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DGALA ALUM FUNDS TRIANGLE HOUSE KITCHEN RENOVATION



Opening week of the fall term this year featured a welcome brunch in the renovated Triangle House kitchen

This summer, after a decade of continuous student use, the Triangle House kitchen received a much-needed renovation, including upgraded kitchenware! Stepping forward to fund the work was DGALA member Ellen Ives '77 and her wife, Coleen. Ellen told *Green Light*, "Colleen and I wanted to make a gift to Dartmouth that felt tangible and personal. Knowing the challenges many young people in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community face, we wanted to support a place where they can truly feel at home at Dartmouth. Since the kitchen is the heart of our home, supporting the kitchen at Triangle House felt right." Gary Xia, the College staff

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NOW TWO MINI REUNIONS ON CAMPUS EACH SUMMER!



DGALA alums with President Beilock at the June 2026 mini reunion breakfast at the Hanover Inn

Now that Dartmouth has moved to having two reunion weekends each summer (one in June and one in July), DGALA is holding on-campus gatherings during each of those weekends. This year in June we were joined by the 40th reunion cluster of the

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JOIN DGALA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON CAMPUS NEXT YEAR!

2027 on-campus reunions are scheduled for the weekends of June 19 and July 24, and DGALA will have gatherings both weekends, including our famous Friday drinks at Six South and a breakfast with President Beilock (details TBA).

June: Classes of '91, '92 and '93, plus 2002.
July: Classes of '06, '07 and '08, plus 2022.
All DGALA alums and friends will be welcome at our gatherings!

BEILOCK ADDRESSES DGALA MINI REUNION

President Beilock attended the June 20 DGALA mini-reunion breakfast meeting, addressing the alums and taking their questions. In her remarks the President celebrated DGALA's long history of support and advocacy on behalf of Dartmouth's LGBTQIA+ students and alums. In closing her remarks, the President said:

"I want to note that we hear you when you reach out with specific requests or concerns. In the last few years, we have taken significant steps to support our trans community, especially in a time that we know is fraught in this country, including having gender inclusive bathrooms in new and renovated dorms, and health care coverage and free gender-affirming items. We recognize that this is a moment when many have fear, where they are concerned, and that is why it is even more important to be clear that on our campus, we support everyone in our community. No matter your identity, orientation or background, you do not walk alone here."



One alum question raised doubts about the College's commitment to transgender students, noting that in recent years, the College had accepted the NCAA ban on trans athletes in intercollegiate sports and had accepted the Department of Defense's exclusion of transgender people from ROTC programs.

The President responded in part:

"These are challenging issues and hard questions, and I understand your concern. We do have certain commitments in terms of being part of the leagues and organizations. We have to abide by the law. We abide by the Ivy League rules. But on our campus, for example, we in our renovated dorms are making sure that there are single-use or gender-affirming bathrooms; we make sure that we have health coverage; we make sure that there is gender-affirming care, whether it is on our campus or supporting it otherwise. We are doing everything we can to make sure that people feel seen and supported on campus. These are hard decisions, and people have different points of view. And I think that these are exactly the kind of conversations that we should be having. And if there are other things we should be doing to support our community, we are all ears. And so, I just want to say that I always appreciate your challenges and your questions, but our goal is to make sure that everyone who is here on campus has the support they need. And we know that we are doing that in a context where we know that the world is a harder place for many right now. And so, we will continue to have these conversations and look for things that we can move on." ❖

DGALA/DCF Scholarship Fund Update

DGALA's collaboration with the Dartmouth College Fund ("DCF") to provide scholarships to LGBTQIA+ students is now in its 22nd year! The program works like this: every dollar that a DGALA alum gives to the DCF counts towards funding need-based scholarships for LGBTQIA+ students. For every $50,000 that DGALA alums contribute, DGALA is able to fund another Scholar. The program operates on a fiscal year basis, so any DCF gift that is made by June 30 of this year will fund DGALA Scholars in the coming academic year.

