

C&G: Forward, Onward, and Upward!

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## Rex Quondam – Rexque Futurus (The Once and Future King)

Dick Jaeger, King Arthur '59, shares his reflections on his 60 years as a Knight of C&G.

The road to Dick Jaeger's house is pure New Hampshire. Trees fuzzy with new leaves, old rambling houses, low stone walls, and big barns. I drove that road last May to interview Dick for this article... and a great pleasure it was! I wanted to let all of you alumni Knights and Ladies out there recognize what a positive, inspirational, and rewarding experience it can be to stay involved with C&G all life long. And Dick should know, he has been an integral part of Dartmouth admissions and Dartmouth athletics, and he has been the alumni advisor to C&G for a total of 58 years! His 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion is coming up, and he has lots to say about the many years and many triumphs of his long career of giving and guiding students and fellow Knights.

As editor and scribe and perpetual Merlin, I wanted *all* our society alumni (that's you) to have a dramatic example of how the spirit of C&G can be a *life-long* inspiration. In the years after Hanover, the bright light of our special bond shines on. That feeling of belonging to a purposeful fellowship can strengthen and motivate us throughout our lives. And reunions at the RoundTable are awesome! So stay engaged.

Dick was King Arthur to his '59 delegation (*Rex Quondam*) and has been a powerfully positive contributor to our college, to our society, and to his community ever since (*Rexque Futurus*). His decades of uplifting attitude and enlightened management have truly earned him the title *Arthur of Arthurs, Dick Jaeger '59*.

Dick's policies and example have helped shape the course of Dartmouth during his 25 years in the admissions department and 12 years as athletic director. He shaped many, many young Dartmouth athletes into being



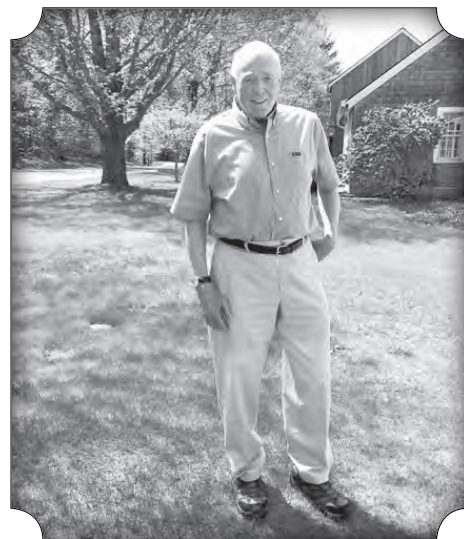
Dick Jaeger

world-class contenders. He shouted out his encouragement from the sidelines. His enthusiasm vitalized every green playing field, every court, every course. The athletes responded to Dick's vision of success with a decade of winning ways, which has made all of Dartmouth proud. To those student athletes, Dick's savvy support and fierce faith in their excellence will never be forgotten.

Arthur of Arthurs Indeed!

For all these lofty reasons, I wanted to interview Dick and discover just how the spirit of our society influences us in later years? So, go with me now as we drive out to rural New Hampshire, where Dick has lived for 55 years, getting the house, stable, and 32 acres in 1962. His sun room faces a long sweeping view of the valley. We sat down to talk just as a majestic king of hawks soared above the trees. Fitting symbol for a man whose kingly guidance and lofty ideals have lit up the lives of so many for so long.

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## C & G Online!

You can find the Casque & Gauntlet community online in a few different places! **Please join our growing online community!** Choose whichever platforms you like. We are excited to support these easy ways to stay connected with one another and to enhance the alumni experience! All three are secured for C&G members only. Read below for a brief description of each forum and what you can expect to find there.

### Website:

[www.casqueandgauntlet.org](http://www.casqueandgauntlet.org)

Our website is the best place to find official news and announcements from C&G. You will find articles, photos, and history, as well as current resources, like the *Castlegram* and online dues payment. In addition, the website is the one place where you will find a master list of each delegation. There is also a public page that provides basic information about C&G to the greater Dartmouth community and the general public. Please register if you haven't already to access all public and member-only content.

