



ALUMNI MEMORIAL BOOK FUNDS PROGRAM

History

In 1946, the Dartmouth Class of 1914 conceived the idea of honoring its deceased members by making funds available to the College Library for the purchase of books in their memory. The volumes acquired were to be of permanently valuable character, and each would carry a special bookplate bearing the name of the classmate being honored. These books would serve to tangibly perpetuate the ties between the Class and its members, while at the same time creating memorials of a useful and significant nature, each having the particular virtue of being directly associated with Dartmouth and its active, on-going education program.

Since its inception, 58 Dartmouth Classes have participated in the Program. Through this program, over 15,000 books have been added to the Library's collection in memory of Dartmouth College alumni.

Initiating a Class Memorial Books Program

A Class officer, serving as liaison, communicates to the Library the intention to initiate the program. At this time, the Class designates an amount per book to be allocated to memorialize each classmate and forwards an initial check (payable to *Dartmouth College Library*) to cover the cost for deceased classmates. The Library requests semi-annual reports from the Alumni Records Office and records the names of alumni to be memorialized and tracks Class contributions to the Program. As names of deceased Class members are received, the Library coordinates with the Class Treasurer to provide funds for the necessary memorial books to be assigned.

The Library can provide lists of the selected memorial books to the Class officer overseeing the program, who may then communicate this to the Class or family, as desired. If friends or family members wish to see an assigned book while visiting Hanover, it can be readily identified, since complete records of each title and the corresponding individual memorialized are maintained by the Library. Financial reports are also available to the designated Class officer upon request. Please note that while we are unable to select titles in an area of interest specific to each person memorialized, each book is chosen with careful attention to quality and content.

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Permanent Book Endowments

Several Classes have also established book endowment funds as a means of providing a perpetual memorial to the Class and as an assurance that the last surviving Class members will be memorialized.

Inquiries

Inquiries from Classes regarding participation in the Alumni Memorial Book Funds Program and/or permanent endowments for this purpose may be directed to:

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