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In the fiscal year that ended in June, DGALA members generously gave over $200,000 to the DCF, thus funding four DGALA Scholars. Now that we are into FY27, any gift that you make between now and June 30 will support DGALA/DCF Scholarships for the academic year beginning next fall. If you are on our mailing list, there is no need to specify your DCF gift: the default is that your gift will support our Scholars. The URL to give to the DCF is dartgo.org/dgala. The QR code above also will take you there.

We are just now connecting with this year's Scholars. We hope to bring you a profile or two in our Spring issue, and we'll update you on how the FY27 fundraising is going. ❖

New Director Joins DGALA Board

This summer, Stephen Iovino '22 was unanimously elected to join the DGALA Board of Directors. Stephen graduated from Dartmouth in 2022 with majors in History and Italian. While on campus, Stephen was the



Stephen Iovino '22 / Boston, MA (he/him)

Music Director of the Dartmouth Brovertones a cappella group and a member of The Tabard. Stephen currently works in partnership management for a nonprofit organization, securing humanitarian and development funding for programming abroad. He lives in Boston with his partner, a fellow Dartmouth alumnus. In his free time, Stephen enjoys cooking Italian food and reading science fiction and fantasy novels. He looks forward to contributing to DGALA's mission to foster community among LGBTQIA+ alums. ❖

Dartmouth Creates New Option for Grads to Join DGALA

For the first time, the College has created an online option that enables new grads to indicate which affiliated alum groups they would like to join, including DGALA. As part of Senior Week this year, seniors were introduced to the affiliated groups and invited to check a box indicating any affiliated alum groups they would like to join.

In the past, DGALA was greatly handicapped in reaching new grads, only being able to reach grads through events like the Lavender GALA and rainbow tassel giveaways. But as a result of this new option, 87 grads from the Class of '26 (including the College, as well as the graduate schools) opted in to DGALA, more than doubling typical the sign-ups in years past! This option is expected to continue to be offered in future years, and we look forward to welcoming so many more members of our community. ❖

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member in residence, commented: “Thanks to Ellen Ives '77, the Triangle House kitchen has received a wonderful makeover! With increased counter space, additional storage, and a more functional layout, the kitchen has become an even more welcoming space for students to gather, cook, and connect. The delicious aromas of home-cooked meals regularly waft through the house, reflecting how much the space is enjoyed. The kitchen also continues to play an important role in community-building, bringing students together over food, conversation, and connection.

“Not only a benefit to the Triangle House residents, but with the improvements to the layout and prep space, we have also been able to open the space to outside groups such as Hokupa'a, who have hosted four Aloha Fridays utilizing not only the updated kitchen, but also the community room, during the Native American House renovation. We are incredibly grateful for this investment in a space that has not only brought our community together but has provided opportunities to expand our community!” ❖









First Triangle Grant Event of Fall Term

In late October, the residents of Triangle House organized the first Triangle Grant event of the new term. Triangle Grants, initiated by DGALA, provide grants of up to $500 to support gatherings at Triangle House, many of which are open to the campus community at large, as was the October event, “Queer and Sacred: Exploring the Intersections of Faith, Sexuality and Belonging.” The Grant covered catered food for twenty-five from the House of India. ❖



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classes of 1985, 1986 and 1987, as well as the class of 1996's 30th and the class of 2001's 25th reunion. July featured the tenth reunion cluster of the classes of '15, '16 and '17, as well as the class of '21 celebrating its 5th reunion. DGALA held its annual drinks reception at Six South on the Friday evening of each reunion weekend, as well holding its annual breakfast meeting featuring President Beilock in June. The 2026 gatherings were fabulous (see photos). We will be there again in both June and July 2027 and we hope that you can be with us! ❖



DGALA Nominates Cecilia Chung for Honorary Degree

As reported in the June 2026 *Green Light*, DGALA wrote a letter to the College Board of Trustees this spring condemning its decision to award an honorary degree to Greg Lukianoff, president and CEO of the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). He regularly makes public statements demeaning transgender people. In response, the President of the Board of Trustees encouraged DGALA to make its own nominations in the future. President Beilock extended a similar invitation in response to a question at the June mini-reunion breakfast.



