



# THE GLASS HALF FULL NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, DR. MISHKA MURAD

The reason we considered GLASS the perfect acronym for this newsletter is because over the last year, we have tried to be transparent. With our colleagues and with you. I will speak for myself and say, I do not sugarcoat things and I do not shy away from challenging conversations, because I have learned that what might look like a harmless crack, can sometimes cause things to fall apart. Furthermore, just as we can be responsible for the cracks, we are also sometimes the glue that holds things together. This summer, we experienced just that. But we also experienced the power of community, coming together, and leaning on one another.

There is seems to be a narrative that *this* is the community where the harm happens. And sometimes this is true. What is also true is that often you are doing incredible things, whether for the Dartmouth community, or the community beyond.

It is important to us that folks see how multifaceted you are. It is important to us that we celebrate you for all the wonderful things you do – hence the GLASS Half *Full* newsletter. Yes, we all need to do better and be better, but when good things happen, when *you make* good things happen, I want to make sure folks are watching and listening.

Because one of the qualities of glass is that at the right angle, with the right amount of light, we might catch a reflection of ourselves. In these moments, I ask myself: is what I am doing part of the problem or part of the solution? Am I perpetuating a harmful narrative or encouraging self-reflection and growth? Am I leading with compassionate curiosity, empathy, and dare I ask...love?

*Dr. Mishka / Dr. Murad*



# NEWS FROM THE (OUTGOING) DIRECTOR, JOSH GAMSE

Hello everyone, this is a bittersweet note for me to write, as my time at Dartmouth is coming to an end after 2.5 years. As you hopefully know by now, I will be transitioning to a role at Columbia University as the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. I am thrilled by the idea of living and working in Manhattan. I have however had a deeply meaningful and memorable experience at Dartmouth, mostly because of you, the students.

Greek Life and Student Societies (GLASS) at Dartmouth is special. The vast majority of students who come to Dartmouth find their home away from home within one of your organizations. Dartmouth has such an amazing diversity of groups, from Greek-letter organizations, to student societies, and senior societies. Students might rely on your groups for their social time after a hard week of academic pressure, or even just a place to spend time and be themselves. You provide spaces of authenticity, which is so valuable. I urge you to continue to work hard to do good work in the community and never forget how much you matter, as individuals, and as organizations. In the last 2.5 years, I have been struck by the passion and commitment of many students who have come through my doors, representing any one of the 46 groups within the Greek Life and Student Societies Portfolio. I have seen you face adversity, pain, tragedy, as well as happiness, triumph, and success. You have navigated the rigors of an Ivy League education, the wilderness of New Hampshire, and just general life as a young person. These are not easy things, but you have largely done it with grace.

While my time at Dartmouth is coming to a close, I want you all to know that I care about you. I hope for your success, and I root for you every day. I have no doubt that Dr. MAV, Ed, Dr. Murad, Boomer, and Emily will continue to move GLASS forward in ways I could only dream of. But you are also change agents - never forget what this community means to the larger Dartmouth. Never forget about your impact as a single student and as a group. Thank you for this time we have spent together - I will not forget it.

Fraternally,  
Josh Gamse



# NEWS FROM THE (NEW!) INTERIM DIRECTOR, ED MCKENNA!

I'm excited once again to endeavor into this critical area of higher education, as I have an affinity for standing up and supporting student organizations and communities. During my time at Montana State and Colby-Sawyer College, I founded, coached, and/or advised numerous club sports, cocurricular and extracurricular organizations, including the Interfraternity Council and all of its Chapters, men's and women's rugby, men's and women's lacrosse, and others. Here at Dartmouth, I have assisted in onboarding dozens of COSO organizations and worked closely with the politically affiliated groups. Though I never belonged to a Greek chapter or a student society per se, I am keenly aware of their countless benefits, including fostering a sense of belonging, aiding student persistence, building supportive communities, precipitating peer responsibility and accountability, facilitating personal growth, navigating interpersonal conflict, etc. As the Interim Director, my priorities are to sustain the amazing work done by Josh, Mishka, Laura, Boomer, Emily, and others; to support students and their organizations in their common- and unique- goals; to encourage self-responsibility, accountability, safety, and a stronger sense of community; and to provide resources and create systems and processes to make leading or joining one of these organizations as navigable as possible. I look forward to working with many of you to sustain your success and accomplish these goals.

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# EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS FROM THE STUDENTS OF GLASS

[Find more photos here!](#)



The brothers of Psi Upsilon invited staff and the Hanover Fire Department to a BBQ which included a workout challenge!



The Stepbros (one of Dartmouth's Summer Acapella groups) performs at StreetFest 2024, a Philanthropy event hosted and organized by Phi Delta Alpha for The Dartmouth community, and family and friends.



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Many of organizations and students participated in the Prouty 2024 (and raised money) by biking and/or running. Featured here: (left) Chi Gamma Epsilon & (right) the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma



Kappa Delta Epsilon also took part in the Prouty and raised over \$16000 - the most of any participating Greek organization!



Gavin Goss (Beta Alpha Omega) takes a picture of the sunrise, during his early morning hike atop Gile Mountain,

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This summer the brothers of Alpha Chi Alpha donated to Listen Thrift Store. They also volunteered at Willing Hands with Chi Gamma Epsilon.



The *Dog Days of Summer* improv group (3 full time members and 10 summer puppies), performed their last show - which happened to be a musical- on the Dartmouth golf course. The group brings together members from several groups: KDE, Beta, AXA, Chi Gam, Phi Delt, Sig Delt, Sig Nu, and Panarchy.

## **DON'T SEE YOUR COMMUNITY HERE? REACH OUT TO US SO WE CAN FEATURE YOU!**

We want to celebrate all our affiliated students for everything you are and everything you do. We know you are multi-talented and welcome **all events** - it does not have to be an organization/society based event. Send us **photos** of your **favorite moments** so we can celebrate your achievements with you.

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## **FEEDBACK/CORRECTIONS?**

Don't be shy! Send all feedback to [Dr.M@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Dr.M@dartmouth.edu) We can't do better unless you talk to us.

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**SAVE YOUR FALL PHOTOS AND EMAIL THEM IN!  
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

# GLASS RESOURCES

**Give the Office of Greek Life & Student Societies your Feedback and REPORT concerning behavior\*  
Use this form.\*\***



**\*This form is not for active emergencies (please contact DoSS at 603-646-4000), nor meant to report sexual assault/misconduct (please contact Title IX at 603-271-2767).**

**\*\* Please note that we are responsible employees.**



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CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & SECURITY  
TO DE-ESCALATE AND MANAGE SITUATIONS ON  
CAMPUS  
603- 646-4000

TITLE IX OFFICE  
603-646-0922



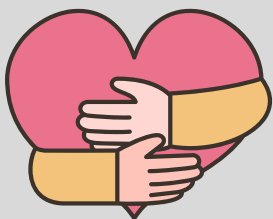
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603-646-9442

UWILL CRISIS LINE  
833-646-1526



TUCKER CENTER PASTORAL  
COUNSELING  
603- 646-3780



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