Hello from a very warm Amherst!

The dust has settled on the fiscal year, and we had a strong end to June. In fact, our June finished with 273 alumni over last year’s June, in no small part because of your hard work. Thank you! Overall, we were slightly down in donors (59) and up in terms of dollars ($77,435).

Earlier this month, we spent time with our peer schools at a conference at Franklin & Marshall (it was a long drive!), and our results were in line with other liberal arts colleges. That said, Amherst remains among the top five schools in terms of participation because of you.
We feel incredibly fortunate to work with such an amazing volunteer team. There are 1,100 Class Agents, 1821 Society Chairs, members of Reunion Leadership Gifts Committees, and Associate Agents who make everything we do possible.

In addition, we are beyond grateful to our three fantastic Amherst Fund Co-Chairs—Mike Smith ’84, Betsy Witwer Feiner ’95, and Pem Brown ’06. From monthly phone calls to discuss strategy, to tireless outreach to unassigned Lybunts, our Co-Chairs are amazing. This summer, Pem ends his three-year term, and it is a pleasure to thank him for everything he has done for Amherst. It’s also my pleasure to welcome our newest Amherst Fund Co-Chair, Cristian Navarro ’16, who has, in just his first three years out, been an inspiring and terrific Class Agent. Welcome, Cristian!

I’m also happy to introduce the Amherst Fund Committee (AFC). Part of the Executive Committee of the Society of Alumni, the AFC meets three times a year on campus to serve as a resource to the Amherst Fund team. Members, who also serve as Associate Agents and Class Agents, are from across classes. The AFC helps us create new programs, and next year, we’re excited that they will serve as a more direct resource to newer Class Agents. So one more thank you to the inaugural members of the AFC: Hal Wilde ’67, Tim Armour ’70, P’01, ’07, Paul Murphy ’73, Mike Smith ’84, Kathy Chia ’88, P’22, Melissa Lawrence-Apfelbaum ’91, Michael Mercurio ’92, Betsy Witwer-Feiner ’95, James MacDonald ’99, Heeyoon Chang Slater ’01, Pem Brown ’06, Mike Wohl ’07, Jen Rybak Kieman ’10, and Alexandra Morgan-Welch ’14.

If you’re interested in more volunteer opportunities, I hope you’ll let me, or one of the Amherst Fund team, know. We are beyond grateful for what you do in support of the Amherst community. There are few colleges who enjoy this level and kind of generosity. You are the best.

Go Amherst!

Best,

Traci

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**Overall Results**

This year, we finished at $10,393,392 ($9,533,019 from the Alumni Fund and $860,373 from the Parents’ Fund). We were down just 59 donors, but given that our solicitable base grows every year, we were down slightly this year, finishing at 49.7 percent participation. Highlights from the year included this year’s giving day, which lasted 24-hours and brought in a record-breaking 2,236 donors for the College (including gifts from our current students!). And, for the third year in a row, our most recent 15 classes beat Williams in the Biggest Little Challenge.

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**Trophy Results**

Congratulations to our winning classes! This year’s results are below (and you can view them online as well).

**Chairs Trophy**

Largest Gift (1-15 years out)

*First Place: 2006 ($49,189)*
Second Place: 2004 ($42,206)
Third Place: 2010 ($39,509)

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Highest Participation (1-15 years out)
First Place: 2004 (50.5%)
Second Place: 2007 (45.6%)
Third Place: 2005 (44.8%)

Class of 1958 Trophy
Largest Gift (16-25 years out)
First Place: 1994 ($241,249)
Second Place: 1999 ($169,550)
Third Place: 1997 ($143,594)

Class of 1956 Trophy
Highest Participation (16-25 years out)
First Place: 1995 (58.8%)
Second Place: 1994 (56.8%)
Third Place: 1997 (51.3%)

Memorial Hill Trophy
Largest Gift (26 years out or more)
First Place: 1991 ($564,600)
Second Place: 1989 ($424,410)
Third Place: 1981 ($323,826)

President's Trophy
Highest Participation (26 years out or more)
First Place: 1956 (100.0%)
Second Place: 1954 (89.5%)
Third Place: 1959 (73.8%)

Trustees Trophy
Greatest Increase in Dollars (1-25 years out, non-reunion)
First Place: 1997 ($31,427)
Second Place: 2010 ($23,266)
Third Place: 2007 ($11,440)

Founders Trophy
Greatest Increase in Participation (1-25 years out, non-reunion)
First Place: 1997 (5.7%)
Second Place: 1998 (3.5%)
Third Place: 2002 (2.8%)

Eugene S. Wilson Award
Greatest Increase in Dollars (26 years out or more, non-reunion)
First Place: 1981 ($138,722)
Second Place: 1971 ($129,442)
Third Place: 1975 ($106,688)

J. Alfred Guest Award
Greatest Increase in Participation (26 years out or more, non-reunion)
First Place: 1975 (3.4%)
Second Place: 1962 (2.5%)
Third Place: 1971 (2.4%), 1985 (2.4%), 1986 (2.4%)

We'll celebrate these classes and all our successes at the Leadership Dinner on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend, October 25. Join us for a reception and dinner on campus and stay for the Amherst-Wesleyan game on Saturday. You'll receive a formal invitation in the months ahead, but we hope you can be on campus to celebrate with us this fall.

We Want to Hear From You
As we look back and celebrate all we have accomplished, we invite you to reflect on the year. What was the most common question or piece of feedback you received from your fellow classmates regarding the College? As Amherst insiders, we value your expert insights. If you haven't already, we encourage you to reach out to your class liaisons on the Amherst Fund team.

Amherst News

Dream House

Vocal Heroes
ClassLink
Track your class progress and the trophy races, select assignments, and contact classmates.

Volunteer Tools
Stay up-to-date with current campus news and our latest solicitations.

Contact Us
Questions? Find your class manager.