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**Dartmouth**  
GEISEL SCHOOL OF  
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**MAY 2025**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

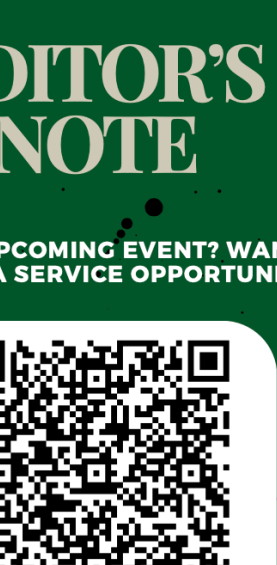
- Therapy Dogs!**  
Need a break? Come unwind with our furry friends!  
**Tues, May 27 at 12:00pm**  
Derzon Courtyard (outside Remsen)
- June Student Gov Meeting**  
Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month to get hear updates from SG members and admin! [All elected SG members](#) are admin! Attend Student Government meetings consistently  
**Tues, June 10, 6:00pm**  
DHMC Aud G and Zoom  
Keep an eye out for an email to RSVP if you are coming in person!

**Geisel Swag Storefront**

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

**GEISEL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**SERVICE NEWSLETTER - MAY 2025**




**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

- 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!
- David's House at DH**  
David's House provides housing and support to families with children receiving medical care at CHaD. 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!
- 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.
- Community Health Scholars Food Deliveries with The Haven**  
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](mailto:elsa.winslow.med@dartmouth.edu))
- 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 3/29, 4/12, 5/17, 6/14, 7/12, and 8/16. Please reach out to Elsa Winslow at [Elsa.Winslow.MED@Dartmouth.edu](mailto: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 Madi or Alex! [trey.e.rogers.med@dartmouth.edu](mailto:trey.e.rogers.med@dartmouth.edu) | [alexander.a.walkon.med@dartmouth.edu](mailto: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!

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATES**

[Meeting SlideDeck](#) | [Meeting Recording](#)

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

- We're so excited to kick off the year! Our **top goal is to make SG meetings more fun and energizing** — think music, walkout songs, trivia nights, and snacks to bring people together and build momentum.
- We're committed to **increasing engagement across the entire student body**. Look out for **post-meeting office hours** (in-person and on Zoom by email request) to bring your questions, ideas, or concerns — we're here to listen and support!
- Attendance matters, and we'll be checking in to **make sure voting members come to SG meetings and represent** their class. We also encourage you to share what's happening in SG with your peers to keep the energy going outside the meetings.
- With Vincent's background in wellness and Derek's focus on professional development, we're excited to spotlight quality improvement efforts this year and support the amazing work of our Exec Board.

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

- Starting July 1, **interest groups will have a \$500 yearly cap on discretionary funding** to help distribute the SG budget more equitably and ensure more groups can host events throughout the year. Requests above the cap can be discussed with the Exec Board.
- Also beginning July 1, **the food allocation for student events will increase from \$10 to \$13 per person** to better reflect current prices. (Events before July 1 will still follow the \$10/person limit.)
- A new P-Card is on the way — stay tuned for an update once it's available!
- Remaining Funds:**
  - If you haven't submitted your reimbursements yet, **please submit reimbursements ASAP**. Submit BOTH the [Online Reimbursement Request Google form](#) and the [OnBase form](#).
  - Request to use the P-Card at least **48 hours in advance** and return to Mairead within **24 hours** after use.

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

- We recently **celebrated our MD-MBA graduates** with a fun brunch — shoutout to the five amazing grads! We're also in the middle of transitioning leadership from Matt to us (Leah & Frida).
- Our top priorities this year are launching a **feedback survey to improve future programming** and brainstorming ideas for **new MD-MBA merch** — we'd love your creative input!
- We're excited to keep building on last year's momentum with fresh events, panels, and collaborative projects across grad schools.

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

- We're preparing a **survey for the M3 class** to gather feedback on the **new grading system** after the first block — keep an eye out!
- Quick FYI: The Medical Education Committee (MEC) has a large monthly meeting. The **MEC now holds subcommittee meetings by phase** (phase 1 meeting, phase 2 meeting, and phase 3 meeting) to better address student needs and curriculum changes at each stage. Join if you can, and get your questions answered!
- Feel free to reach out to us (Helen & Corbin) with any academic questions or concerns.

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

- We're gathering a **database of all specialty interest groups** — please help by sharing **contact info for group leaders** in [this Google Form](#) (even if you're not currently in a leadership role).
- Planning to **restart Medical Student Grand Rounds in August/September** when the new M1s and rising M2s return — sign-ups will open in July! This is a great opportunity to share your research, build public speaking skills, and make an impression on new students.
- We're always open to ideas or suggestions — feel free to reach out!

