

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am writing to urge you to support Joe Asch '79 for a position on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Asch cares about Dartmouth, and he proves it with his tireless support and involvement with the College. It is hard to imagine a better person to “set a watch” over Dartmouth to ensure the continued enhancement of the quality of education and the famed “Dartmouth Experience.”

I came to know Mr. Asch as a student. Over the years, I saw not only his passion, but also his willingness to ask difficult questions, do research, weed through the noise, identify critical areas for monitoring, and push for solutions. It often seemed as if Mr. Asch was the only person around listening to what was really happening who cared enough or had enough guts to speak up. I admire him immensely for this.

As a community leader in Hanover, he has been well-positioned to observe the trends at the College; auditing courses, establishing relationships with countless students and faculty, funding the popular amongst students Departmental Editing Program, vigilantly supporting our teams, and keeping our administration “honest” about the messages given to the alumni. Joe has published a series of 30 thought-provoking articles that don't just make claims, but provide impressively researched data to backup his calls for closer attention. He is running for trustee because he believes that his concerns have not been sufficiently addressed.

Our trustees are meant to stand as the ultimate guard of all that makes Dartmouth special. Mr. Asch asks the questions and does the hard work necessary to do this. While a Board needs diverse talents, are there people on our Board who currently serve this role? I challenge you all to do your duty to the College by being diligent, read Mr. Asch's editorials with an objective eye, and ask if this is not a person uniquely suited to serve this role. I would feel more than comfortable knowing that Joe Asch was looking out for Dartmouth.

Yours Sincerely,

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