### Facebook Group:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Facebook is a social networking site and the perfect place to engage with C&G members around the world. Current students and alumni post photos, toasts, and event announcements for happenings at the Castle and in your local region. Posting is easy, and we welcome contributions from *you* to stay in touch with fellow Knights and Ladies. Our group is entitled "Casque and Gauntlet," and you will see it come up as a "closed group." Simply request to join it, and you will be added within a few days.

### LinkedIn Group:

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

LinkedIn is a professional networking site and is a great place to connect with C&G members on career-related topics. You can find C&G members in a particular field or business, learn about industry networking events, and share job openings and professional expertise. Search for "Casque and Gauntlet," click to join, and you will be added shortly.

## Rex Quondam—Rexque Futurus

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**Editor:** Let's start with our Society... Dick, with your 60 years of experience, what do you see for C&G?

**DICK:** Well, I have some confidence and some concerns. I have confidence in the high caliber of the incoming delegations. They are cooperative and creative. Good qualities. Yet, earlier delegations seemed more cohesive. They found ways to operate as a group. And there were more local alumni Knights attending feeds and gathering at reunions and annual dinners. An organization like ours needs a critical mass of engaged alumni who lend their time and energy to guarding our Castle and actively guiding our way forward. I am deeply grateful for the many opportunities I've had to be involved as an alumnus. We are always benefitted when we volunteer, especially when we promote the values of our unique and honorable society. I know my life has been made much richer by the great associations I've had through the years with other C&G members. It was great being in admissions so many years and seeing kids I had met coming in wind up at C&G and then go on out in the world and do good things.

**Editor:** Wow, that's given you a unique perspective: admissions, athletics, and C&G! How has Dartmouth changed?

**DICK:** The main change has been toward multiculturalism and the explosion of opportunities that puts such pressure on today's students. They are spread thin. In my era, we had more time to relate to each other face to face. Now, screens and phones have replaced some, maybe much, of the old-time feelings of connectedness. But I see the benefits of adapting to the world as it is... and making the best of that. And today, that means being able to use this amazing technology to stay connected with our fellow Knights, lifelong.

**Editor:** You've been everything at Casque & Gauntlet: King Arthur, board member, trustee, advisor, and now what?

**DICK:** This great old house on the corner is a huge blessing for our society. Having a center, a place to retreat to, a home is essential to keeping our traditions alive, our students safely housed, and a neat, organized Castle for returning alumni Knights to gather at during reunions. So, we formed a group called "the housers." We meet at least monthly with the leaders of the current delegation to keep track of all the repairs, regulations, and activities going on at 1 South Main. It's not as constant as an advisor, but we're keeping up with it at the house.

**Editor:** If the graduating delegation gathered around our RoundTable looked up to you as a group and asked for your advice after 60 years, what would you say?

**DICK:** Make the effort to come back to the Corner for reunions. You will feel the C&G spirit more there than anywhere, and keeping that spirit alive will yield a richness to your life. It has in mine!

Many Fields, fellow Knights!

## Unbeknownst to Dick...

I, Joel (as Editor), secretly asked his fellow C&G board members to comment on "What they appreciate about Dick Jaeger." Dick is way too humble to toot his own horn, but the rest of us recognize his massive contribution for 60 years and want to share our favorite stories. So, here we go...

**Tiffany Wang '16:** The thing I appreciate most about Dick is his kindness, which I saw exhibited time after time during my year at the Castle. He went above and beyond to make sure my delegation not only had a space to live in (not an easy feat considering the house is

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Brunch at the Castle, January 2017, cooked by Jalen Benson (L-R): Sera Kwon, Maieda Janjua, Mac Murphy (C&G'15), Priya Ramiah, Jalen, Rebecca Asoulin, Elise Wien, Theo Wilson, and Dennise Hernandez



## Spring Feast '17 is Fun, Festive, and Forward!

As you can see from the photo above, the attendance and the spirit were both full to bursting last April.

The '17s hosted a robust gathering, featuring a lively two-hour meet-and-greet among '17s, '18s, and alumni Knights. Dartmouth admissions policy is committed to multi-cultural diversity, and so is C&G! Our tapping process remains very true to our core principles. The annual process of selecting a delegation from the leaders among the junior class has consistently produced delegations that enthusiastically exhibit the qualities our founders established. Had you been able to attend our feast, you would have met the '17s and '18s, learned their stories and their passions on campus, and shared their love of Dartmouth and their pride and gratitude at being selected as Knights in our 130-year tradition. Be ye advised, these new Knights are "strong character and high minded" and widely diverse.



