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HOMECOMING 2023 | ANNUAL DUES AND DONATIONS



C&G Homecoming 2023 was held on the BEMA in perfect sweater weather on October 20th, 2023.



Joanna Olangundoye '24



Spirha Pandey '24 and the 2023 corn hole champion.

A Letter from Our President

LETTER FROM DOUG CHIA '93

Greetings and Many Fields, fellow C&G alumni. This year's C&G delegation consists of 33 students (bios in [Spring 2023 newsletter](#)), led by two Kaitlyns: **Kaitlyn Romanger** of the Bronx, New York is Arthur of the '24s, and **Kaitlyn Anderson** of Honolulu, Hawaii is the delegation's Merlin.

C&G Orientation for the 2024 Delegation

I, along with Board VP **Monique Roy '00** and the Merlin of Merlins **Jo•El Heathcote '61**, had a nice gathering with the 2024 delegation to talk about the origins, history, and meaning of C&G. It was a wide-ranging and philosophical discussion that I expect will continue for their entire senior year. We talked about the values of the Knights of the Round Table and the concept of The Holy Grail and how those apply to today's C&G, both individually and as a delegation. We also talked about the Objects of C&G, spending most of our time focused on the words, "To render Loyal Service to Dartmouth College," and the possibilities for how that phrase can be carried out.

President Beilock's Inauguration

The day after the C&G orientation for the '24s, I was fortunate to attend the momentous occasion of the inauguration of Dartmouth College's 19th President, **Sian Leah Beilock**. The procession across the Green to the stage was led by Dartmouth's Provost **Dave Kotz** of the C&G delegation of 1986. After a series of speeches by faculty, students, and honored guests, President Beilock delivered an address that I encourage you to [watch or read](#) in its entirety. One part of her speech really resonated with me: her desire to place a strong emphasis on "making brave spaces a hallmark of our campus."

I want our campus to be a place where every member of our community not only feels comfortable expressing unpopular views, but in questioning others who hold views they disagree with... [W]e must commit to centering viewpoints and voices that aren't always heard and to brave spaces to let that diversity of thought and lived experience shine through.

After citing a recent survey, which found that a majority of college students thought free speech and diversity and inclusion were at odds with one another, she declared, "This couldn't be farther from the truth. You can't have the former without the latter."

President Beilock announced the launch of the "[Dartmouth Dialogue Project](#)" to "intentionally teach the skills of open, honest, and respectful communication, both in and out of the classroom." She also announced a partnership with [StoryCorps](#) to bring to campus the "[One Small Step](#)" initiative, which she described as a "time-tested methodology whereby strangers with vastly opposing views come together to engage in respectful conversation, even in the presence of strong political disagreement."

If we can strengthen these dialogue skills on our campus, we will ultimately strengthen these skills in society, because Dartmouth operates as a basecamp to the world, and our alums are out there leading in virtually every sector, in every industry, in every country, every day.

President Beilock's words on the importance of "brave spaces" on campus very much reminded me of my own experience in C&G. And it was timely. Having met with the current C&G delegation just the night before, I am hopeful that today's and future C&G delegations will embody President Beilock's vision for open and inclusive dialogue within the College's increasingly diverse community.

Homecoming

Once again, we hosted a reception for C&G students and alumni to mingle before the events of Dartmouth Night kicked off. Our Alumni & Student Engagement Coordinator **Han Vale '20** flew east from Seattle to organize the event and make things festive. Strangely, croquet was a hit with the students in spite of the rain! Our Vice President **Monique Roy '00**, **Laura Sankey '86** and **Alex Garrison Barnett '07** (now President of the Dartmouth Alumni Council) stopped by, and I spotted **Amanda Salzhauer '93** after the bonfire and **Burgie Howard '86** the next day before the football game. Earlier in the day, our Treasurer **Steve Tseng '95 TU'01** led the dedication of the Tseng Class Room at Tuck Hall. **Dave Kotz '89** and **Tee Lotson '82** joined Steve at the dedication ceremony.

Please mark your calendars for Spring Feast in Hanover on Saturday, April 20, 2024. We hope to see you there!

Many Crowns,

Doug Chia '93
President, Board of Directors
C&G Senior Society



Anne and **Steven Tseng '95 TU '01** at the dedication of the Tseng Class Room at Tuck Hall on October 20, 2023



Top left: Student-Alumni Liaison **Hanover Vale '20** speaks with a prospective student. Middle: **Kaitlyn Romanger '24** (Arthur, left) and **Caitlyn King '24** (right). Bottom left: **V Quidore '24** and **Laura Sankey '86**

Annual Dues and Donations

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Last fall, we asked for your dues and contributions, and you responded. Members of 38 delegations from 1961 to 2022 made contributions. I am so appreciative of everyone who gave regardless of the amount. This year, I am hoping to do even better with participation from every living C&G delegation.

