



# AUGUST 2025

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Student Activities Fair**  
Come learn about all of Geisel's amazing student interest groups and organizations!  
**Fri, Sept 5, 3:30pm-4:30pm**  
Derzon Courtyard outside Remsen  
To reserve table space for your interest group: **complete the Co-Curricular Activity Application AND email the name of your group and names of leaders to [Tina Hoisington](#) before Aug 26**
- September Student Gov Meeting**  
Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month to get hear updates from the members and admin! **All elected SG members** are expected to attend Student Government meetings consistently.  
**Tues, Sept 9, 6:00pm**  
DHMC Aud G and Zoom  
Keep an eye out for an email to RSVP if you are coming in person!

- DICE Annual Welcome Back Social**  
Open to Geisel staff, faculty, and students from the Health Science Program (MPH, MS), the MD program, and PhD/Fellows and their families.  
**Mon, Sept 15, 5pm, Whaleback Mountain**  
160 Whaleback Mountain Road, Enfield, NH 03748  
**RSVP [HERE](#)** Food will be provided with RSVP.

- Community Service Organizations presentations**  
M1's and M2's, come hear about the various ways you can get involved in Community Service at Geisel!  
**Wed, Sept 17, 12pm, Kellogg 200**

- Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend**  
Come volunteer at the Reunion Welcome Reception, Live with Leadership, Medical school tours, URIM meetups, Children's Night Out, or the all class reception  
**Fri-Sat, Sept 19 - Sept 20**  
**[Sign up to volunteer HERE](#)** and meet alumni, build connections, get Geisel swag, and strengthen the Geisel alumni network.

- White Coat & Gavel Olympics**  
Geisel vs UVM vs Vermont Law & Grad School! Mark your calendars and start training! Let's bring home the cup!  
**Sat, Sept 20, Burlington, VT**  
**[RSVP Here!](#)**  
Hosted by UVM Larner College of Medicine.

- Fireside Chat: Succeeding in i3 and Heme**  
M2s (and any passionate M3s/M4s) come share tips with M1s! Casual, no admin, just real talk.  
**Tues, Sept. 23, 6:00pm, Vail 118**

## M1 Class Rep Elections in September! Stay tuned for more info!

### Geisel Swag Storefront

Grab your gear with logos from [Geisel School of Medicine](#) and [Geisel Health Sciences!](#)

### Geisel Specialty Network Search

The Geisel Student Connect Portal is LIVE, and the **Specialty Network Search** is now available to help students connect with alumni by specialty. Connect with alumni by **specialty, residency location, class year, and more**. Ideal for students seeking **mentorship, advice, or** just to learn more about different fields! Watch this **[short video tutorial](#)** to learn how to get started.  
**[Create your account TODAY!](#)**

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATES

### Meeting SlideDeck | Meeting Recording

**PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT:** [Vincent Busque](#) (President) & [Derek Colaizzo](#) (VP)

- We're **keeping SG meetings fun**— July's post-meeting trivia night was a hit, and after the August SG meeting we hung out at the SNAX patio (thanks Mairead for organizing, and thanks Alex for bringing food!).
- Excited about the **launch of the Learning Collaboratives**—great opportunity to connect with classmates across years, get mentorship, and career advising.
- Working on **improving housing resources**, including a central repository for sublets, short-term rentals, and other housing info to share within the Geisel community. Encouraging **M3s at away sites to share feedback** on study spaces and wellness initiatives so we can improve them.
- The **September SG meeting will be mandatory for SG voting members** as we'll review and vote on changes to the 2025–2026 bylaws.
- Executive Council Accountability and Dismissal Clause** was voted on and passed by 95% of the vote. Below is a summary of the clause:
  - Grounds:** Repeated failure to meet expectations (≥80% meeting attendance or prior notice for absences, timely completion of duties, professional conduct, active student engagement).
  - Remediation:** Meeting with President/VP (or Treasurer/Secretary if applicable) to set expectations → written summary → minimum 4-week probation → follow-up meeting.
  - Dismissal:** If no improvement, motion for dismissal to Executive Council; 72-hr written notice; member may make brief statement; ¾ majority vote (excluding member) required.
  - Appeal:** Written appeal to Dean of Student Life within 1 week; decision within 2 weeks.
  - Special Election:** Held within 2 weeks of appeal decision (or deadline if no appeal). Duties covered by leadership until replacement elected.

