drain our energy, like what happens to your phone battery with too many open apps in the background. Getting rid of stuff releases that energy.

As we wrapped up our amazing conversation, Nancy and I agreed on the importance of being alert to blessings around you and to giving blessings to others. We never know the gift we are going to give someone, but we must have faith that what we are doing matters. Catching up with Nancy and hearing about her life of service definitely blessed my life. Mazel tov to Nancy in her new role. Dartmouth is fortunate to have her back.

## **Annette Hatch-Clein – A Global Service Journey that Led Back Home**

By Annette Hatch-Clein



Driving from northern Maine up to the front of Fayerweather with our yellow VW bug weighted down with banana boxes, my mother (Ada) and father (Urban) and I were tired. Still in disbelief that I was actually here at Dartmouth College, I was in a hurry to untie the embarrassing boxes from the roof. I was here in order to eventually go to veterinary school. (I had been told in high school that I had to first attend a highly competitive undergraduate college.) My goal was to love and fix animals.

My parents were there for the journey as always, doing their best to help me stretch and dare. Ada, Urban and many relatives had been my role models for serving. A veteran of D-Day and Omaha Beach,

my father believed that the best therapy for all ailments was a very slow boat ride around Donnell's Pond or exploring back roads, like beaten up fire tower roads. He was also known to drop everything to go fix Patti's washing machine or about any friend's machine (except his own well-loved but rusting VW bugs in our backyard). The unspoken rules were no boasting, no outdoing others, no snubbing and using your common sense. He loved to puff on his pipe and watch the "government" putting in culverts to prevent flooding on rural roads: "Yup, won't be long. They'll be back to fix that one."

Ada was and still is the honorary nurse for "half of the island of Mount Desert," in my opinion. Her phone doesn't stop, with cousins, her seven kids, church members and many friends calling with updates and needs of others. The other day, at 92 years of age, she was building a wood fire and getting plumbing unfrozen for a dear friend who lived alone. She told me: "Dad taught me how to light a fire so the family would stay warm while he was away logging." To me, it meant that if you were lucky enough to have your health, your brains, the support of family or friends, and the capacity to love, then your duty is to use it.

Instead of "pre-vet," I ended up studying environmental studies and biology, traveling to Kenya in 1981 with the hope of later working in wildlife management. That program just expanded the world for me. (By the way, thanks to the many who aided my efforts along the way to graduate, laugh, dance and scoop alcohol-laden ice cream from party punches!) Next was interning in DC for Audubon Society, looking at the growth of the human population and impact on wildlife, exploring politics which made me want to travel and work "hands on."

In 1988, Lee (Clein '85) and I joined the Peace Corps and were assigned to Baboua in the Central African Republic (CAR), after two months of French training in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo). I was there to assist people in sustainable fish farming, for improving availability of protein for meals and for sale at the local market. Lee worked with schools and individuals to harvest honey and wax to sell from "farmed" or raised bees. He helped students learn about biology and bee management, while befriending dedicated teachers who worked hard despite limited pay.

CAR is unique in part because it is landlocked. The soil has no iodine which often leads to thyroid disease and children with developmental delays, only complicating its ability to improve its living standards. The government then, and likely now, showed no effort to correct this by providing a solution of two cans of sardines/year to its citizens nor was this solution available locally. Many there survived by raising a limited number of farmed crops and harvesting local fruits and forest wood, for consuming and selling at the market. Others were herding cattle or working as professionals. It is (or was then) beautiful, with forest elephants in the more humid south and the central and western areas more sparsely forested and dry. In our village, there was more emphasis on individualism than cooperation amongst some people, so projects were harder to complete.

It wasn't long when I realized that our projects weren't their priority. Frustrated, I remembered the Peace Corps goal was then anyways to "help even one person." Secretly, I asked myself why would I work and dedicate over two years of my life to help one person?

I didn't know it then but realize now that that one person was Pauline. Pauline had several children and no husband. Because her children were born out-of-wedlock (no local birth control options available at all, let alone more permanent affordable options) she had been fired by missionaries despite being good at teaching French and other topics. Intelligent, beautiful, and humorous, she would have been a successful professional in other settings but not at trying to farm with limited resources. On top of this, I am sure she was anemic and likely suffered from other health issues. I helped Pauline, but really, she helped me. She was my friend when others felt a bit distant and was a kind soul who didn't judge. We laughed a lot, and she shared her children's lives and her extended family with us. While she

appreciated a donation of eggs or extra vegetables from our garden, she asked for nothing except for help building a fishpond so she could feed her family. After all, that was the reason I was there. I still miss her.

The experience was heartbreaking in many ways, like when I heard the wailing of a young mother from the loss of her two-year-old from pneumonia, a disease that is often prevented here in the US with immunizations or treated more quickly with antibiotics. Our village gathered and released high pitched cries with energy enough to sweep the mother and the entire family up and carry them, heal them, if only for a moment. I felt helpless. Then, it was difficult to see how people might chase off or throw things at hungry dogs or cats, unaccustomed to feeding them. Or unable. Often children were hushed, brushed aside, and told to hide their tears. (However, others like our neighbors' children were held warmly, educated, and encouraged.) At times, the physically disabled children were disowned or ignored. Luckily, some of the Catholic nuns from Italy, a spirited and hard-working group, provided limited housing, schooling and items like crutches in our town.