Burgie Howard

### Our Keynote speaker was Burgie Howard '86

He was promoted recently to vice president and dean of student engagement at...(wait for it!)...Yale! But his heart remains with Dartmouth and especially with C&G, where he is a major board member. Yale teasing aside, Burgie's many years of advising students made him the perfect choice to give useful, meaningful guidance to our outgoing seniors and our incoming junior Knights. His wisdom can benefit us all, so it's summarized here.

Burgie's message centered around the themes of leadership, activism, character, and service, all major themes throughout our 130 history. He pointed out that the definitions and behavior of these words are constantly changing with the times, but C&G has moved with the changing cultural climate and is still honoring our tradition of always creating delegations of strong personalities and high ideals: people who are encouraged to challenge, question, and appreciate our differences with mutual respect and care.

He moved on to the importance of service. C&G has long been about "rendering loyal service to Dartmouth College," but what does that mean on the current campus environment, and ultimately, what does it mean after our time at the Corner has passed? What does it mean to be an engaged citizen? To whom are we responsible? What does the world need from you? What does it mean to be an impactful leader in whichever communities we land?

Burgie knows C&G is about friendships. Take 30-plus outstanding and diverse campus leaders, put them in a Castle, seat them at a great RoundTable, cloak them in a noble legend, and give them a year to make deep, important friendships that can last lifelong. Speaking from experience, Burgie highlighted the almost mystical connections that spring up for him at C&G. We all feel it; it's the spirit of C&G...and it can be lifelong,

especially if our Knights keep that flame alive by attending reunions, keeping in touch, and reaching out.

Burgie advised the '17s as they receive our society's blessings before heading out to the wide, wide world: "Enjoy the remaining weeks on campus, and *make time for each other*. Moments spent over a meal, or walking the campus, or gathered together carving C&G canes are some of my most powerful and lasting memories, and that my C&G cane is truly one of my most prized possessions, as it reflects the wonderful women and men I got to know within my year in C&G."

His advice for the '18s was simply to take full advantage of this year and this opportunity to engage with aspects of Dartmouth they have not yet explored. Learning about someone else's Dartmouth through the experience of someone else in the delegation is a wonderful revelation. Supporting each other at events, concerts, competitions, and performances provides people the gift of time, which, on college campuses, and in life, is one of the greatest gifts we can give each other.

"C&G has been a 30-plus-year relationship for me, and only gets deeper and refreshed with each delegation, and I was truly appreciative of the opportunity to speak with friends: old and new."

Viva la C&G!



### Getting ready for Spring Feast '17:

Eliza Rockefeller, Merlin of '17, casts a spell of "Clean Up," and King Arthur (Dustin Ponder) and Chief Raker (Fabian Stoczek) answer the call to wield their brooms and get our porch looking good.



The porch singing tradition lives on!

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well over a century old), but had a home. Calling Dick with concerns ranging from flower pots to a broken door to a year-long saga involving non-authorized vehicles parking in the C&G alley, I cannot imagine the Castle without Dick Jaeger. However, his kindness is not confined to being a houser extraordinaire.

I was awed and inspired when I listened to Dick talk about his volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and when I learned of the many hats he has worn in service to Dartmouth. I only wish that I knew him in a greater capacity!

**Tom Tomai '79, Co-president:** Dick is a true Knight! A man of integrity. As a fellow C&G board member, I am inspired by his commitment to C&G and whatever else he chooses to do, like Meals on Wheels. If Dick says he will do something, he does! I can't imagine what the Corner would look like without Dick's leadership and guidance. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be serving with him on the C&G board. Thanks, Dick, for being who you are!

**Jim Stein '79, board member:** Good listener, straight talking and down to earth — he must be a Canadian in disguise!

**Burgie Howard '86, dean of student engagement, Yale University:** There is so much that comes to mind when I think of Dick Jaeger... most of all that he has been a model of consistency, service, and positivity. His energy is infectious, and people are drawn to work with him.

Two Jaeger quotes and an anecdote come to mind when I think of Dick in his time

in admissions. They gave me, as a young staffer, a glimpse into the challenge and delicate balance of skills and compassion he brought to that job.