**TREASURER:** [Mairead Pfaff](#)

- The **updated discretionary funding request and reimbursement forms** are now live on the Student Gov website—check them out! For all reimbursements, make sure to list **Courtney Buzzell as the approver**—she's key to getting things processed smoothly.
- Please submit all funding and reimbursement requests **at least 1 week before your event** so we can direct you to the right funding source (Discretionary, JOD fund, Fran Field fund) and ensure your event runs smoothly.
  - Discretionary Fund:** Interest group & general events (max \$500/year per group; can cover food).
  - JOD Fund:** Wellness-focused events (no food coverage).
  - Fran Field Fund:** Service activities (no food/volunteer perks coverage).
- We have a **P-Card for approved expenses** so you don't always have to pay out of pocket—email Mairead a couple of days in advance to coordinate pickup.
- Food reimbursement rate is \$13/person**—please send Mairead your RSVP list **24 hours before your event** to avoid over-ordering and waste.

**MD-PhD Reps:** [Andre Armero](#) & [Alexys Gayne](#)

- Our MD-PhD reps attended their new student orientation celebration. They're fantastic resources for anyone in the MD-PhD community.
- Coming up: an **end-of-summer event** and an **MD-PhD fall retreat in October**—more details to come!

**MD-MBA Reps:** [Frida Velcani](#) & [Liah D'Sa](#)

- As MD-MBA reps, we connect current T1s, T2s, and incoming students while getting people excited about the program.
- Wrapped up our feedback survey—**response rate improved from 13% to 40%**! The results will help us plan events for both MD-MBAs and the wider Geisel community, including those curious about healthcare + business.
- Welcomed our new T1 class** (Geisel '27) who just started at Tuck this week.
- Working on MD-MBA merchandise**—ideas welcome from both program members and non-members!

**ACADEMICS:** [Helen Thomason](#) & [Corbin Dameron](#)

- We represent students on the **Medical Education Committee (MEC)**—a large group of ~30 faculty and ~20 students that shapes policy on grading, attendance, curriculum, and course evaluations.
- It's been great meeting M1s at orientation, in the library, and at PrideMD! **M1 class rep elections are coming up in September**, and there's an upcoming **Curriculum Rep** role in elections to serve as a liaison between your class and the MEC!
- Current projects:
  - Reviewing the new 3-tier clerkship grading system (Fail/Pass/Honors) in Phase 2 (M3 year).
  - Updating SPE (Standardized Performance Evaluation) rubrics and improving faculty development.
  - Following up on M3 town hall feedback form—expect updates in ~2 weeks.
  - Geisel Assessment Oversight Committee (an MEC subcommittee) is planning next steps for assessment improvements.
- New: **Leadership training for MEC leaders** after the Oct. 15 MEC meeting at SNAX—tools for effective meeting participation and leadership skills.
- Want to get involved? Reach out!**
  - Become a LCME (Liaison Committee for Medical Education) Student Ambassador → email [Justine Cameron](#)
  - Join Learning Collaboratives planning committee → email [Amy Rose](#)
  - Become a Peer Tutor ([reapply](#) every year) → email [Courtney Buzzell](#)

**AAMC OSR Reps:** [Helen Thomason](#), [Daniel Ryvkin](#), [Titilayo Mabogunje](#), & [Andrew Bostwick](#)

- We represent Geisel in the **Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)** within the AAMC, keeping you informed about national-level medical education developments.
- Recently, Titi collaborated with Yale colleagues on a **food insecurity survey**—we **reached our response goal**, so stay tuned for results!
- The **AAMC Learn Serve Lead Conference** is coming up soon—we'll be spotlighting Geisel students presenting there.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** [Daniel Ryvkin](#) & [Alessandra Bryan](#)

