Annual Report from the Student Director

With one of the best winters in recent memory, the Dartmouth Ski Patrol was excited to get back out on the slopes. I would like to congratulate and thank everyone for another very impressive season at the Skiway. I especially want to thank the 2013-2014 board: Assistant Director Kara Hedges ’14, Training Officer Amy Couture ’14, Treasurer Deirdre Lambert ’15, Equipment Officer Tommy Wilson ’14, and Secretary Sutton Higgins ’15. These five people all did a great job and made my life as director fun and easy.

As a board, we strove to improve the experience of apprenti, and ensure the strong sense of community within patrol. In the fall, we introduced a new way to apprenti, which we all agree was highly successful and expect to continue in the future. As opposed to a single first round interview for 10 minutes, each potential candidate was seen by two teams of two patrollers. One interview focused on applying practical skills, while the second interview was a more traditional formal interview. The result was a more efficient process of selections and a strong overall apprenti class. The Fall group of apprenti was an enthusiastic and committed group. We

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furthermore continued to work closely with shift supervisors throughout the winter and received a tremendous amount of detailed feedback from them. Their feedback was invaluable to the process and to making the final selections.

In addition, the board worked to reduce expenses for patrollers by supplying a lunch money stipend. While talks are ongoing with the DOC for funding, the future looks promising in securing the necessary means to ensure that patrollers are not required to pay out of pocket for volunteering their time. The apprenti also did several fundraisers to reduce the cost of their packs and medical supplies. We additionally, introduced an aid program for the annual Tremblant trip that covered the costs of the trip to ensure that no patrollers were left behind because they could not afford the trip. Across the board we worked to maintain the strong sense of community within the Dartmouth Ski Patrol. I believe this is important to ensure all members remain dedicated to both the professional and social aspects of Dartmouth Ski Patrol. I believe we achieved this goal and attendance for shifts and social events was very high.

I want to give a special thanks to the apprenti liaison, Connor Gibson ’16. Connor put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to ensure the entire apprenti process ran smoothly. We have a very strong group of apprenti this year and Connor’s work as apprenti liaison is a fundamental reason why. I also want to thank Amy for her countless hours of work as Training Officer. Amy successfully lead the 2016 class through OEC, making certain they all passed the written and practical tests in the spring. Amy furthermore organized an extraordinarily successful and efficient Fall Refresher. In addition to the board, I want to thank Isabelle Magro ’14, Nicole Swanson ’14, Mackenzie Bronson ’14, Brett Nicholas ’15, and Brett Teplitz ’15 for consistently helping teach OEC and helping with the final apprenti test. Finally, a big thank you to the assistant director, Kara for being my right hand (wo)man throughout the year.

This season was a great success and it was an honor and a pleasure to serve as director for the past year. With that I’ll introduce next year’s board: Director Deirdre Lambert ’15, Assistant Director Jake Marston ’15, Training Officer Sutton Higgins ’15, Treasurer Connor Gibson ’16, Equipment Officer Andy Suslavich ’15, and Secretary Christie Mayberry ’16. This is still the greatest organization and the largest family on campus. I have the utmost faith and confidence in this group and know we are leaving the organization in great hands. The future of patrol is as strong and bright as ever. Thank you for a fantastic year.

Trevor Gulick-Stutz ’14

**ALL IN A DAY’S WORK**
Clockwise from top left: Bros enjoying the snow hot tub after a long afternoon of patrolling; Apprenti Cannon Wille ’17 smiles happily from the toboggan after being successfully “saved” and sledded down the mountain by fellow patrollers; Brett Nicholas ’15 and his skis; A quartet of ’16s on Holt’s hike during the Fall term.

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Reflections on Four Years of Patrol
Kara Hedges ’14

Spending my free time as a member of the Dartmouth Ski Patrol over the past four years has been, hands down, one of the most fulfilling, exciting, and enriching experiences of college. The group of sixty members that is the DSP covers unique ground at Dartmouth: we hail from 19 different states, cover six sororities and seven fraternities, study at least 18 unique majors, have collectively traveled or studied on all the continents in a number of countries that got too high for me to keep track, and carry an extremely eclectic array of passions and interests.

