

GLASS HALF FULL NEWSLETTER

FALL 2024

The last 6 months...

...have been tough. And I am so grateful to this community for so many reasons.

I have had the good fortune of connecting with many students this term; including students who are not members of Greek Letter Organizations or the Student Societies. I have been given feedback that has been helpful in how I think about the future. My own, the future of my work, and the of this Office. I have been challenged in how I think about things, what I know, and what I think i know. I have appreciated the opportunities you have given me to self-reflect and grow.

I have felt honored to be the person many of you have come to in your time of need. I have been amazed at your resilience, your tenacity, your scrappiness (that's a compliment). The vulnerability and authenticity you have shown, has been inspiring and refreshing.

As always, there is work to be done, both externally, but also within ourselves. But I have seen the goodness and passion in many of you, and I am hopeful.

But more than just hopeful, I am grateful for this community. Despite what many of you are experiencing, *you* have sent emails to check in on *me*. Some of you have done so from your homes, some from other countries and continents.

When I started in this role, we heard that students saw the GLASS staff as folks to fear or avoid, and to see this shift, where you are now proactive in meeting with us, where you actively seek our advice (and sometimes follow it), and where you are kind and check in on us... well, we've come a long way folks.

And I am thankful for this change. But much more thankful for your efforts and your trust. What's that super annoying song? *We're all in this together!*

(Now it'll be stuck in my head for a week & if you click on the link, it'll be stuck in yours too!)

Have a GREAT break!



Dr. Mishka / Dr. Murad

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fall Wrap Up

As a (former) head coach, I often reminded my athletes the best lessons come from challenges and defeats. When you're consistently successful or "winning," you can get caught up in that success and forget to focus on small, important details or even the big picture so to continue to improve. As the interim director, I'd share the same message: challenging times should bring out the best of us; they should inspire us to reflect, review, and refocus on our values, mission, and goals. We should take extreme ownership of projects, initiatives, and programs that did not meet expectations and re-engage judiciously and steadfastly in the work to facilitate the improvements and change we desire(d). Instead of pointing fingers, we should lift a finger. Instead of siloing, we should identify partners who can help us achieve our goals- build teams. And we must work relentlessly on behalf of those we serve and represent.

With that, while the fall term brought about challenges in and for Greek Life and Student Societies, there were numerous successes and efforts undertaken to facilitate a healthier and more vibrant community moving forward.

- The cumulative GPA for Greek organization members remains slightly above the average of non-Greek students.
- Extensive work was undertaken to build out the GLASS web pages to better serve current officers, potential new members, advisors, and families seeking information.
- Several processes have been streamlined- with more to come- to assist organization officers with their responsibilities.
- A new senior society, Osiris, was recognized, and steps have begun to reestablish the Senior Society Council.
- Two student-employees have been hired to assist with administrative tasks but also to assist in planning and executing the inaugural GLASS awards and other programs.
- The multicultural Greek organization, Sigma Lambda Gamma, took another step toward becoming officially recognized and chartered.
- Fraternities and Sororities extended bids to 616 students.
- Dr. Murad organized a powerful program led by Byron Hurt and attended by over 100 students.
- Multiple organizations participated in "Halloween on Webster" and "Peak Bag".

While my tenure in this position is temporary, I will continue to work diligently with student-led councils, Chapter members and officers, and my colleagues to move the community forward.

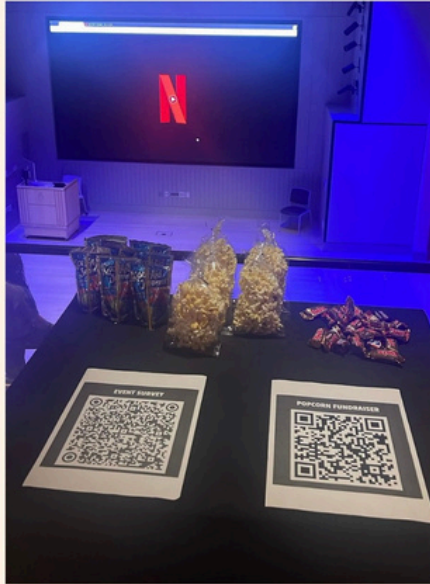


Ed McKenna

EVENTS FROM FALL 2024

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Friday Movie Night: Shirley



Voter Registration Drive



Pledge to Vote & Voter Education



Power to the Polls



The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta began the Fall with a special movie screening of Shirley, celebrating their soror, Shirley Chisholm, the first-ever Black congresswoman.

They also partnered with the New Hampshire Youth Movement (NHYM) for a Voter Education event, and hosted a Voter Registration Drive in collaboration with Dartmouth Civics, successfully registering over 85 voters.