- Medical Student Grand Rounds – Tuesday, August 19 at 6 p.m., Aud G + Zoom.** Great way for us to see the incredible work of your peers! **Featuring Alex Walkon, David Abraham, and Jack Donaghue.**
  - Want to present your research at future Med Student Grand Rounds? [Sign up here!](#)
- Big Sib, Little Sib Program** – Matching M1s with M2s *within your house* for peer support. Sign-ups coming out shortly.
- Specialty Peer Mentoring** – Pairing Phase 1 students with Phase 2 students who share specialty interests. Sign-ups also coming soon.
- Near-Peer Shadowing** – M2s shadow M3s to get a feel for clerkships. Sign-ups later this month.
- New! Fireside Chat Series** – First one is **Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6–7 p.m. in Vail 118**. M2s (and any passionate M3s/M4s) share tips with M1s about **succeeding in i3 and Heme**—casual, no admin, just real talk.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:** [Parker Scott](#) & [Charles Mazof](#)

- We throw big, loud, and fun events you'll remember. Past highlights include the Christmas Party, Halloween Party, Sketchy Party (you'll soon know what that means, M1s), and our *Night at the Circus*-themed Spring Formal—complete with faculty dealers at poker tables.
- White Coat & Gavel Games! Sept 20** – Three-school showdown (Geisel, UVM, Vermont Law & Grad School). Sports (pickleball, tug-of-war, tennis, soccer, and more), bragging rights, new friends, and an after-party. Let's bring the Cup home this year!
- Preliminary 2025–2026 Event Schedule at the end of this newsletter**
  - September: **White Coat & Gavel Games** (Sept. 20 in Burlington—compete or just cheer and hang out)
  - October: **Halloween Party**
  - Winter: **Suits & Stethoscopes** mixer with Tuck School of Business
  - Spring: **Skits Night** (M2-run send-off before clerkships), **Service Gala** (semi-formal for charity), and **Spring Formal**
- Join the Social Committee HERE** – Help pick themes, venues, menus, and make the magic happen. Small group, free food, and a direct path to getting more involved in SG. Email [Parker Scott](#) & [Charles Mazof](#) if you have more questions!

**WELLNESS:** [Erin Kelly](#) & [Annie Cao](#)

- Who are Wellness Reps?** We support student well-being and connection in whatever form that takes—events, resources, or just a friendly check-in. Each class has 1-2 elected wellness reps, plus and SG has 2 Wellness co-chairs (Erin and Annie) who help coordinate and fund events. **Past events:** bowling, Tip-Top Pottery, massage chairs before exams (thanks to Joy, '27 Wellness Rep), and more.
- New this year: WALKING PADS are now available for checkout** from the Student Life office! How it works: Scan the QR code at the door, take the walking pad anywhere on campus, then return it and scan/check it back in with a quick survey. We'll track usage—if they're popular, we may get more. Keep an eye out for an email with full details.
- Want more Wellness ideas? Check out the [Dartmouth Student Wellness Resource Map](#)
- Support to host a student wellness activity? **The Joe O'Donnell Fund** provides support for Geisel School of Medicine student projects and initiatives that promote wellness, compassion, and service. Check out [this resource](#) to help navigate the application process, and [apply here](#). Note that [approval](#) may take a few weeks. We're also collaborating on the **JOD Fund** and building a plan for **monthly wellness activities** across Geisel. Got ideas? Let us know!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** [Alex Walkon](#) and [Trey Rogers](#)

- Shake-a-Rake fall event community service**—looking for elderly community members who need help with raking leaves. If you know anyone or channels to connect with, please let us know!
- SAVE THE DATE: Community Service Organizations presentations on Sept 17 at 12pm in Kellogg 200** - we'll showcase community service projects and organizations, primarily for M1s, to highlight ways to get involved. M2s will help lead this effort via a survey to collect info and create the presentation.
- Service Gala:** Planning is underway! We're aiming for December instead of the new year, but final date depends on venue availability. Updates to come.
- The **August Service Newsletter** is out! It's your go-to for **ongoing and upcoming volunteer opportunities**. Check it out monthly.
- Funding spotlight:** Don't sleep on the **Fran Field Fund**—it's a **dedicated funding source for community service initiatives**, separate from general student government funds. Perfect for project ideas that directly serve the community. Reach out to Alex for guidance, and [Apply for Funding Here!](#)
- As always, if you're doing any community service project and want help recruiting volunteers, don't hesitate to contact Alex (248-410-2115) or Trey (417-860-2533)!