After Peace Corps and grad school, Lee and I ended up in Maine despite my plan to never live here again. Being a sixth generation Mainer, I should have known better. Still here, I am in my 28th year of being a Family Nurse Practitioner and Lee works as an educator. I realized that I could help people here who were in need, regardless of their backgrounds. It is a tough job, being a primary care provider, but the relationships enrich me, and I believe the work makes a difference. People trust their family's health to me, rely on me to solve both easy and difficult problems, and need me to connect them to the medical, nursing, and community resources. Entering a room, I will greet someone and within two minutes, we might be talking about their grandson's baseball game or serious infections or substance abuse or anything they are facing.

I knew I was back home one day about 1995. A dairy farmer, who had reported chest pain with heavy exertion, ended up leaving our office against my advice to milk his neighbor's cows. I still can see his denim jacket, creased khaki pants and strong but arthritic hands stood out to me. He had promised his neighbors that he would care for the animals (their livelihood) when they were away. Anyone else I would have asked to sign AMA papers, but I knew his honor, his promise, was more meaningful than that piece of paper. He said: "I will be back tomorrow." And thankfully, he came back.

Shortly after, a patient named Mary passed away from lung cancer and taught me that dying could be beautiful. Jennifer taught me that whenever I start to



be judgmental, I will be humbled and face a similar situation in a couple years. And there is always Tori, slightly older than me and a grandmother. She has successfully, though not always gracefully, raised two grandchildren on her own after her own daughter was unable to. I take care of them all, several generations. When I think I cannot persevere anymore, I remember that Tori still carries on so I will, too.

It is funny how the love of animals and support of my family, led me to Dartmouth, Kenya, CAR, my husband, some of my best friends ever, health care and eventually back to Maine. Now instead of 3-hour surgeries on dogs, I volunteer 3 hours a week for the Humane Society, cleaning cat kennels and socializing cats and kittens. It is a great get away.

**Please give to the [Dartmouth College Fund](#) by June 12 and your gift will be matched by an anonymous classmate.**

## Sue Finegan, Trustee – Serving the College She Loves and Much More

By Shelley Leavitt Nadel

After Dartmouth President Philip J. Hanlon '77 announced he will retire next year, the Board of Trustees set up a Presidential Search Committee. Imagine our delight when we saw our fellow '85 Sue Finegan on the Committee! It's exciting to have someone with Sue's extensive background and credentials representing us for such an important process. I caught up with Sue after a presentation to the Class Executive Committee and got the inside scoop on her journey from graduation to such a prominent role serving our alma mater. Here are some highlights of our conversation:

Sue grew up in Peabody, MA (23 miles northeast of Boston). Her parents provided a strong example of the importance of community service and giving back. Sue's father was a civil servant with the Federal government, and her mother volunteered teaching English as a Second Language. Sue was the first student in her Peabody high school to go to Dartmouth, and she feels fortunate that financial aid made that possible. Exposure to the diverse Hanover student body opened Sue's eyes to the larger world community and gave her the foundation for a career that successfully combines corporate and public works.

After graduation, Sue went to New York for work in advertising and quickly realized that a corporate career path left her unfulfilled. She tried to fill the void by volunteering for the homeless and helping a blind Ph.D student finish her dissertation, but after three years she switched to a legal career, getting her JD from Boston College. Sue clerked for two justices (Federal District and State Supreme Courts), then joined the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo, P.C. (aka Mintz) as an Associate and Partner. From 2004 – 2007, Sue stepped away to be Legal Director for The Victim Rights Law Center, a nonprofit that served sexual assault survivors. She then returned to Mintz where she became the firm's first Pro Bono Partner, a position she still holds today.

Sue has an extensive list of volunteer accomplishments, including Co-Chairing the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission. In her role at Mintz, she is in the enviable position of doing what she is passionate about full-time. Describing herself as "a nonprofit public interest lawyer stuffed into a law firm, Sue typically will oversee 10-15 litigation cases at any one moment, as part of the over 300 pro bono matters the firm handles throughout the year. Her 15-year tenure running the Mintz Pro Bono Program has created strong relationships with community advocates such as the ACLU and Lawyers for Civil Rights. Sue is grateful for the resources Mintz commits, which gives her leverage to help more people.

Sue lives in Newton, a suburb of Boston. Her husband, Mark Vasu, works in the clean energy space. Married for 30 years, Sue and Mark have two boys: Jack, Dartmouth '22, and Connor, Duke '19, who works in Boston and is seriously considering law school.

Sue's consistent service to Dartmouth and to those in need made her a natural choice for the Search Committee. For Sue, helping Dartmouth find its next President is her way of giving back to the school that launched her amazing and fulfilling career with financial and academic opportunities that seemed out of reach back in Peabody. Dartmouth reinforced the values Sue grew up with, namely that all of us have an obligation to help others, and Sue is just returning the favor. Thanks for making the 85's look awesome, Sue!



