

Plus ça change, in the DMS student body

Index cards and Polaroid photos are increasingly rare commodities in these days of electronic databases and digital images. But even as some things change dramatically (such as the way information is processed), other things remain constant (such as the vibrancy of the DMS student body).

Since *plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose* (the more things change, the more they stay the same) appears to be the watchword for Dartmouth's doctors-and scientists-to-be, here, pre-

sented on media of times past, are a few facts about the Medical School's newest students.

They were admitted to several broad degree offerings: the M.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. programs, two interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs, and two master's degree programs at Dartmouth's health-policy institute.

The 194 new students came from widely varied backgrounds, but they've now settled into their new roles as learners.

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M.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. Programs

- There are **90** new students in the M.D. program (and **2** new students in the M.D.-Ph.D. program).
- There were **5,200** applicants for those places.
- 47%** of the new students are women.
- 52%** are of color and/or from a country other than the U.S.
- They represent **57** undergraduate institutions.
- 11** are graduates of Dartmouth College.
- They represent **10** countries (and **20** states in the U.S.).
- California is home to **17%** of the new students.
- 1** grew up on a chili pepper ranch in Mexico.

M.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. Programs (cont'd)

- One-third** majored in the social sciences or humanities.
- 10** already hold advanced degrees (including **2** M.P.H.'s and **3** Ph.D.'s in fields within chemistry).
- 17%** are published scientific authors.
- 6** captained intercollegiate varsity or club teams.
- 1** is a U.S. Soccer Federation certified referee.
- At the time they applied, **20%** were **25** or older.
- 10** hold EMT certification.
- 1** did climate research at **78°N** latitude in the Norwegian Arctic (Hanover, by comparison, is at **44°N**).

M.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. Programs (cont'd)

- 1** interned in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy.
- 3** served as AmeriCorps volunteers.
- 1** bicycled **3,200** miles from Portsmouth, N.H., to Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 1** won the top prize at the **2003** World Piano Competition.

Molecular and Cellular Biology Program

- There are **26** new MCB students pursuing Ph.D.'s in **4** departments.
- They represent **6** countries.

Program in Experimental and Molecular Medicine

- There are **7** new PEMM students pursuing Ph.D.'s in **5** broad disciplines.
- All **7** hold undergraduate degrees in a field within the biological sciences.
- 1** already holds an M.D.
- They represent **6** different countries, and **86%** are women.

The Dartmouth Institute (TDI) for Health Policy and Clinical Practice

- 48** new students entered TDI's M.P.H. program.



A few M.D. students in DMS's Class of '14 after their White Coat Ceremony

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The Dartmouth Institute (cont'd)

- 21** new students are earning an M.S. in outcomes research or health-care improvement.
- 33%** of the new TDI students are mid-career health professionals.
- 38%** are recent college graduates (from **0** to **3** years out).
- 47%** already hold an advanced degree.
- 33%** are physicians.
- 28%** are minorities.
- They represent **8** different countries.
- About **70%** are enrolled as full-time students.