

Program Highlight: Words of Wisdom

The Words of Wisdom event was created to help offer advice and opportunities to engage with women on campus to incoming '16s. A student group fair, highlighting those student groups that work with women on campus was held prior to the dinner.

Keynote speaker Jennifer Dziura '00 writes career and life coaching advice for young women in a column called "Bullish," appearing on TheGloss.com and TheGrindstone.com. Jennifer started her first company, an internet marketing firm, during her sophomore year at Dartmouth College, where she majored in philosophy (and was, at one point, the first woman captain of the newly-reformed boxing team!) She has since founded numerous other businesses and projects, including parlaying her philosophy degree into a one-woman show entitled "What Philosophy Majors Do After College." As an educational humorist, Jennifer presents that show plus "The Punctuation Show!" and "The History of Women in 30 Minutes" and also co-hosts the Williamsburg Spelling Bee, the nation's most popular adult spelling bee, as featured in the New York Times, on NPR, and in international press from Tokyo to Sydney.

At the event Jennifer talked about the importance of taking advantage of your time at Dartmouth College to try new things as well as be considerate of social class and other less obvious social identities.

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First Year Residential Education Discussions

Residential Education and OPAL have teamed up to bring discussions of identity and inclusivity to first year floor meetings. 2012-2013 marks the first year that OPAL's work has been integrated into First Year Residential Education. A coordinated effort between past participants of Diversity Peer Leadership Program, Outreach Peer Mentors, and First Year UGAs, upperclass students teamed up to facilitate these discussions in the hopes of fostering a safer, healthier space for all students in first year communities.

Outreach Peer Mentor Training

On Sunday, Sept 16, Outreach Peer Mentors trained 29 new mentors, for a total of about 40 active mentors this term. This training also included several Peer Educators, a new opportunity that allows allies of the LGBT community a way to learn more about LGBT issues and serve as discussion facilitators across campus. Presentations at the fall training session covered issues such as good mentoring, coming out, spirituality, mental health, substance abuse, and supporting the transgender community. Outreach was pleased to partner with facilitators from OPAL, Dick's House, the Tucker Foundation, and the Sexual Assault Awareness Program.

Friendship Family Program Reception

The Friendship Family Program reception took place September 19th in Collis Commonground, marking the beginning of this year's program. This year we had 88 students and 56 families participating in the program. Students and Upper Valley families were matched and they met each other for the first time on Wednesday.

The Friendship Family Program will have one or two official events per term for the families and students to participate in. They also are and will be sharing their diverse backgrounds and cultures with each other.

Pan Asian Community Kick-Off Dinner



The Pan Asian Community kicked off the year with the annual PAC Kick-Off dinner on Friday, Sept. 14th! Undergraduates, graduate students, professors, and faculty members joined in the celebration on a perfect fall evening. The weather was perfect for delicious Stinson's BBQ at Occom Commons. After friends connected over an intimate dinner, Beatriz Cantada, the Assistant Director of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, welcomed the community with some warm greetings. The official remarks ended when members of the Dartmouth Asian Pacific American Alumni Association (DAPAAA) enthusiastically welcomed Aerial Anderson, the new Assistant Dean and Advisor to Pan Asian Students, with a beautiful bouquet and a gift. The event was hosted by the Office of Pluralism & Leadership (OPAL), the Dartmouth Asian Pacific American Alumni Association (DAPAAA), and Office of Institutional Diversity & Equity (IDE).

Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

Student Dinner with Fatoumata-Diawara

Wednesday, September 26th

6:00 pm- Cutter Shabaz

Chosen by Songlines magazine readers as Best New Artist of 2012, Mali's Fatoumata Diawara combines elements of jazz and funk with the rocking rhythms and plaintive melodies of her ancestral Wassoulou tradition. Her gorgeously melodic songs address the tough choices facing young Africans, especially women. Toumani Diabaté and Herbie Hancock are just a few of the major players who have fallen for her dusky, yearning vocals and spare, hypnotic arrangements.



Students from the Women of Color Collective and the AAAS program will be having dinner with Fatoumata and discussing social change through performance

Sponsored by the Center for Women and Gender, the Women of Color Collective, and the AAAS program.