**DICE:** [Eric Wang](#) & [Mary Basilious](#)

- Resources:**
  - Shared Study Guide Drive:** Collaborative space for preclinical block study guides. Students can contribute and **access resources HERE!**
  - Affinity Group Mentorship Program:** Pairing students with mentors from similar cultural or personal backgrounds. Contact [Niko Hernandez](#) or [Phoebe Xu](#) for more information, and **SIGN UP HERE!**
- Upcoming Events:**
  - Welcome Back Social Sept 15:** Annual DICE-sponsored event at Whaleback Mountain with free food and mingling opportunities. [RSVP here!](#)
  - M1-M2 DICE Mixer:** Planned to introduce new students to the Geisel community. Date TBD.
  - Surgeon General's Roundtable:** October 26–28, featuring past Surgeon Generals discussing health topics.
- Opportunities & Resources:**
  - Co-Designed Community-Based Internships Applications** due Sept 15. Opportunities for domestic or international global health work.
  - Free Food Alert:** App/website to share extra food resources on campus to help address food insecurity. Get the app [HERE](#).

**ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT:** [Diya Mathur](#) and [Taylor Cooper](#)

- Annual Alumni Reunion Volunteer Sign-Up:** Students can volunteer at the reunion, receive some free Geisel swag (e.g., T-shirts), and have the opportunity to meet alumni, build connections, and strengthen the Geisel alumni network. [Sign up to volunteer HERE](#)
- The **Student Connect Portal is officially live!** Watch this [short video tutorial](#) on setting up your account at [geiselalumni.org!](#) Connect with alumni by **specialty, residency location, class year, and more**. Ideal for students seeking **mentorship, advice, or** just to learn more about different fields
- We'd love your **feedback** on the portal and any ideas for additions to the [Geisel Swag Storefront](#), so please reach out anytime with suggestions!

## GEISEL ADMIN UPDATES

**Office of Admissions: Dr. Pinto-Powell**

- Welcome M1s**—The admissions team has been busy welcoming M1s to campus and supporting the transition to student life and the curriculum. M2s have been incredible big sibs to the incoming class!
- New Admissions Cycle** begins this month! Everyone is encouraged to help with recruiting—volunteering for open houses, Geisel conversations, and other events makes a big impact.

**Office of DICE: Dr. McBride**

- Grateful to Eric and Mary** - you're both doing an incredible job! I'm excited to partner with you this year as we focus on **food insecurity**.
  - We're especially looking forward to offering a **trauma-informed poverty simulation**, modeled after similar ones at Yale and Harvard — it'll be a powerful learning opportunity for all students.
- Grateful to Dr. Cunningham for helping us bring back the **Lead with Compassion** communication skills workshop for the incoming class — now in its second year! We'll offer more of these **interactive, communication skills-building sessions** throughout the year, in collaboration with the Stanford Institute on Empathy and Compassion and our friends at UCSD. **We're proud to be the only med school offering this during orientation**, and that's thanks to continued support from Dr. Cunningham and Dean Compton.

**Office of Student Life: Dr. Cunningham**

- Warm welcome** to M1s, MPH students, and a big thank you to all student leaders, faculty, and staff who supported Orientation.
- Action item:** All **student interest groups must complete annual co-curricular activities registration by August 26th** to remain eligible for funding this academic year and to participate in the **Student Activities Fair on September 5th, 3:30 PM, in the Derzon Courtyard**.
- Learning Collaboratives new student leadership role** launching soon; finalized job description expected by early September. Inaugural M1 leaders will be selected, with mentorship from M2–M4s. Leaders will meet monthly to shape collaborative activities (logo, shield, events, etc.).
- See you all at the Welcome Back Social** on September 15th at Whaleback Mountain. Expect good food, music, and line dancing!

## SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**9.20** WHITE COAT & GAVEL GAMES  
SPORTING EVENT W/ LARNER COM AND VLGS  
HELD IN BURLINGTON, VT THIS YEAR

**10.25** GEISEL HALLOWEEN PARTY

**1.23** SUITS & STETHOSCOPES  
GEISEL AND TUCK MIXER

**2.07** SKITS NIGHT  
SKITS DIRECTED BY THE M2 CLASS

**2.21** SERVICE GALA  
SEMI-FORMAL EVENT W/ SILENT AUCTION  
RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

**4.04** SPRING FORMAL  
MED SCHOOL PROM

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

## GEISEL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### SERVICE NEWSLETTER - AUG 2025

#### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**1. The Upper Valley Haven**  
The Haven provides food, temporary shelter, supportive housing, children's after school and summer programs and community outreach. Volunteers primarily work at the food shelf. To complete an individual volunteer application, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to sign up to deliver a meal to a haven resident!

**2. David's House at DH**  
David's House provides housing and support to families with children receiving medical care at CHD. Volunteers can cook meals for families, provide playroom support, and help with grounds upkeep. Click [here](#) for more information and to complete a volunteer application!

**3. The Woodstock Community Food Shelf**  
A completely volunteer run food pantry, the Woodstock Community Food Shelf is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to provide groceries. To volunteer, call (802) 457-1185.

**4. Community Health Scholars Food Deliveries with The Haven**  
The Community Health Scholars partners with the Upper Valley Haven to perform weekly food deliveries for disabled individuals in the community. These deliveries happen weekly on Wednesdays and take about 60 to 90 minutes to complete. If you have any interest in helping, out, please reach out to Elsa (Elsa Winslow [elsa.winslow.med@dartmouth.edu](#))

**5. Memory Cafe Social Group**  
The Memory Cafe is a social group for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and their families. This event happens once a month on Saturdays from 10am-12pm at the Howe Library. We will eat breakfast, enjoy a musical performance, engage in physical activity or game, and do an arts and craft project. This event will continue through the spring and summer, the next 6 Saturday sessions being 7/27, and 8/6. Please reach out to Elsa Winslow at [Elsa.Winslow.MED@Dartmouth.edu](#)

### EDITOR'S NOTE

**HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT? WANT TO SHARE A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY?**



Scan this QR code to let us know about your opportunity and have it advertised in next month's newsletter!

For other feedback, comments, questions or concerns contact Madri or Alex! [trey.rogers.med@dartmouth.edu](#) [alexander.a.walkon.med@dartmouth.edu](#)

Don't forget to fill out the **Service Opportunities Interest form** to tell us about the events you would like to see click here!

See you next month!

## GEISEL STUDENT LIFE APP

### HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW GEISEL STUDENT LIFE APP

**Step 1:** Scan the QR Code

**Step 2:** Select Share button

**Step 3:** "Add to Home Screen"

**Step 4:** Click YES to enroll in the Push Notifications

**Step 4:** Start exploring the app!

## GET INVOLVED!

- Join **Student Gov meetings every 2nd Tuesday** of the month at 6pm in Auditorium G at DHMC and on Zoom!
- Apply for Student Government discretionary funding!** Have an event or program idea for Geisel students? Even if it's not tied to an interest group, you can [apply for discretionary funding](#) to support your initiative

- Know a Community Service Opportunity that Geisel students would love?** [Fill this form](#) to have the community service opportunities included on the monthly community service newsletter!

- All students should explore the [Career Advising Resources SharePoint!](#)

- [Connect with Geisel Alumni](#) for mentorship, research opportunities, residency advice, specialty advice, and more!

- [Apply to present](#) at Medical Student Grand Rounds (MSGR)

- [Add yourself](#) to the **Geisel Student Contact List** and help us connect you with prospective students!

- Become a **LCME (Liaison Committee for Medical Education) Student Ambassador** → email [Justine Cameron](#)

- Join **Learning Collaboratives planning committee** → email [Amy Rose](#)

- Become a **Peer Tutor (reapply every year)** → email [Courtney Buzzell](#)

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