



To the Class of 2026

Dear Members of the Class of 2026:

Welcome to your sophomore year! It's hard to believe that your first year is already over! We know that your first year as a Dartmouth student included challenges, change, growth, successes, and unique experiences; and we hope you have learned a lot both inside and outside of the classroom. We recognize the resiliency and determination it took for many of you to finish secondary school and begin your collegiate journey. We have been constantly impressed with your work ethic, enthusiasm, and open-mindedness as you embarked upon this new adventure. We also want to formally say thank you. Thank you for choosing to continue on your journey as a Dartmouth College student. Thank you for every piece of positive energy – seen or unseen – that you have contributed to the Dartmouth community. As you begin your sophomore year, we are hopeful that you feel invigorated and affirmed in all that you do.

Identifying and solidifying your major and/or minor plans will be a significant milestone of your sophomore year. Some of you may already know exactly what you want to pursue, while others may be continuing to explore. We hope that you will stay curious and be an active participant in your sophomore year journey. Please make use of all relevant campus resources, be proactive, ask questions, continue building relationships, and engage in conversations with peers, professors, and professionals at Dartmouth.

This is the year you should start speaking with professors more intentionally around major conversations and future goals. We also want to remind you to schedule meetings with us, your undergraduate deans, to discuss your goals, get connected with all available resources, and explore opportunities while on and off campus.

In the following pages, you will find information that has been curated for you, the Dartmouth class of 2026. We hope you will use this as a formal guide through your sophomore year. We look forward to working with you and wish you all the best in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

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