Staying Connected with Campus Services

As summer vacations wind down and everyone gears up for the new academic year, pause for a moment to reflect and recognize the terrific work being done by you and your colleagues. The work of Campus Services employees is essential, high-quality, and high-service. **Thank you for all you do, every day!**



Staff Kudos

The following note was sent from Ann Lavanway, a research support specialist who works in the Life Sciences Center (LSC), to Frank Roberts, AVP of FO&M.

"I was reminded again this week that the people in your shops and in work control are exceptionally skilled and dedicated people and LSC couldn't function without them.

Jamie Ware did a perfect job making the electrical connections for a new autoclave boiler this week and as always, Nick Thurston was quickly evaluating and making repairs to a failed constant temperature room.

I spoke with Jen [McGonis], Dani [Goad], and Chelsea [Hatch] this week in Work Control. They always know just what to do and I am always impressed by their equanimity.

Best, Ann"

> Thanks to Chris Robbins, a Dining Services employee, for sharing this adorable photo of Boone, her new English spring spaniel.

They don't get cuter than this!



Key Dates to Remember

Aug. 31 - Over 800 first-year students (and their families) will arrive en masse to move into the residence halls and enjoy a welcome dinner hosted by Dartmouth Dining at '53 Commons.

Sept. 2 - First Friday of the month! All

Campus Services employees are invited to get a \$5 meal at '53 Commons. Remember, cash isn't accepted, but payment can be made via credit card, debit card, or by putting money on your Dartmouth ID card.

Sept. 12 - Community Picnic on the Green to celebrate the first day of class. It will be all hands-on deck and a busy time on campus!

Growing Green at DDS

There's always something new going on in Dining Services. Director of Dining Jon Plodzik mentioned this innovative piece of equipment in his latest email to Dining employees.

"Check out the new computer-monitored hydroponic greenhouse near Herbivore [a dedicated vegetarian and vegan station] at '53 Commons. It was purchased through an endowment established for Dining by a very generous family who wanted everyone to explore eating vegan. The



vegetables and herbs grown in it will be used in Herbivore. How cool. In a way, Brandon [Crosby] and Sous Chef Courtney are planting the seeds for this term's harvest, much like together, we are planting the "seeds" for a great relationship with our students by making them feel welcome."

Note: hydroponics is a way to grow plants without soil.

What's Happening with DEI?

Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative is quite active these days. The DEI Council is meeting two to three times per month, and plans are underway for regular, division-wide Town Hall meetings to start in the fall. Watch for an announcement of additional activities to be rolled out soon.

Code of Conduct & Policy Training sessions are underway. These sessions are currently being provided to union and non-union service employees, with the next phase of training to be conducted online for administrative, supervisory, and managerial employees.

Four days of sessions (Aug. 25, 29, 30, 31) remain for union and non-union service employees. Please follow up with your supervisor if you have not been notified regarding which session to attend.

This training is *mandatory* for all Campus Services employees.