Sometimes I think of winter patrol shifts as a bizarre social experiment: What will happen when you put a handful of seemingly random people with the backgrounds like those listed above, only linked by membership to the DSP, into a shack on the top of the Dartmouth Skiway for the entire morning or afternoon? Through conversation, discussion, and saving lives, they form incredibly close connections and levels of trust and commitment, yielding arguably one of the most unique communities on Dartmouth’s campus.

Dartmouth Ski Patrol embodies a “work hard, play hard” mentality quite unlike anything else I’ve been a part of or witnessed. We train together, learn together, and play together. During freshmen spring, the new cohort of DSPers voluntarily gives up every Saturday and Thursday evening (not to mention the handful of Saturdays) to gain the medical certification necessary to patrol as a first responder. Early winter we all return early from our relaxing winter breaks to get back to the grind with OEC skills spending hours lying in the snow reminding ourselves of SAMPLE / OPQRST and how to execute the perfect “rapid transport” scenario. Every winter we grin and bear it when alarms go off at 6:45am any day of the week to ensure we are at the Skiway ready to go for the lifts to open for the bustling metropolis of Lyme, NH.

Each of these incredible learning and growth experiences is paired with DSP play that is wild and inexcusably fun. This “play” forges strong and special relationships within the organization, crossing all normal social boundaries. I owe it to DSP that as a freshman I felt like a part of a community that allowed me to be myself and feel like I had a home within the often-overwhelming Dartmouth student body. DSP provided me with people to look up to and upperclassmen mentors to go to with questions or when seeking advice.

Look back now as a senior, I certainly appreciate DSP for different reasons than I did as an eager freshman. However, the remaining constant over the past four years has been the incredible people and sense of community that DSP provides. For that, I (and undoubtedly all the other 16’es) am thankful. It has been a wild ride, with bumps and detours, yet with unparalleled reward. So, thank you! And don’t think you all have seen the last of me. I’m serious about starting to plan the Alumni Weekend during Student Patrol Tremblant…

Annual Training Report
Amy Couture ’14

Serving as Training Officer for Dartmouth Ski Patrol this past year has certainly been my most rewarding extracurricular experience at Dartmouth. In my opinion, no other area of DSP best expresses the organization’s “pay it forward” culture than its training program does. Whether it’s during OEC, at Fall Refresher, or during spontaneous training sessions on the top of Holts, older students, alumni, volunteers, and paid patrolers devote time and energy to passing on their knowledge to those younger than them. It’s been a pleasure to direct this effort and I look back fondly on what we accomplished this year.

Last spring, the ‘16s excelled throughout the OEC program. Their enthusiasm for the material was contagious, bringing in plenty of upperclassmen and DSP volunteers to lecture and direct scenarios. It was one of my favorite Dartmouth experiences to watch the candidates persevered and made great strides in their pre-hospital care. Much thanks to Karen Keane, Mike Lauria, Mike Cather, Mike Baer, Katie Hammond, and of course, Matt and Leanne for their support throughout the four days!

While it’s tough to say goodbye to this rewarding position, Sutton Higgins ’15 has already done an amazing job leading the training program this year, particularly in bringing in a wide range of upperclassmen to support the teaching of each OEC class. I can’t wait to see where she takes the program in the year to come!
Welcome to the Class of 2017  
Connor Gibson ’16

