

# THE Dickinson VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

News and resources for Dickinson advancement volunteers



Elizabeth Meikrantz '95 with long-time volunteers  
Ann Houpt '59 and Ann Kline '59.

## GREETINGS FROM DICKINSON!

As we close the fiscal year and prepare to kick off a new one, I want to express our gratitude to you and our volunteer team for your outreach over the past year. The last several months were not what any of us had planned, but I was so proud to see how Dickinsonians came together in support of our students and our alma mater. Data supports that the most successful colleges in terms of philanthropic support are those who have a strong volunteer corps. We can see direct evidence of your engagement with your classmates through improved results in fundraising for the Dickinson Fund this year. In particular, we had a few class

agents and reunion volunteers who went above and beyond in their outreach – and the results show this effort paid off with a marked increase over last year.

Dickinson is lucky to have so many alumni who share in our mission to provide support for Dickinson and our students. Together, we are helping to make the Dickinson experience possible for the current generation of students and we are grateful for your voice alongside of ours as we continue to move the college forward.

We look forward to our continued work together and wish you all the best.

Kind regards,

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## FY20 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

ALUMNI PARTICIPATION: 21.9%	DICKINSON FUND GOAL: \$5,530,000
PARENT PARTICIPATION: 33.8%	DICKINSON FUND RESULTS: \$8,312,665
IN-PERSON EVENTS: 36	McANDREWS FUND RESULTS: \$708,961
VIRTUAL EVENTS: 25	EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND RESULTS: \$708,730
REUNION VOLUNTEERS: 122	DAY OF GIVING RESULTS: \$1,344,279
CLASS AGENT VOLUNTEERS: 143	DAY OF GIVING AMBASSADORS: 309
ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBERS: 32	

Thank you  
to all of our  
volunteers!

You made this  
all possible!



## FALL SEMESTER UPDATE

Dickinson has made the very difficult decision to have only remote instruction for the fall semester.

- Classes will begin August 17 and courses will wrap up the week before Thanksgiving. Finals will take place the week after Thanksgiving.
- Approximately 170 students are currently allowed to return to campus for the fall. Those include international students who cannot return home, domestic students with insecure housing, students who are being brought back at the request of a faculty member to complete special academic projects that cannot be delayed, and ROTC students.
- Having decided to only offer remote instruction, room, board, and student activities fees will not be charged for students not on campus. A planned 3.9% tuition increase has also been waived.
- As of this writing, only 15% of first-year students and a small number of upperclassmen have requested a one- or two-semester leave. A majority of the first year deferrals are international students who are not able to enter the country at this time.
- President Ensign held an informative Q&A session for alumni on July 22, which can be viewed [here](#).
- A Fall Update FAQ can be found [here](#) and is updated regularly as new information is available and decisions are made.



## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020

Our virtual Alumni Week took place June 8-12. Thank you to all those who helped organize webinars, promoted the week, and to those who joined in the virtual celebration. Recordings of the Alumni Week webinars are available [here](#) for you to view, if you'd like to check them out!

**A huge thank you goes out to all of our hard-working reunion committees that had put so much thought and time into planning this year's Alumni Weekend.** We, too, are bummed that we didn't get to celebrate in person with you this year, but look forward to seeing you at the next Alumni Weekend June 11-13, 2021!



## 5TH REUNION TRIVIA NIGHT

The class of 2015 decided that even though they were not going to be able to celebrate their 5th reunion in person this spring, that they wanted to gather virtually. Members of the committee organized a Zoom happy hour and trivia night, writing questions and organizing everyone into teams. Turn out was great and 50+ members of the class competed for glory! Congratulations to the winning team, the Mermaid Players! Enjoy your new Dickinson wine glasses!



Olivia '19 with Taylor '19 on her phone the day of the virtual 5k.

“It is important, especially now while we are isolated, to remind yourself of the relationships you’ve built over the years and to connect with the places and people you care about,” said Termini.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Olivia Termini '19 and Taylor Bednar '19, both former student athletes, felt a strong desire to help with Dickinson's COVID-19 relief efforts. Recognizing the important role exercise has in our mental health, they reached out to Dickinson and proposed a running-based fundraiser to occur during the virtual Alumni Week. The whole Dickinson community was invited to join Olivia and Taylor in “Dickinson Goes the Distance”, a virtual 5k run/walk that took place on June 11. Registration was free, but registrants were encouraged to donate \$25 to the Emergency Response Fund, the Wellness Fund, or the McAndrews Fund for Athletics. Registrants received motivational updates and a running playlist from Olivia and Taylor and a downloadable running bib to wear for the virtual run/walk.



## DAY OF GIVING RECAP

Dickinson's annual Day of Giving took place on Tuesday, April 7. Even though this day ended up looking very different than when we first started planning, the Dickinson community showed up and it was a big success. We raised \$1.3 million dollars from over 1,100 gifts.

The success of the day was driven by the good work of our volunteer “ambassadors” who promoted the day through email, notes, social media, and phone calls to friends and classmates. We had over 300 volunteers help us for Day of Giving and we would not have had nearly as much success without their advocacy and support.

Next year's Day of Giving will take place Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN FY21 FOR VOLUNTEERS

AUGUST: Alumni Weekend 2021 Save the Date emailed  
 OCTOBER: Message from volunteers to classmates  
 DECEMBER: End of calendar year message to classmates  
 APRIL 6: Day of Giving  
 JUNE 11-13: Alumni Weekend  
 JUNE 30: End of fiscal year

## USEFUL LINKS:

[Dickinson's Fall Dashboard](#)  
[Dickinson's Covid-19 Dashboard](#)  
[Dickinson At Home](#)  
  
[Class Giving Reports](#)  
[Dickinson Giving Page](#)  
[Staff Contacts](#)