E. E. Just Symposium 2012

Celebrating E. E. Just's Spirit of Scientific Courage

Thursday - Saturday, September 27 - 29, 2012

The E. E. Just Symposium at Dartmouth College celebrates the spirit of scientific courage and interdisciplinary research, epitomized by E. E. Just's scientific contributions. Ernest Everett Just was the pioneering African American scientist who graduated from Dartmouth College in 1907. The E. E. Just Symposium is a three-day workshop that brings together a group of world-renowned scientists, technologists, Dartmouth students and Alumni to engage in discussions and collaboration on topics at the frontiers of interdisciplinary scientific topics.

Pan Asian Wellness Initiative, PAWI

Students Shiyuan Liu '14 and Michelle Shu '14 are starting a new PAC organization called the Pan Asian Wellness Initiative, PAWI. The purpose of PAWI is to encourage discussion about mental health issues that pertain specifically to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. We believe the AAPI population has unique pressures to deal with that do not often get talked about in general-interest mental health groups. PAWI hopes to lessen the stigma surrounding these issues and spread information about available counseling services and mental health resources.

There will be a general information meeting at 4pm on Tuesday Sept 25th in Collis 212, followed by an organizational meeting for people who might want to be more invested in the group. Please come check us out!

SAVE THE DATE

Dartmouth College Veterans Day Banquet

Friday, November 9, 2012 at 5:30PM
Collis Center, Hanover, NH

INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW



On 09 November 2012, Dartmouth College student-veteran organizations will hold a Veterans Day Banquet to express appreciation, unite and foster positive relationships between military veterans and Dartmouth College students, alumni, faculty and staff. With this event, we hope to strengthen the community of veterans, leaders, civic organizations, and local businesses in the Dartmouth community and beyond.

This event is only possible through the generous support of sponsors. For more information, please visit www.dartmouth.edu/~dgva or email dartmouth.graduate.veterans.assn@dartmouth.edu.

Words with this Week's OPAL Intern Extraordinaire

Name: Gina Greenwalt

Year: '14

Hometown: Camarillo, CA

Major: Sociology

Minor: Education

Role in OPAL: DPP (Diversity Peer Leadership Program) Intern

1. The inside scoop: What's your favorite campus secret?

There is this library/classroom/study at the very top of Moore that features a large wooden table and an even larger bay window. There's enough room on the window's inside ledge to sit and look out towards Baker Tower and at any time of day or night, that view is beautiful.

2. Who is your favorite class or faculty/staff member and why?

Brian Reed in the Undergraduate Dean's Office is, quite possibly, the most understanding, genuine, warm-hearted administrator I have ever, everworked with. He cares so sincerely about his advisees issues - whether they be academic, social, or winter weather related - and has personally always made me feel better with caramels and coffee and study tips. Bonus? He rocks bow ties with the best of them. Can't argue with that.

3. What has been a formative Dartmouth Experience for you?

DOC First Year Trips, as a trip leader my sophomore year and a Vox Croo-ling this past September, have been ridiculously positive, inspiring experiences for me. The lifeblood of Trips every year is undoubtedly the fantastic students who lead, support, and entertain incoming students with nothing but Annie's Mac, Cabot cheese, mosquito bites, and memories as payment. Getting to spend so much time with these incredible people (all insanely talented, accomplished, and totally absurd of course) away from the technological vices of campus life renewed my own faith in the Dartmouth community. Spending time with these wonderful people while also having the opportunity to form new relationships with the equally incredible incoming class? I am so freaking lucky.

4. What advice do you have to '16s?

It is completely ok to mess up - whether it be academically, socially, whatever. Everyone at Dartmouth, no matter how put together they look or perfect they seem, has made at least one major mistake here. Never feel like there is some reason that you need to act or be perfect.

5. What's your role in OPAL? What drives you to do the work you do?

I, along with my fellow DPP intern Bobby Esnard, work 12 hours a week running the DPP retreat and Campus Dialogue programs. DPP's mission is to foster and facilitate "real conversation" - that is, we try to create safe spaces and incite meaningful dialogue between students on issues of diversity and identity on campus. We seek to complicate individual's understanding and conceptions of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic class, religion, gender, sexuality, and identity - and we do this by talking about and finding meaning in our own experiences. My work has helped me think critically about my assumptions and acts as a grounding force in lightning paced Dartmouth days.

