A Peak Into the Past and Future

Before reading further, pause for a moment to see if you recognize this space.

Hint: It's where Dartmouth's year-long Great Issues Course, initiated by Dartmouth President John Sloan Dickey and a required academic course for all graduating seniors of the classes of 1947 through 1966, was held. It's also where the Reverand Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "Towards Freedom" speech in 1962. (Yes, you should watch this in honor of Monday's MLK holiday.)

You're correct if you guessed Dartmouth 105. The above photo shows the room at the beginning of its redesign and renovation. The original room was gently sloped with a wooden stage and fixed, theatre-style seating. The newly redesigned room 105 will be flexible, multi-use gathering space depicted in this rendering. The renovation of Dartmouth Hall, managed by Lindsay Walkinshaw, is expected to be complete this fall.

Quarantine Dining Goes Underground

Dartmouth Dining recently opened a dining venue in Sarner Underground, exclusively for students who are isolating or quarantining because of COVID-19. The students check themselves in at the door, and are served Grab & Go items by two servers from a menu that changes daily. The ~90 students served continuously from 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. are so appreciative!

Say Hello to Annette Chism

Please welcome Annette Chism, the new Director of Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) and a member of the Campus Services leadership team.

In her own words, Annette describes her past 25 years of experience in the safety profession. "I began in aviation safety where I was a team member managing aviation safety for the northern half of Alaska (for comparison to show the size of the area of responsibility, I managed aviation safety in an area that would be the size of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, and South Dakota, combined.) I then moved to the University of Alaska Fairbanks and then to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute." Given the physical location of her work in Alaska, it's not surprising that both Annette and her husband are pilots who "love the freedom of flying."

Being new to campus, some of Annette's initial goals are to tour the campus, meet key stakeholders, and visit laboratories and other critical EHS facilities. She has worked in higher education long enough to know we use a lot of acronyms, so please be patient and help her learn them as quickly as possible.

If you recognize Annette on campus, please introduce yourself. She looks forward to meeting as many members of the Campus Services team as she can.

Campus Services VP Josh Keniston and his leadership team are excited to begin phase two of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative: to analyze the information received in the data gathering phase and provide recommendations for change. Initial feedback will start to be distributed next week.