In response to a query about what role development and the financial capacity of a family had in college admissions: "I'm not gonna lie to you Burgie. If a kid's last name is on a building around here, there's a pretty good chance that he's getting in!"

In response to a questions about whether videos and extra recommendations from alumni and friends helped advance a student's candidacy in the college admissions process, Dick commented: "There's an old admissions piece of wisdom: 'the thicker the file..., the thicker the kid!'" Admissions officers just want to learn who the student is in their own voice, and sometimes less is more.

However, the most telling moment about Dick's leadership in the admissions office was when he revealed that he personally took it upon himself to call the alumni parents of students who were *not* being accepted to the College to break the news to them before their son or daughter found out by letter. Those were often difficult calls to make: calls to friends, classmates, and big donors (some who stopped speaking with him because of the decision), but he felt that this was part of leading that office with compassion and integrity.

Lastly, I have had a piece of art on my walls for more than 30 years, thanks to Dick. It is a replica of a lithograph given to him by an alumnus, from an edition of the *Harper's Weekly* magazine, featuring the first images of the game of lacrosse from the mid 1870s.

(The game of lacrosse remains one of my true passions.) This image was on the wall outside his office when he served as athletic director for the college, and I used to stop and admire it every time I passed during my senior year. Dick saw me admiring it one day and chatted me up about the piece, and then, he encouraged me to reach out to the alum who had given it to him. I wrote to the alumnus at Dick's suggestion, offering to purchase a copy and was *shocked* to receive a package a week or so later with the exact piece that hung on Dick's wall, free of charge! That print has traveled wherever I have for the past 30 years, and it is a quiet reminder about the power of personal connection and the generosity of the Dartmouth spirit.

I have never forgotten the role Dick played in bringing this treasured item to me, and I remain forever grateful, even though it was a small thing for him in a lifetime of generosity and good spirited connection in the name of Dartmouth College.

I am glad to see our long-time friend honored in any way that we can. Thank you.

**Abe Holland and Lena Martinez Watts '08, Arthur and Merlin:**

**Ode to Dick Jaeger**

*Dedicated hearts like Dick's are not so easy to find.*

*Only very special Knights can be so generous and kind.*

*To care so much for your fellow man is a quality all too rare,*

*You give your time and your talents to keeping our house in repair.*

*Thank you for gracing our RoundTable, we're privileged to share "Many Fields" With a Knight whose strong character shines so fully revealed!*

**Laurie Lopes '87:** What I appreciate about Dick Jaeger is his ability to relate to everyone. I first met Dick when I was a freshman in college. Dick was the admissions director at Dartmouth. I always felt grateful to him for the opportunity to attend Dartmouth and for the life I have today. I also had the pleasure of working for Dick when he became the director of athletics while I was an assistant women's basketball coach. Dick led with honesty, integrity, humility, and a sense of fair play. He was always approachable and fun loving, and I know my athletes appreciated him. He was the first to acknowledge successes and to encourage student athletes and coaches in the face of adversity. When I think of Dick Jaeger, a smile comes to my face.

**Lena Martinez-Watts '08, Merlin:** What I appreciate about Dick is how genuinely he cares for C&G as an institution made up of  
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2018s retreat (L-R): (front row) Kimonee Burke '18, Yesenia Mejia '18 (Merlin), Jing (Lily) Zhang '18 (Arthur), Jay Raju '18 (Merlin), Cecilia Torres '18 (Historian); (second row) Francesca Governali '18, Anirudh Udutha '18, Daniel Propp '18, Zeinabou (Niamé) N. Daffé '18, Vanessa Soncco '18, Ayanda Heita '18, Jessica Cantos '18

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 individuals. Over the years, it has been so heartwarming to hear Dick interject on behalf of our current delegates, bringing attention to practical details that affect the daily experiences of those who live in the Castle but might otherwise be overlooked. His genuine concern stirs compassion, and his laugh welcomes us home to the Castle. How lucky we are to have someone with such a mind and heart for service, committed to our organization!

