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***DartWorks*—the new major/minor declaration system is LIVE**

After a successful collaboration between the Registrar's Office, ITS, faculty members, staff and students, *DartWorks*, an enhanced system for major/minor declaration is live. While it was a big improvement to switch from paper cards to an online system in 2014, the *DartWorks Dashboard* pairs smoothly with *DegreeWorks*. Departments and Programs no longer need to go into the *DegreeWorks Program Planner* and can manage all their approvals from their *DartWorks Dashboard*, while students use their *DartWorks Dashboard* to initiate and view their major/minor requests. See <https://www.dartmouth.edu/%7Ereg/guides/dartworks/index.html> for more information. Thank you to all who helped to make this a success.

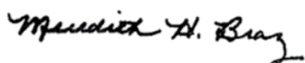
Do you know...how many majors are offered at Dartmouth?

(See last page for answer)

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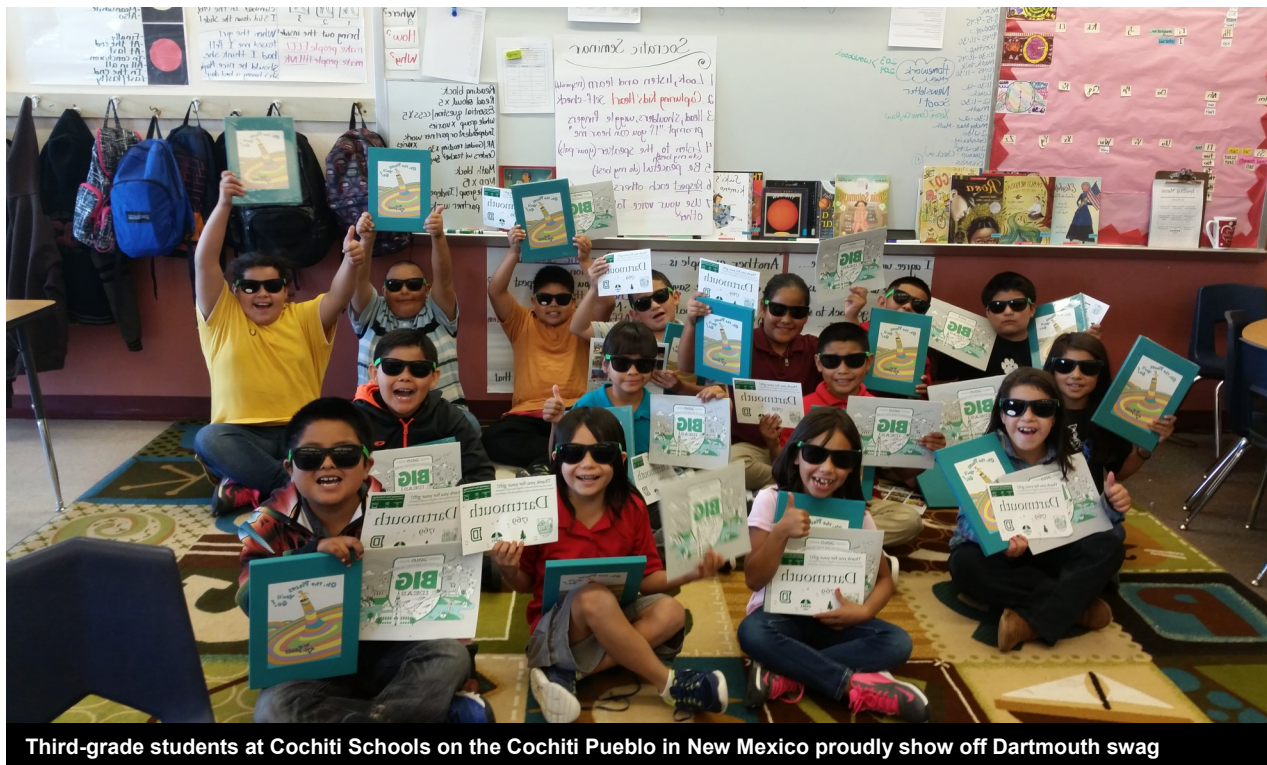
A student told me recently that while some of her friends know there is a Registrar's Office, they were not aware there was an actual person who was the "Registrar." So to clarify:

1. I am privileged to hold the position *Registrar of the College* (there have been six since World War II). In addition there are also several talented Registrar's Office staff members, some who provide direct service and others who work "behind the scenes" since we both develop and maintain many systems. I and several staff are members of AACRAO, a national organization that sets standards, policies, and practices in the field, and where I hold a position on the Board of Directors. I meet with students every term on a variety of issues, and many students work with us to test new systems, provide feedback, and suggest new ideas. See <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/about/facts/> and <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/about/staff.html> to learn more about the former Dartmouth Registrars and current staff.
2. *The Registrar does not make the rules.* Students (and others) often state that they cannot do something due to the "Registrar's rule on X". *My role is to implement the rules and regulations that the Faculty or in some cases Federal law has established, and to create processes and procedures that support them.* I also identify and interpret rules, and in some cases the answer may not be what the inquirer wants to hear. I will always try to offer alternate solutions or redirect the inquirer when necessary, however I am not in a position to change faculty-legislated or Federal rules.
3. What does a modern-day College or University Registrar do? A bit of everything! Think of the Registrar as the Official who operates at the intersection of students, faculty, and curriculum, and develops systems and structures to support them. It is a very varied job that not only includes course-related services and maintenance of the academic record, it also incorporates compliance, technology, research services, training and federal reporting. While we provide support to multiple constituencies that include students, faculty members, staff, parents, alumni, and the general public, our primary focus remains students and faculty members. See the Registrar's Office annual report (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/about/annualreport/index.html>) for more detail on the Registrar's responsibilities at Dartmouth and some of our initiatives.



Meredith H. Braz, Registrar

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Third-grade students at Cochiti Schools on the Cochiti Pueblo in New Mexico proudly show off Dartmouth swag

This fall two elementary school teachers reached out to our office and asked if we would connect with them since they choose an aspirational institution each year for their class, and this year it was Dartmouth. We were excited to participate, and our colleagues in Advancement provided us with some Dartmouth swag to share which, as you can see from the photo above, they enjoyed! One class of 2nd graders is from the Bronx, and one class of 3rd graders is from Cochiti Elementary in New Mexico where we now each have “pen pals.” Mariela writes “I want to go to Dartmouth [College] and I want to go to learn Computer [Science]”. Maybe someday she wears the Dartmouth green!

Do you know...Dartmouth offers 74 individual majors, including modified majors.

We heard you—extra emails!

You may have participated in our last 60-second survey “Where Do Students Get Academic Date Info” http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/about/surveys/2016w_survey.html. If you did—we heard you! Based on feedback from that survey, we have implemented additional, short, email reminders to students each term. We are also looking into adding an “opt-in” text feature.

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James Cart '10, Assistant Registrar for Academic Applications and Policy

In October, James K. Cart '10 joined our team as Dartmouth's new Assistant Registrar for Academic Applications and Policy. As a Dartmouth alumnus, James brings a unique perspective to the department. Please join us in welcoming James back to Dartmouth.