Students seeking M.D.’s are a varied lot

What do a former professional ballet dancer, a college homecoming king, and a top contestant in the World Cannoli Eating Championship have in common? They’re all pursuing an M.D. as members of DMS’s Class of 2012—a select group drawn from almost 5,600 applications to the American Medical College Application Service.

The 75 new M.D. students came to Dartmouth from as far as Slovakia and Tanzania and as near as New York City and a small town in Maine. Their undergraduate majors ranged from philosophy to biomedical engineering to the-