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

- Over the summer, we'll **finalize next year's social calendar** to share with incoming students in the fall.
- Save the date for the annual Olympics** with Vermont Law and Larner College of Medicine is happening on **September 20th** — Mark your calendar and start training!
- Recent Event: MD x MS x MPH Mixer** was on Saturday, May 24 at the "Brown House." It was a farewell to Brown House, a longtime med student housing and hangout, which is being sold this year.

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

- New initiatives** include creating a clearer **JOD request form**, enhancing **student lounge spaces**, and collaborating with staff and faculty to build a **wellness guide for Geisel**.
- Upcoming events:**
  - Therapy dogs** will be on campus on **May 27th**, the week before finals — perfect for de-stressing!
  - An **outdoor climbing event** on **May 26th**.
- Mental Health Awareness Month (May)** is in full swing — join the weekly events organized by Kate, Erin, and team, including a **Geisel Farmers Market** (don't forget to use your token!).
- Annie Cao and Erin Kelly are now the **JOD fund approval contacts!**
  - 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.

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

- The **May Service Newsletter** is out! It's your go-to for **ongoing and upcoming volunteer opportunities**. Check it out monthly and [submit your own community service events and opportunities](#). Some Highlighted Opportunities:
  - The Haven deliveries** happen every **Wednesday** — reach out to Elsa Winslow to get involved.
  - Memory Cafe Social Groups** — play music and connect with older adults with dementia (reach out to Elsa Winslow).
- Recent Events: Community Service Lunch** was on May 14th with organization leaders — we're working to build connections and **create a centralized database** of all service opportunities at Geisel!
- 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 (note: not for things like reimbursements). Reach out to Alex for guidance, and [Apply for Funding Here!](#)

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

- May is Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month!** Some recent events:
  - APAMSA Fashion Show** at the Hood Museum — celebrating culture and creativity.
  - Spice & Slice** event on May 16 — included a talk by **Dr. Patrick Ho** followed by a cooking experience.
- Stay tuned for more events from DICE and the DICE Office. Questions or ideas? Reach out to Eric or Mary anytime!

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

- The team has been hard at work on a **Alumni Database Portal** — a long-anticipated tool to help students connect with Geisel alumni, building bridges that will support your journey in medicine and beyond! **Two key features of the database:**
  - H.O.S.T. Directory (Helping Our Students Travel)**
    - Designed to support students traveling for **away rotations, sub-Is, or clerkships**. Search by **city or state** to find alumni who are open to meeting up, offering local advice — or even a place to stay!
  - Specialty Network Directory**
    - 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.
- Instructions on how to access and use the portal** will be shared shortly.

**UPDATES FROM GEISEL ADMIN**

**Office of Admissions: Aileen Panitz**

- We're in a **transitional phase**: one admissions cycle is **closing** (waitlist still active), and the next is **opening**.
- Big thanks to all who supported Second Look!** Shoutout to students, DICE, Student Life, staff, and faculty who gave tours, led conversations, and helped showcase Geisel.
- June 9th** is the **Commit Date** — when we'll officially know the members of the **incoming class**. We're excited to welcome a brand new cohort to campus!

**Office of DICE: Dr. McBride**

- Excited to work with Eric and Mary**, the new DICE Chairs. Already impressed and looking forward to their leadership.
- For **Mental Health Awareness Month**, we **hosted former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Antonia Novello** at DH for an event focused on mental health, burnout, and well-being for trainees.
- Mark your calendar: United Nations Global Mental Health Conference on October 25–26** in collaboration with **Dartmouth College**, focused on mental health at a global level.

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

- We recently **celebrated 83 new MD graduates** with an inspiring keynote by former Surgeon General Dr. Antonia Novello. If you missed her powerful remarks, they're available online.
- Orientation planning is in full swing for MD, MPH, and MS programs from mid-June through mid-August. We'll be reaching out soon with ways you can get involved.
- A **new color-coded card system** is being rolled out in **shared study rooms** to **better manage space use** (e.g., solo study, group-friendly, interview privacy). Walking pads and whiteboard solutions are also being added to enhance the space.
- We're **shifting responsibility** for Lebanon student spaces to the Student Life team, allowing clinical faculty to focus fully on education. Updates and supply organization are underway.
- Dartmouth's Campus and Community Life team is expanding support for graduate and professional students. We're forming a **student advisory board and working to improve the international student experience** with strong institutional support.

**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 montly 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!
- Nominate yourself or your peers to present at **Medical Student Grand Rounds (MSGR): [Application Here](#)**
- [Add yourself](#) to the **Geisel Student Contact List** and help us connect you with prospective students!

[Joe O'Donnell Wellness Fund](#)

[Student Government Discretionary Fund](#)

[SG Reimbursements for approved activities](#)

[Conference Funding Resources](#)



[Fran Field Community Service Fund](#)

