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Dear New Student Parents and Families:

The Department of Safety and Security provides Dartmouth College with professional safety and security services that include incident response, investigation, and follow up of all security related matters that come to our attention. We strive to engage our community via education, information sharing and training programs, as our strongest ally in deterrence and prevention. The women and men of this department are dedicated to the Mission of the College and, as stated in our Mission Statement, to the maintenance of a campus environment that supports academic excellence, independent thought, and cultural collaboration.

As a parent or guardian of a new student, we encourage you to have frank conversations with your student about the risks of underage alcohol consumption, sexual assault, hazing and other prohibited activities that can occur on any college campus. Dartmouth takes these issues very seriously because they involve the safety of our students; and that is our greatest concern.

New Hampshire laws pertaining to underage drinking, hazing, and sexual assault are strictly enforced by local law enforcement. Our department enforces all college policies with the safety and success of our students being our foremost concern. We are available to your student 24 hours a day; every day.

New students are often a bit overwhelmed with their first few weeks at college. Encourage them to contact our department for support and services whenever they are unsure of what to do in a particular instance. Our staff is very attuned to our students and we value and foster the positive relationship we have with the entire campus community. We want students to know that we are always available to assist them

We are available around the clock at 603-646-4000. We have also introduced a new safety app called Dartmouth LiveSafe. It can be easily downloaded to your student's smartphone from the App Store or Google Play after they arrive on campus. The app provides them access to campus resource information, easy Emergency 911 and Dartmouth Safety and Security communications, anonymous tip reporting and much more. I encourage you to prompt your student to download the app and make it part of their campus safety tool box.

Dartmouth also has an emergency notification system to alert the campus community of a catastrophic event occurring on or near campus called DartAlert. DartAlert consists of an outdoor siren and audible speakers and a mass email, cellphone, and desktop alert system. Encourage your student to visit the Emergency Preparedness at Dartmouth home page to learn how to sign up for cellphone text or voice messages and desktop alert messages (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~prepare/>).

You will often hear that Dartmouth is a special place; its depth of character, traditions, diversity, commitment to academic excellence, as well as its beautiful natural surroundings contribute to making Dartmouth such an exemplary academic environment. We want your student to take full advantage of all Dartmouth has to offer, and in doing so we encourage them to take appropriate personal and collective precautions when living, learning, working, and playing at Dartmouth.

Lastly, I want to invite you to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns during your Dartmouth student's experience during the next four years. Please feel free to just stop in to say hello when you visit. We welcome you and your student to the Dartmouth community. Thank you for helping us to keep it safe.

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