Dartmouth Ski Patrol is lucky enough to welcome a fantastic group of nine girls and seven boys to the 2017 OEC Class. After changing our interviewing tactics slightly this year, which allowed us to make more informed decisions on over 70 applicants, we settled on an Apprenti class of 35 Dartmouth students. Throughout the fall term, Training Instructor Amy Couture ’14 taught the Apprenti weekly classes on a variety of skills ranging from knot-tying to CPR to oxygen. Changes were made to the fall curriculum this year, including the addition of a First Aid certification for all Apprenti, reflecting our continuous commitment to improving the Apprentice program. The Apprenti were ultimately tested on their skills through a midterm and final, but their fall was not all work. From a high ropes course team-bonding activity to a Thursday Night Salsa excursion put together by Bobby Muttilainen ’16 and Carly Kuperschmid ’16, Apprenti had the chance to bond with not only their classmates but the entire organization. Candidate Training was a great success for the Apprenti, with over 20 coming back early from break to take part. Serving as patients for the week of training, this was their first exposure to the Winter medical side of the organization. For the first two weeks of the term, Apprenti experienced shifts for the first time, as well as the sled, mountain ops, and Skiway trainings that come along with them. This year’s class was incredibly hard working, which made for a very tough selection process, but ultimately we are very pleased with the results of selections. Following selections, the Apprenti continued their training on the mountain and were a joy to have on shift. Our new members have been enjoying a spring full of OEC and we cannot wait to see how they tackle the next challenge of being candidates!

Follow DSP on Instagram

The Dartmouth Ski Patrol is taking on new social media frontiers this year with its first-ever instagram account. You can keep up with the DSP and the daily happenings at the #dartmouthskiway by following @dskipatrol. Paid patroller Matt Fulton ’96 mans the account, and he has fully embraced the #hashtag. Check out some of the DSP’s ‘grams below and help us take one step closer to becoming ~instafamous~

#youredoingitwrong #nicetry #thoughtthatcounts #actuallynotinthecase

#powderday #snowsnakes #dartmouthskiway

#birches #smarts #firetower #bluebird #dartmouthskiway #ymedrop #papoose #juicer #untracked #thursdaypmshift #studentsstudyingpaidpatrolskiing #taketwo #enoughalreadymenet #propanedelivery #patrol

The DSP officially welcomed the 2014 apprenti class to patrol during wake ups this winter. We’re thrilled to have them on board!
Congratulations to the Class of 2014!
Where they’ve been, where they’re headed and what they love about DSP

Jackson Berler ’14
Hometown: San Francisco, CA
Major: Engineering modified with Economics
Patrol Involvement: Shift Super, “enthusiastic member of the organization and occasional visitor to Tremblant”
Campus Involvement: DSP, Lightweight Crew, COS Board, UGA, Dali Lab
Post-Grad Plans: Product Manager at One Medical Group
Favorite Patrol Event: Cabin Party and tangentially Stella’s sandwiches

Mackenzie Bronson ’14
Hometown: Telluride, CO
Major: History
Patrol Involvement: More calls off the Skiway than on the ‘way
Campus Involvement: KDE, Club Hockey, Trips
Post-Grad Plans: attending Telluride Bluegrass Festival
Favorite Patrol Event: Case Reviews

Alex Brown ’14
Hometown: Fairfield, CT
Major: Engineering Sciences modified with Studio Art
Patrol Involvement: Resident concussion expert
Campus Involvement: Bonesgate, TOAST
Post-Grad Plans: BE at Thayer - never leaving :(
Favorite Patrol Event: New Years

Amy Couture ’14
Hometown: Windham, NH
Major: Engineering
Patrol Involvement: Treasurer 2011-2012, Training Officer 2012-2013
Campus Involvement: DOC Trips, Policy Research Shop, Tridekt
Post-Grad Plans: Working in Boston at an investment firm
Favorite Patrol Event: Stargazing at Cabin Party

Chris Gibson ’14
Hometown: Princeton, NJ
Major: Cognitive Science
Patrol Involvement: Director, Paid Patrol, Apprenti Liaison
Campus Involvement: AXA, Lighting Designer for Theater Performances
Post-Grad Plans: Working for IGS in Boston
Favorite Patrol Event: Tremblant Speeches

