# Campus Services Newsletter September 15, 2023



# **GORDON WRIGHT**

Thirteen Years of Community Building in Dartmouth Dining

The Dartmouth Community came together on Tuesday, September 5th, to celebrate the life of Gordon Wright. Gordon was loved by students, coworkers, and the broader Dartmouth community. Folks shared their memories of Gordon's support, encouragement, teasing, and caring, highlighting what a truly genuine and remarkable man he was.

Gordon joined DDS in 2010 as the opening supervisor for The Class of 1953 Commons dining hall. Known for his quick wit, engaging sarcastic humor and passion for all the New England sports teams, he was adored not only by his DDS family, but also by our students and especially our student-athletes.

One of his colleagues put it best when he said, "There was hardly a student Gordon hadn't talked to, almost all of whom he knew by name, along with where they were from and, in the case of our student-athletes, their team record. He made everyone smile each day. His concern for the Dartmouth community extended well beyond the walls of the building where he worked, as he helped many through his generosity. He truly enjoyed the chaos of food service that often happens first thing in the morning when students come running in for a quick meal before class or practice and could always be found out in the servery swapping stories of last night's athletic event and discussing who was playing whom next."

Katie Dowty, Head Coach of Women's Rugby wrote, "Gordon represented the best of Dartmouth -- how we care about and root for each other. He took time to know us and went out of his way to make a difference in our lives. He understood we're all on the same team and the great impact of small acts of kindness... thank you for everything, Gordon, you will be missed... Love, Dartmouth Women's Rugby"

From messages on the 53 Commons blackboard, emails sent to the Dining staff and memories shared at the celebration, it is clear Gordon will be deeply missed and his positive impact will give strength and comfort to so many, for years to come. Our sincerest condolences go out to Gordon's wife, Linda, their son, Nick, and their extended family and friends at this incredibly difficult time.



### **JOSH WYMAN AND KEVIN NOYES**

worked hard on taking the dust and grease off the lights at 53 Commons . They came out awesome!

Thank you!!! Samantha Brown



...I want to acknowledge the great work of two employees from campus facilities....

### I RECENTLY HAD MY OFFICE PAINTED BY BOBBY IGNJATOVIC AND JONATHAN BLAKE

They were so friendly, professional, and efficient. They did a great job painting my office, communicating with me, and putting everything back into place. This is the fifth college I've worked at and I've never experienced painters with their presence and efficiency before. Please accept this note as a thank you to them and to your department. I appreciate all you do.

Thanks again, Linda Cimino, Head Coach of Women's Basketball



### I WANT TO PASS ALONG A GOOD WORD FOR BRIAN SOMERS

On Thursday (8/24), the Kosher kitchen would not have opened for lunch without the assistance of Brian Somers and Tablet K (Rabbi Saffra). Brian was pulled from another job to "torch / Kasher" a considerable amount of food service pans that needed to be in service. Brian, Tablet K & Dining "individually Kashered" just under 100 pans in less than 30 minutes in time to open the kitchen for lunch.

# DINING APPRECIATES BRIAN'S WORK IN MANY WAYS, THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE SUPPORT HE PROVIDES.

Thank you, Robert Lester

# CAN YOU PLEASE PASS ALONG MY COMPLIMENTS TO THE CHEF AND TEAM IN '53 LAST NIGHT?

The steak was AMAZING and the seafood casserole was FANTASTIC—
and that is coming from me, who doesn't love seafood.

Thank you for the care you provide our students.

They are so appreciative, even though they don't always know it.:)

Eric L. Ramsey, Associate Dean for Student Life, Collis Student Center



## Thank you from the Hood Museum and Travis Audis

"I wanted to give you some feedback on Mike and his team yesterday. They were AWESOME!

They came in and were quick, thorough, and pleasant to deal with.

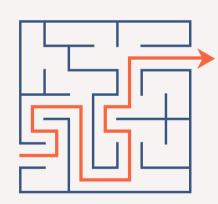
They did a great job, and I thought that should be recognized.

Thanks, Andy Turner, Head of Building Operations and Security, Hood Museum of Art"

Due to call outs and planned time off there were no regular staff members to clean the Hood Museum. I dispatched the float team in their stead. The Hood is a difficult space to cover due to the increased security measures and safety procedures that need to be followed in hopes of preventing any damage to priceless works of art or significant items from history. Due to these standards any nonregular staff must be escorted from location to location, by a Hood staff member. The email above from Andy was the feedback I received about the interaction.

THE TEAM MEMBERS ARE MIKE SLICER, STEVE PLACE,
CRYSTAL KERIN-HERRICK, BRAD FREDERICK, AND CHUCK CLIFFORD

Thank you, Travis Audis



# **Brain Teaser**

Where on campus can you find this item?



The CS Leadership Team member who worked as a bouncer in college is Josh Keniston.

There were no correct answers.
The top guesses were:

Dave Newlove
Julie Findley
Joanna Whitcomb



Scan the QR code or email your answer to Tammy E. Thorson by 4 pm, Friday, September 22.



# **Upcoming Events!**

# INAUGURATION OF SIAN LEAH BEILOCK

Sian Leah Beilock will be officially installed as Dartmouth's 19th president on September 22nd at 3 p.m. on the Green and will be livestreamed at numerous campus locations. President Beilock is the first women to be elected Dartmouth president in its 254-year history.

Community cookout at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, on the Tuck Mall (rain location: Class of 1953 Commons).

Full details can be found at the Inauguration website: https://home.dartmouth.edu/events/inauguration





# **HR Course Catalog**

The HR Learning and Development Fall 2023 Course Catalog is now available!

HR is offering workshops on a variety of topics such as communication, delegation, and building trust. To view the full course catalog and register for workshops visit:

http://dartgo.org/tanddmain

# FACULTY & STAFF FOOTBALL APPRECIATION GAME

GO BIG GREEN!



# Saturday, September 23rd

Dartmouth vs Lehigh

Annual Dartmouth Faculty & Staff Appreciation Game presented by Ledyard National Bank!

All Dartmouth Faculty & Staff will receive up to two
(2) game tickets at 50% off, complimentary access
to an exclusive pre-game tailgate in the South
Endzone, and the ability to enter a raffle for
Dartmouth memorabilia!

Tailgate Information & Game Tickets - <a href="https://bit.ly/3KWt5d8">https://bit.ly/3KWt5d8</a>

Questions- <u>athletics.sales@dartmouth.edu</u> or (603) 646-2466

# 53 Commons - First Friday Lunch

# Coming and Goings

Campus Services has been hard at work preparing for the return of students and faculty. Thank you all for your ongoing efforts which are crucial in ensuring that everyone has a safe, comfortable, and productive environment to work and study in.