Naturally, we all want to know how our money is being spent before donating to any cause. We believe in transparency. The C&G Senior Society's expenses for 2022-2023 consisted of:

- Insurance \$4,957
- Student social events \$4,255
- Alumni-student social events \$3,680
- Canes \$4,800
- Administrative expenses \$719

These expenses (\$18,411) were covered by each student's dues payments and your contributions that aggregated to \$20,977. You will no doubt notice that the largest expense was for liability insurance. It is unfortunate that an item that does not directly enhance the C&G experience eats up so much of our budget, but this expense is mandated by the College, including the level of coverage, deductible, and insurance carrier. The insurance carrier has told us that premiums will likely continue to rise sharply each year. (Note: This insurance coverage is unrelated to the property insurance for the Castle, which is the responsibility of the C&G Trust that owns the real estate at One South Main Street.)

Annual Dues and Donations

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Recognizing the need to stay ahead of rising costs and keep the organization sustainable for the long term, I am asking you to support current and future C&G delegations by making a generous contribution beyond our standard dues. Standard dues are \$25 for the delegations of 2019-2023 and \$50 for delegations before 2019. Here are the leadership levels of giving for this year's contributions solicitation:

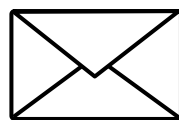
- Order of the Round Table: \$250
- Order of Merlin: \$600
- Order of Excalibur: \$1,000
- Order of Arthur: \$1,500
- Order of The Grail: \$1,886

In 2023, we had 20 C&G alumni who each contributed \$250 and up, with five of those making individual contributions of at least \$1,000. We need more of you to join the others who gave at the leadership levels for C&G to maintain a healthy balance sheet year-to-year. Here is the link to the form where you can pay by Zelle (preferred method), PayPal, or a check in the mail.

Thank you for supporting the C&G Senior Society!

The Zelle logo is displayed in a bold, purple, sans-serif font.

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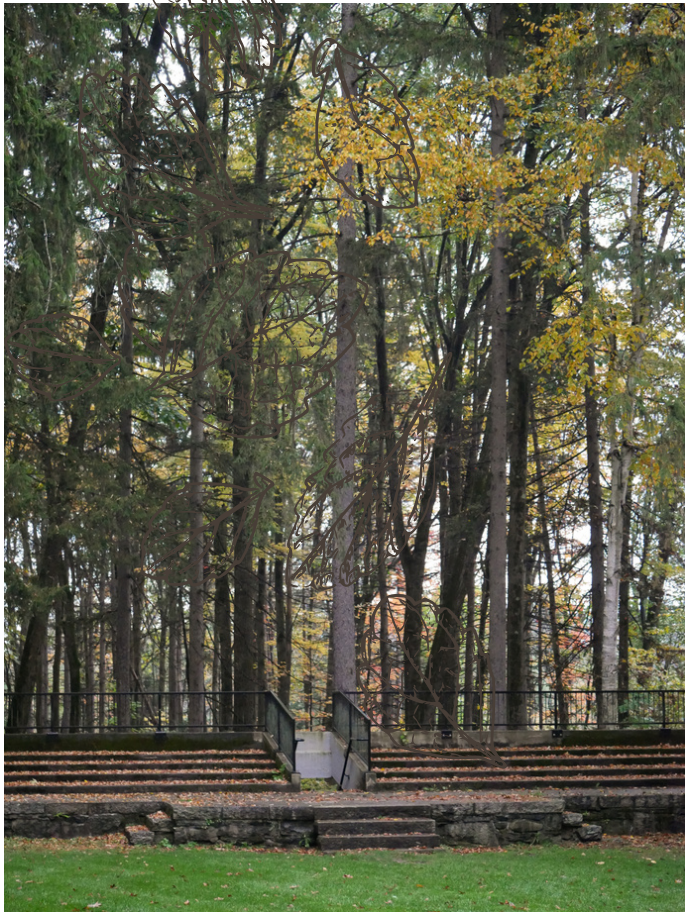
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2023-24 Elections Results

We have secured the 125 votes required to complete our board election and are thrilled to have Brenna Gourgeot '18 continuing as Secretary and Steven Tseng '95 continuing as Treasurer. Many thanks to these two for their dedication, energy, and time! And many thanks to all of you who participated in the election - your engagement keeps us going in our effort to support the current delegation and our alumni community!

Many Fields,
Monique A. Roy, '00, Board Vice President, and the Elections
Committee





Top left: BEMA in fall. Top right: **Doug Chia '93** (Board President) and **Burgie Howard '86** (former board member and local student advisor) Middle: C&G is well known for their croquet skills, right?