Accordingly, in October of this year, DGALA nominated Cecilia Chung to be awarded an honorary degree at next June's commencement ceremonies. In support of its nomination, DGALA cited Chung's "decades of service in supporting the LGBTQIA+ community, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, and those living with HIV." The full text of DGALA's nomination is on our website, www.dgala.org. We welcome members' suggestions for future honorary degree nominations. ❖

DGALA Makes First Bourne Fund Grant Under Expanded Scope

As reported in the June 2026 *Green Light*, late last year DGALA expanded the scope of the Bourne Fund beyond its original threshold of complete parental financial disownment. As stated in the revised Bourne Fund application form, "The DGALA Bourne Fund is established to provide certain financial support to LGBTQIA+ Dartmouth students who are facing financial hardship as a result of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity." Earlier this year DGALA made its first grant under the new Fund threshold. We expect to have more applications in the future. Some DGALA members have chosen to make gifts to support the Fund; if you would like more information, email dartgala@gmail.com. ❖

Message from DGALA Alumni Councilors

Hello from your Alumni Councilors, Kelii Opulauoho '96, P'26 and Val Werner '21! We represent DGALA at Alumni Council, sessions of which are held every spring and fall. This fall's Alumni Council is November 12-14. On October 19th, we held a listening session for DGALA members to hear their feedback for the College, and we continue to want to hear from you. Help us make your voices heard! ❖



Thank You to Our Supporters

DGALA is an independent 501(c)(3) corporation that is funded solely by our members and other supporters. Your generosity is what enables DGALA to do all that it does. Our FY26 donors are listed on the page at right, and we thank all of you!

Our new fiscal year began on July 1, and we have included with this mailing a return envelope (and contact information card) for making a gift. In addition, you may make a gift at our website at https://dgala.org/support-dgala/ or use the QR code on the back page. ❖

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We apologize for any omissions; please advise if you find one.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! It still feels like summer was yesterday, but as I see and feel the weather change, I know I've just been busy.

I am thrilled that DGALA was recognized by the Dartmouth Communities Executive Committee ("CEC") honor of all of the effort, long volunteer hours, and by the success surrounding DGALA40 in July 2025!

I would like to thank Lee Merkle-Raymond '86 who stepped in for me to receive the CEC award. She also valiantly hosted the Breakfast with the President in June. My apologies that I couldn't attend due to a work conflict – such is the life as a freelance orchestra conductor!



Volunteers and donors – that's what makes DGALA exist and thrive. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered or donated to DGALA. Have you seen something in your city or region that would make a good DGALA outing? You can be a Regional Event Spotter! Let us know when you find something, and we will help to organize!

DGALA's core mission is to foster community. To stay focused on this goal, the Board has voted on several occasions to limit our scope of activism — a strategy that has helped us cultivate a strong, positive working relationship with the College.

DGALA40 WINS COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AWARD

Many of us know how fabulous our DGALA40 celebration on campus was in July of '25, and the CEC (the body that oversees all alum classes, clubs and affiliated groups) has now recognized that too. This autumn, after reviewing all of the FY26 activities of all of the alum groups, the CEC recognized DGALA40 for, in its words, being "a historic 40th anniversary alumni celebration that painted the Big Green in every color of PRIDE."



In accepting the award on awards night, DGALA Vice President Lee Merkle-Raymond '86 not only expressed appreciation for all who made the gathering possible and wonderful, but also noted the unique significance of there have been a Dartmouth LGBTQIA+ alum group now for four decades: "DGALA was once denied College recognition, and remains important today when LGBTQIA+ rights and respect are being challenged from the highest seats of our government, encouraging violence and bullying against all LGBTQIA+ people, resulting in depression and suicide. It was great that DGALA40 took place in July while students were on campus. Most of our events were open to students, and quite a few joined us. We think it was inspiring for student on campus to see such a strong LGBTQIA+ presence among our alums."

NEW OPTION FOR E-COMMS	DGALA members can now elect to only receive DGALA mailings electronically. (Note: This will not affect other mailings from the College.) The opt-out covers all DGALA paper mail, not just the *Green Light*. You will stop receiving the printed newsletter along with all other paper mail from DGALA. **Your Choice:** You can receive both paper and email comms or email only comms. Please e-mail Volunteer.Engagement@dartmouth.edu requesting to opt-out of DGALA paper mailing.