The brothers of PhiDelt volunteered with Maynard House, helping by insulating all the pipes in the boiler room, raking the leaves, remulching and weeding the flower beds, amongst other tasks.

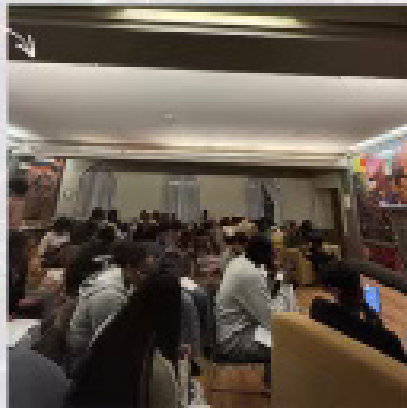
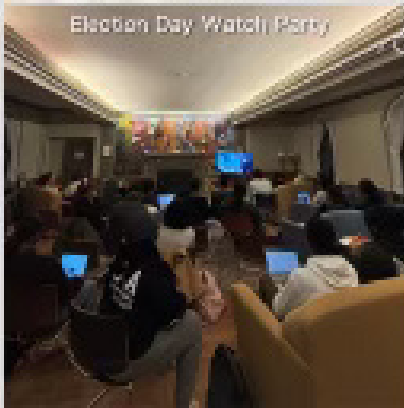
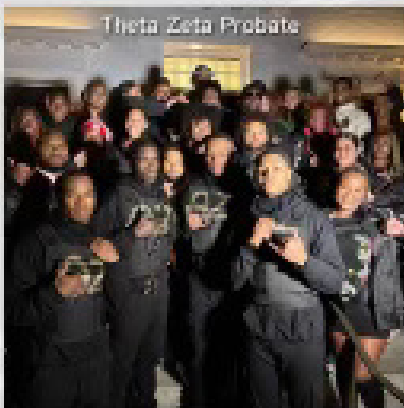
They also had fun participating in the GLC's Halloween on Webster event where they got to dress up in costumes and hand out candy to trick or treaters.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Meet the AKAs offered Dartmouth students a warm and welcoming opportunity to connect with the Xi Lambda Chapter as we showcased our commitment to scholarship, sisterhood, and service in an engaging virtual gathering.



NPHC

The NPHC groups came together to welcome the '28s at Black Convocation, and to connect during Meet the Greeks.

They joined NAACP and AAM for an Election Watch Party and a Post-Election Discussion.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Prior to the election, the brothers hosted a multi-part event on voter registration, education, and advocacy. As a part of national programming.



The brothers also gave out roses and treats to students, to welcome them during their Phirst Day of Classes event!

Kappa Kappa Gamma



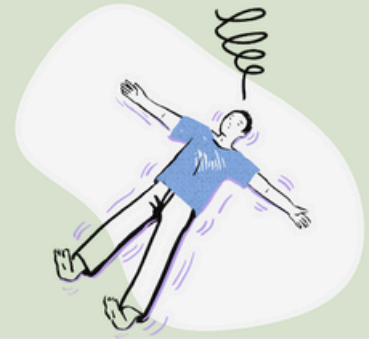
The Kappa's got artsy and collaborated with a local business to create window art for homecoming weekend!



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Tucker Center Pastoral Counseling

can help you think through issues of concern, (i.e. questions of faith, life issues, loss of a loved one, sexual assault or gender-based harassment, etc.).

<https://students.dartmouth.edu/tucker/about/pastoral-counseling>

UWill & Uhelp

Available to all who have an active Dartmouth email address.

Uwill register <https://app.uwill.com/>
Uhelp crisis line 833-646-1526

Undergraduate Deans

your assigned Dean can assist with your academic endeavors to your social life and College policies. They can also point you to the right resources & connect you to other offices.

undergraduate.deans.office@dartmouth.edu

Student Wellness Center

supports your wellbeing with in-person and remote services, safe sex bar & wellness resources

<https://students.dartmouth.edu/wellness-center/>

Your Residential House Community

Your UGA, a Resident Fellow, House AD & House Professor offer a wide variety of support from casual conversation, roommate conflicts, health and safety concerns, personal care or pointing you in a helpful direction

Mental Health Student Union

is a student-led org., offers drop-in peer-support & promotes MH events and resources

<https://journeys.dartmouth.edu/mentalhealthunion/>

OPAL

Office of Pluralism and Leadership provides student and org. advising, community building programs, leadership development, & institutional advocacy.

<https://students.dartmouth.edu/opal/>

Title IX Office

strives to create a community of sexual respect, responsibility, rights protection, and inclusion.

<https://sexual-respect.dartmouth.edu/>

Save your Winter 2025 pictures for our next newsletter!

All photos are *also* uploaded to our [GLASS webpage](#).

Questions/comments? [Email here](#).