**Monique Roy '00, student advisor:**  
 I'm soooo happy you are doing this.

Dick Jaeger is truly a Knight among Knights, one who fully embodies the objects of our beloved society. He serves as an incredible model, not only for the students living and congregating at the Castle every year but also for alumni members who work with the students in various capacities. During my time as advisor to the student delegations, Dick was someone I could count on in any situation. He would as facilely assist me with a routine

plumbing issue as he would offer thoughtful advice and encouragement for more complex student issues. Dick has always promoted the mutual welfare and happiness of us all, and he deserves admiration, respect, and recognition for his continuing loyal service to Dartmouth and C&G. Thanks! Many Fields.

And finally, let us hear from the **current board co-president and King Arthur '79, Ed Kania:** If there ever has been a central-casting C&G King Arthur or an exemplar C&G Knight, I think it must be Dick Jaeger. Dick has a presence about him that commands attention and respect, and he exudes a goodness, integrity, and commitment that is further amplified by his utterly straightforward and unadorned personal style. Even today, 58 years after his graduation from the class of 1959 (and Arthur of that delegation), Dick has larger-than-life impact. When you run into him, he strongly grips your hand in warm greeting, stares into your eyes, and, in his booming, resonant voice, lets you know

how pleased he is to see you. And he means it. No matter how your day had been going, it is reset to the positive through the energy and caring that Dick exudes.

I first met Dick 40 years ago in the weight room at Leverone Field House. I've had the privilege of working with him while he was director of athletics and for many, many years at C&G, and I am one of a generation of Dartmouth students admitted during Dick's 25 years in Dartmouth College Admissions. There have been innumerable times when Dick's leadership, wise council, and balanced judgment have made all the difference. But most of all, when I think of Dick, I think of the crazy paradox that is Dartmouth at its finest: bringing together in a single person the steadfast granite of New Hampshire and a warm-hearted friend that you trust to the end of time.

**We salute you, Dick. C&G has not brought forth a wiser Knight nor a bolder King. Many Crowns !**



**The 2017 Delegation** (L-R): (front row, seated) Priya Ramiah '17 (Merlin), Dustin Ponder '17 (Arthur), Eliza Rockefeller '17 (Merlin); (second row) Melissa Padilla-Vang '16, Dondai Dean '17, TSION Abera '17 (social chair), Chileta Dim '17, Estéfani Marín '17 (house manager), Sera Kwon '17, Selomé Ejigu '17 (secret society liaison), Rebecca Asoulin '17, Iman Andoukarim '17; (third row) Alanna Kane '17, Elise Wien '17, Maieda Janjua '17, Arun Ponshunmugam '17, Corrine Kasper '17, Deep Singh '17, Jalen Benson '17 (Treasurer), Kalie Marsicano '17, Issa Sylla '17; (standing by pillars) Dennise Hernandez '17, Chris Meyer '17 (Social Chair)



Eliza Rockefeller '17, Maieda Janjua '17, Dondai Dean '17

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ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

"The new delegation of C&G is outstanding," compliments **Thomas "Tim" Lewis '48** (Arthur). Tim was in the college class of 1945 but spent 42 months as a flight engineer in USNR. He returned to Dartmouth to graduate in 1948. He writes, "Had a wonderful 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party and a beautiful winter in my home in Venice, Florida. I can't shoot my age on the golf course, but I am close." Get in contact with Tim at [thlewis3@gmail.com](mailto:thlewis3@gmail.com) or at 3500 West Chester Pike, #CH115, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

"Enjoying assisted living overlooking Lake Sunapee," writes **John Stearns '49** (Sir Lamorak). "Not mobile enough to attend Hanover events, other than one or two home football games. I miss the energy of campus and of seeing C&G alums and the Castle. I occasionally talk to **Roy Truncel-lito '49**. Many Fields!" Catch up with John at [johnp.stearns@yahoo.com](mailto:johnp.stearns@yahoo.com) or at 1250 Rte. 11, Apt. 3, Sunapee, NH 03782.

"Had a great time at my 65<sup>th</sup> reunion in October," writes **Parke Sickler '51** (Sir Tristan). "Our class broke the record, with 130 people back, including '51s and their families and friends. We were housed at the Hanover Inn and the Marriott Courtyard in Lebanon. Only negative was losing in football to Penn." Share some stories with Parke: [phsickler@comporium.net](mailto:phsickler@comporium.net); 100 N College Row, Apt. 124, Brevard, NC 28712.