Updates from Student- Alumni Liaison

Greetings knights, thanks for attending our homecoming event at the BEMA in October. It was wonderful to reconnect and put on a fun outdoor event. Thanks to **Megan Larkin C&G '19** who assisted greatly with the event setup and for Doug, Monique, and members of the '24 delegation who helped clean up after. I didn't expect the croquet set I brought to be such a hit!

At the event we had the opportunity to congratulate **Alexandra Garrison Barnett C&G '07** who was recently elected president of the Alumni Council, **Rachel Kent C&G '21** who has returned from her Fulbright in Italy and now works for Dartmouth's Sustainability Office doing incredible work around regional food systems, and **Laura Sankey C&G '86** who came to visit all the way from Colorado.

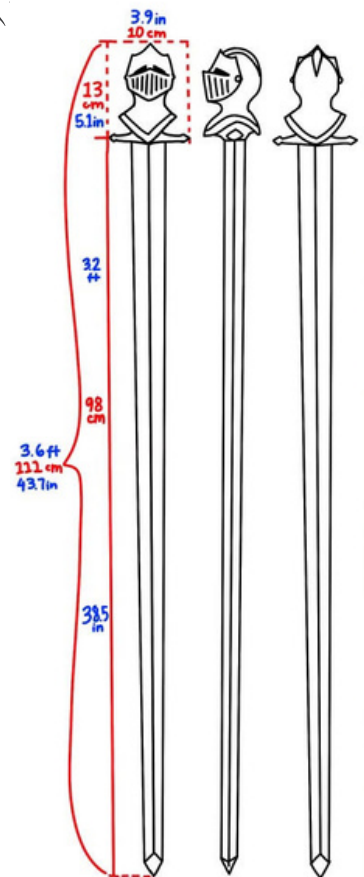
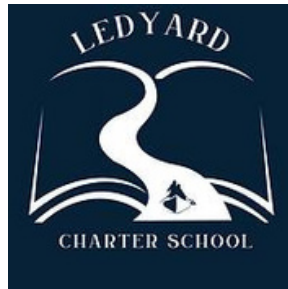
This past spring, I had the pleasure of hosting **Benny Adapon C&G '19** in my Seattle apartment (all the way from London), and completed my Masters in Geography at the University of Washington. Since then, I have been working as a culinary historian and data scientist. Here, **Latrell Kirkaldie C&G '18** and **Francis Slaughter C&G '16** and I often catch up over cocktails and dream about our next outdoor adventures.

Finally, I'm pleased again to be working with **Brandon Zhou '23** and **Juan Quinonez Zepeda '23** to establish more robust Student-Alumni programming and initiatives. Stay tuned for more updates and I'm excited to reconnect further for the spring feast in Hanover this April.

Han Vale '20
Student-Alumni Liaison



Give a Rouse!



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Romanger, Arthur of the 2024 delegation, for her involvement with the Ledyard Charter School (LCS) in Lebanon New Hampshire. Here is a letter from Kaitlyn about her work:

“One of my favorite parts of my duties at the school is supporting students in a personalized math program which focuses on empowering students to challenge themselves mathematically and debunk the notion that some people are just ‘not math people.’

I'm incredibly grateful to work with teachers and staff who are dedicated to the learning, emotional well-being, and interpersonal skills of the students rather than a grade on paper. I'm even more grateful for the privilege of engaging with students whose resilience and courage give me hope for a better tomorrow. LCS is currently trying to raise money to expand the school to include middle schoolers and provide an elevator for students with disabilities. A generous donor has given \$50,000 and has agreed to match up to another \$50,000 raised by the school for the 2023-24 school year. If you'd like to donate money, time, or other items, please see the link below!”

<https://ledyardcharterschool.betterworld.org/campaigns>

Kaitlyn also spearheaded the campaign to redesign the canes, making them more economical and making them look like swords!

EXCITED TO GET INVOLVED?

C&G has many ways to connect with students and create a community with fellow alumni! Our next events are tapping the '25s, Spring Feast 2024, and mentoring events in the spring.

Spring Feast will be held on April 20, 2024!

LINKEDIN NETWORKING

We invite you to join the C&G Facebook and LinkedIn groups! These groups are great forums to stay connected and up-to-date with our C&G community around the world, whether you're looking to meet up with fellow Knights or for career mentoring and networking. We're currently growing those spaces and would love to open them to C&Gs of all decades! The Alumni Engagement Team (Han V, Juan Q, and Brandon Z) is working on a mentorship and career connections program to be shared more broadly next year, so stay tuned!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/307748775933892>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2821470/>

We're currently looking for alumni in specific fields/industries who are willing to connect with students in the Class of 2024 delegation (more info on LinkedIn)!

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Team (Secretary and Historian) could use help building, editing, and updating the C&G Society Website. We use WordPress and would be grateful for any help you can give.

Feel free to contact Ned Ward '89 (Sir Gawain) at alumnirecords@casqueandgauntletsociety.org for more details.

Many Fields Many Crowns