Trevor Gulick-Stutz ’14
Hometown: Portland, OR
Major: Economics and English
Patrol Involvement: Director
Campus Involvement: Co-captain of Club Soccer
Post-Grad Plans: Working at Morgan Stanley
Favorite Patrol Event: Cabin Party

Brett Harrison ’14
Hometown: Whitefish, MT
Major: Economics
Patrol Involvement: Four year patroller
Campus Involvement: Dart Dorm
Post-Grad Plans: Working at Polaris Partners
Favorite Patrol Event: Seeing the look on people’s faces when they know that they can trust me

Kara Hedges ’14
Hometown: Weston, MA
Major: Neuroscience
Patrol Involvement: Secretary, Assistant Director
Campus Involvement: DOC Trips Directorate and Lodj Croo Chief, Admissions Tour Guide, KDE
Post-Grad Plans: Snow, INC as a global health project coordinator and in my free time, planning the alumni party weekend during Tremblant
Favorite Patrol Event: Girls only pizza and power hour

Emily Hoffman ’14
Hometown: Wilton, CT
Major: Government and Mathematics
Patrol Involvement: Member
Campus Involvement: AZD, Research, Relay for Life, War and Peace Fellow
Post-Grad Plans: Probably going to be in the DC area
Favorite Patrol Event: Cabin Party

Graham Holt ’14
Hometown: Boulder, CO
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Patrol Involvement: Director of Grillables
Campus Involvement: AXA
Post-Grad Plans: Working at a Protein Engineering lab, get Ph. D
After a term of hard work, on Saturday, May 24 the entire OEC class of 2014 passed their final exam—congratulations to the new class of candidates! OEC was an incredibly rewarding experience for both myself and the other board members and I am excited to see the candidates continue to grow as patrollers in the upcoming year. I’d like to thank all of the upperclassmen and community patrollers who came out to help instruct this spring - your help was invaluable and the OEC experience was made infinitely better by your presence. Looking forward to the next year of training, we have many exciting things in store! Apprenti classes will begin after the first round of selections in the fall and the 18s will learn knots, CPR, basic first aid and other useful pre-OEC skills. Fall refresher and candidate training promise to be great training experiences, and I will be building on the amazing work done by last year’s training officer, Amy Couture ’14, to continue to improve the training exercises and enhance the experience of all who attend. I will also be working on a more structured senior training program for upperclassmen in the winter to enable the attainment of higher levels of certification for more patrollers - stay tuned for more information! Thank you again to all of patrol and especially the new candidate class for a wonderful OEC experience!

Sutton Higgins ’15 - Training Officer
Deirdre Lambert ’15 - Director

After another successful season at the Skiway, the new board and I are looking forward to leading DSP for the next year. We will work to promote learning-friendly and positive environments during shifts and make sure that the student patrol provides coverage for as much of the season as possible. OEC this spring went great and we have an awesome new class of patrollers who are excited to use their skills next year. Additionally, we want to provide opportunities to facilitate interclass bonding and create lasting friendships to preserve our amazing community. Can’t wait for the year ahead!

Patrol has largely defined my time at Dartmouth, and it has been an honor serving on the board this past Spring. Our new members each bring unique and valuable traits to the organization. It has been exciting to watch them progress from struggling through primary assessments to acing multi-rescuer trauma incidents during OEC, and ultimately come together to form a strong and cohesive class. Dartmouth Ski Patrol fosters a tight-knit community that genuinely contributes to our success as patrollers. My main goals as Assistant Director are to ensure universal dedication to the organization and to strengthen the bonds between classes. As a board we have some great ideas, and I can’t wait for the upcoming year!
SNOw

The theme for the winter was cold and snowy. Natural snowfall started with a solid 10” dose on opening weekend Dec 14/15. There was not quite enough base to open Holts for Christmas week - but the patrol and ski school tested it just to be sure! The snow continued to fall with about 6 significant storms and frequent dustings. Most importantly it remained unblemished for most of the season by any liquid precip, which had a lot to do with endless weeks of sub-zero temps. Yes, we had our usual thaw and melt after Candidate Training in early January, but February and March were some of the best snow months on record, with all trails open and even some patches of honest moguls sprouting on M.D., Upper John and Parents!