**Robert Binswanger '52** writes: "I visit the Corner, chat with members, try to attend the meetings, and am glad to see the current activity. Best wishes to all members." Get back in touch with Robert at [robert.b.binswanger@dartmouth.edu](mailto:robert.b.binswanger@dartmouth.edu) or at 80 Lyme Rd., Apt. 264, Hanover, NH 03755.

"I especially appreciate and encourage the **Craven Laycock 1896** quote that headlines the letter from the co-presidents," writes **David Blake '61** (Sir Beaumains). "The sentiments expressed by him so many years ago are desperately needed for C&G, Dartmouth, and society in all the countries of the world, including the United States. This should be the dream and goal of *all* of us. I hope it will

be." ([dhblake@uci.edu](mailto:dhblake@uci.edu); 796 Greystone Pl., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401).

After practicing pediatric anesthesiology for 26 years, **John Britton '75** (Sir Bedivere) had decided to retire. "My days are now filled with reading, lots of travel, long walks, and reacquainting myself with the world that sort of passed me by." Reconnect with John: [john.brittonmd@gmail.com](mailto:john.brittonmd@gmail.com); 9417 Locust Hill Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814.

The big news for the family of **Barry Harwick '77** (Sir Marhaus) was the wedding of his oldest son, Ben Harwick. "Ben married Katie Mascitelli in a beautiful ceremony in Port Jervis, New York, in October 2016. I am in my 25<sup>th</sup> year of coaching at Dartmouth, and I look forward to my 40<sup>th</sup> reunion." ([barry.harwick@dartmouth.edu](mailto:barry.harwick@dartmouth.edu); 12 Reservoir Rd., Hanover, NH 03755.

"Work and family life are going surprisingly well," writes **Tom Kiernan '81** (Merlin), who returned for graduation this year for his youngest son. His wife, Kathy, is still teaching, and he has been the CEO of the American Wind Energy Association for the last three years. "Profoundly important and eventful times regarding renewable energy and climate change. All the best to my fellow Knights and Ladies!" Get back in touch with Tom by sending him a message to [tkiernan@awea.org](mailto:tkiernan@awea.org) or to 3408 N. Utah St., Arlington, VA 22207.

In January of 2016, after 16 years as general counsel of the Indiana University Foundation, **Philippa Guthrie '82** jumped off the cliff to become corporation counsel for the City of Bloomington, Indiana. The newly elected mayor took over from a mayor who had served for 12 years, and there were lots of changes needed. "It has been a wild ride so far. Local government is the place to be if you really want to make an impact on people's lives. I've never worked this hard in my life, but it feels as if all of my disparate life and professional experiences are suddenly coming together in an unexpectedly useful way. It is invigorating, challenging, and really fun. Take the leap when you get the chance, wherever it lands you!" Keep in touch at

## deceased

*We regret to announce the deaths of:*

**Robert S. McCoy '37**  
January 6, 2009

**Henry Gunst Jr. '41**  
December 16, 2016

**H. Wiley Hitchcock '44**  
December 5, 2007

**Robert D. McLaughry '44**  
September 7, 2016

**John F. Mitchell '53**  
October 19, 2016

[philippaguthrie@yahoo.com](mailto:philippaguthrie@yahoo.com) or at 2303 Woodstock Pl., Bloomington, IN 47401.

Congratulations to **Adrienne Lotson '82** (Lady Amante): "I am thrilled to tell my fellow Knights and Ladies that I have recently earned a PhD in anthropology, after a lengthy career in sports and administrative law! It is never to late to pivot and follow a new dream!" Write to Adrienne to find out all the details: [alotson@gmail.com](mailto:alotson@gmail.com); 485 Malcolm X Blvd., Apt. 6A, New York, NY 10037.

Last month, **Monique Abner '83** (Lady Guinevere) met up with a group of Dartmouth alumni at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. "Great day!" Get in touch with Monique and plan a meet-up: [abne7048@yahoo.com](mailto:abne7048@yahoo.com); 256 Helens Dr., Greencastle, PA 17225.



Spring Formal 2017: Eliza Rockefeller '17,  
Dustin Ponder '17, Priya Ramiah '17