## Green Cards – Short Notes from Your '85 Friends

### Terri Sergesketter Heath & Shelley Leavitt Nadel

After living and working in Poland in the early and mid-90's as Marketing Director for Sara Lee's Personal Products Poland division, **Terri Sergesketter Heath '85** settled in the Chicago suburbs with her husband, Brice Heath, who currently works with clients in the Midwest for software company Okta. Terri and her father started their own marketing consulting firm, Sergesketter & Associates, where they do both strategic and executional marketing work primarily in B-to-B. Their three kids are Catherine (25), Alyssa (23), and Colin (20). Having graduated from Chapman



University's Dodge College of Film, Catherine is a professional videographer, photographer and graphic designer. While she is living in LA and pursuing a career in the entertainment industry, Catherine works with Terri on various marketing projects. Only one year out of NYU, Alyssa is in San Francisco working for her second software company; she was recruited away from DocuSign to join a software start-up company called Zip Intake to Procure. Their son Colin is a Sophomore at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, playing D1 Volleyball and studying business.

In 2021, Terri and **Shelley Leavitt Nadel '85** combined their talents to grow both of their businesses. Shelley is a Certified Financial

Planner™ professional with her own business in Houston, TX. In addition to financial planning and advising, she offers financial literacy education to companies for their employees. To that end, she and Terri have collaborated to create Food and Finance with Shelley, a fun and entertaining way to help improve financial literacy. Last August, Terri and Catherine flew to Houston and turned Shelley's kitchen into a film studio, where Shelley walked through delicious, easy-to-make recipes, sprinkling them with financial tips. Visit [www.foodandfinancewithshelley.com](http://www.foodandfinancewithshelley.com) where you will see not only the website that Terri and Catherine created but also a handful of videos of Shelley cooking scrumptious food, offering financial wisdom interwoven throughout the dishes. Each month they will add a new video to the website. How wonderful it is to extend the Dartmouth connection for two '85's (and offspring) to work together!



### Bradley Pagliaro

Living happily in Honolulu, Hawaii with my wife and working exclusively from home. Recently launched my new website at <http://www.ezpcrs.com>. Looking forward to growing this tech support business. For me, the future of work is EZPC Remote Solutions. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are in the area!

Join our Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/dartmouth85/>

### Beth Hobbs

I spent a wonderful homecoming weekend in Hanover with classmates and friends to celebrate Dartoberfest, the Homecoming parade, Dartmouth Night, and the legendary bonfire. The '24s and '25s circled the spectacular fire together as it crackled and warmed everyone on the Green. We tailgated with friends old and new before witnessing the Big Green beat Yale at Memorial Field in overtime! Another highlight was meeting our **1985 Endowed Class Scholar, Ignacio "Nacho" Gutierrez** and presenting him with a Dartmouth hat and scarf. We will keep in touch with Nacho throughout the year and share stories with you. Valerie Hartman and our Class Officer team have a great year planned. I hope to see you at upcoming virtual and in-person events!

### Linda Blockus

This fall will be my 34th year at the University of Missouri. As Director of the Office for Undergraduate Research, I have the privilege of working with students, faculty, and staff across the entire campus. We have a robust summer program with MU and visiting students and expect 90 students this summer. I am active in my professional association, the Council on Undergraduate Research, and look forward this summer to our first in-person meeting since COVID. My youngest daughter graduated from Oberlin (Studio Art) this spring. My elder daughter graduated from Connecticut College (Environmental Studies) four years ago and is currently living at home with me, working for a non-profit that promotes family farms and local food supplies. I am recently divorced and figuring out the next stage of my personal life, post-COVID. I continue to work on the Class Projects team and am pleased we were able to identify a great new opportunity, highlighted elsewhere in the newsletter, that fills a student need at Dartmouth and is unique to our class!

### Jennifer Gabler

Congratulations to Jennifer Gabler, the new US Squash Women's Nationals Masters (50+) champion. Competing April 3<sup>rd</sup>



at the Arlen Specter US Squash Center in Philadelphia, Jennifer saved two match balls in a thrilling five-game final against two-time World Masters champion Susan Lawrence. Exemplifying the notion that squash is a sport for life, the 110th edition of the National Singles featured 120 players competing in eleven divisions with ages ranging from 35+ to 80+. "It feels amazing to win my first national title," Gabler said. "I had no expectations, I was just coming here to play and I was happy that we had a women's draw. I've never beaten her and she's a two-time world masters champion. I went in just trying to play my best. Thanks to my friends and training partners. It was awesome being here this weekend for the Hall of Fame. I hope that we can get more women out at the next nationals." Give a Rouse for Jennifer!

### Kim Booker Schmid



I am very happy to serve as the Treasurer for the Class of '85! I took on the role for the first time in 1996 and stepped away from it in 2006 to devote more time to my three kids who were in elementary school at the time. I always thought that I might return to the role someday, and this year seemed to be the right time when my youngest child headed off to college. I live in Natick, MA with my husband, Justin, and I just celebrated my 25th year working in the Finance Department of Mass General Brigham. The more time that passes, the more I realize how special our shared Dartmouth experience is, so I look forward to connecting with my '85 classmates in the upcoming years.