ALUMS

An impromptu reunion sprang up on January 18. Mike Bayer ’01, Kiki Carlson ’03, Erik Carlson ’03, Ben Zabar ’04, Caroline Engel ’05, Alyson Guillet ’08, Marki Grimley ’09, and Brandon Cohen ’11 all showed up for the weekend. In accordance with tradition BCG left his pants at the Skiway. Paul Feingold ’06 also dropped in for a visit later in the season. We must have trained Paul well; he brought good beer.

AWARDS

Jim Geiling was awarded the NSP’s Patroller’s Cross. The award is presented to a patroller injured in the line of duty. Jim badly injured his knee last year while transporting a significantly injured patient on unroomed terrain; he safely brought the toboggan to a halt, transferred it to another patroller, and continued to care for the patient until the ambulance arrived. We wish him a successful recovery!

Hello DSP Alumni and Parents!

Check out our webpage for donations, up-to-date calendar events, past newsletters and more! http://www.dartmouth.edu/~skipa

We had a great turn out of alumni at Fall Refresher and hope to see you back next year! Please contact Alumni Coordinator Mike Bayer ’01 (Michael.J.Bayer.01@alum.dartmouth.org) for more information on refresher, providing coverage next year and Alumni Ski Day during Winter Carnival.

DSP Patrollers 2013-2014

Paid Patrollers

Matt Fulton ’96
Katie Hammonds
Leanne Hatch
Andy Johnson
Deirdre Lambert ’15

Student Patrollers

Jackson Berle ’14
Mackenzie Bronson ’14
Alex Brown ’14
Amy Couture ’14
Chris Gibson ’14
Trevor Guilk-Stutz ’14
Brett Harrison ’14
Kara Hedges ’14
Emily Hoffman ’14
Graham Holt ’14
Andi Liebowitz ’14
Isabelle Magro ’14
Chris Megrue ’14
Nicole Swanson ’14
Tommy Wilson ’14
David Aspinall ’15
Lindsay Berger ’15
Morgan Henderson ’15
Sutton Higgins ’15
Sasha Kahan ’15
Deirdre Lambert ’15
Jake Marston ’15
Pablo Marvel ’15
James McNay ’15
Brett Nicholas ’15
Bridget Shaia ’15
Andy Sudvalich ’15
Brett Teplitz ’15
Kyle Tessier-Lavigne ’15
Matt Wilson ’15
Grace Benjamin ’16
Lydia Brown ’16
Hayden Chun ’16
David Cook ’16
Connor Gibson ’16
Nick Hodgson ’16

Community Patrol

Chris Buchanan
Mike Cather
Sam Colbeck
Alec Crowell
James (Dr. Jim) Geiling
Karen Keane
Bob Switzer

Apprenti

Carly Amon ’17
Ally Benedict ’17
Katherine Bradley ’17
Meghan Christie ’17
Nick Devaney ’16
Andrew Dixon ’17
Liza Grainger ’17
Emily Greene ’17
Duncan Hurrellbrink ’17
Ryan Kane ’17
Jillian Katz ’17
John Mayberry ’17
Brian Niehaus ’17
Lexi Sonnenfeld ’17
Caroline Vanacore ’17
Cannon Wille ’17

Alumni Patrollers

Noah Jenns ’16
Dylan Kavookjian ’16
Carly Kuperschmid ’16
Tierra Lynch ’16
Christie Mayberry ’16
Bobby Muttilainen ’16
Olivia O’Hagan ’16
Becky Scanlon ’16
Allison Steele ’16
Sam Van Wetter ’16

Alumni Patrollers

Mike Adelman ’10
Mike Bayer ’01
Dave (G Shock) Gacioch ’00
Mike Lauria ’05
Ben Zabar ’04