Do you recall 4 weeks ago in this newsletter when the holy month of Ramadan was mentioned? Well since then, Muslims here on campus and around the world have been fasting from dawn to sunset and spending additional time in prayer and reflection. The end of Ramadan is celebrated with a three-day festival called Eid al-Fitr, “the festival of breaking the fast.” According to news station Al Jazeera, “Depending on the sighting of the moon, Eid celebrations will most likely begin on April 22, depending on where you are in the world. Lunar months last between 29 and 30 days so Muslims usually have to wait until the night before Eid to verify its date.” Eid is celebrated with prayers, festivals, and visiting neighbors to share sweets. Popular greetings during Eid are “Eid Mubarak” (Blessed Eid) or “Eid sa’id” (Happy Eid). We wish all Muslims Eid sa’id.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Bree Carlson, Associate Director for EHS Compliance & Fire Safety, for receiving this year’s Lone Pine Leadership award!

The College presents this award annually to the employee who
• inspires others to improve the quantity and quality of their work;
• provides a sense of purpose… and challenges and motivates individuals to excel and succeed;
• makes staff feel valued… and achieves outstanding results in improving the morale and performance of their employees; and
• manages their teams effectively… and builds strong relationships of trust and credibility.

While nominating Bree for this award, EHS Director Annette Chism wrote, “To be a good and effective leader one must clearly communicate expectations, be a mentor, deal with stressful situations, and be empathetic, honest, and vulnerable. Daily, Bree exhibits these traits. Bree is the first person to roll up her sleeves and ask, “where do you need me?” Bree embodies the best in a leader; humility, a can-do attitude, a willingness to help others, and she cares about those around her.”

Congratulations, Bree! This recognition is well-deserved.

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A Fond Farewell
This note is from Lisa Celone, head of communications for the division and author of this newsletter. Today is my last day at Dartmouth as I’m taking a medical leave and will likely end my career on this note. Working at Dartmouth has brought much to my life—a sense of professionalism and accomplishment, financial stability, but most importantly, it’s brought incredible, life-long friendships with so many. I cherish every one of our interactions, whether they be long conversations or waves across the Green. Thank you for providing daily joy in my life. I hope to see you around. Keep waving!

A note from Julie Findley: “Lisa will be greatly missed as a friend and colleague by everyone she has met at Dartmouth. She started 30 years ago at the medical school, worked in the EVP office, and then helped start the amazing Campus Services division we are all a part of. Lisa is the definition of inclusivity; no matter who you are, where you work, who you know, Lisa makes people feel welcome and included. She always has a smile, always listens, and has been an advocate for every person in our division on every level for years. I can’t thank Lisa enough for the guidance, wisdom and support she has provided me. As said by a fellow colleague, ‘Lisa went over the top on everything she was involved in.’ She is one of a kind and her smiling face around campus will be greatly missed.”