

2007 Alumni Org Elections

Officers:

President:	Josh Warren (Champlain '06)
Vice President:	David Anderson (Dartmouth '04)
Secretary:	Erin Caswell (Champlain '06)
Treasurer:	Jon Potter (Dartmouth '01)

★ Reunion Date:

DREAM Reunion! We had a fantastic reunion on Memorial Day weekend in May. Did you see the photos? We want more people. Is Memorial Day a good date for 2008?

All my friends get married on that weekend. I'll never make it.	28.3%	13
A three day weekend is best for me. Keep it on the holiday!	45.7%	21
Vermont is too far to travel. Is there something closer?	26.1%	12

★ Spend My Money!

The new officers are charged with helping you stay involved with DREAM. Let them know how! How do you want to use your Alumni money (now over \$35,000)? How do you want to be involved?

1. Dang, I think I finally need to get that wiki thing worked out. By the way, I own www.DREAMalumni.org so we can play with that too.
2. Camp DREAM forever! I want to live on the shore of Metcalf Pond when I get old.
3. Scholarship program was a great idea!
4. I do not have a definite plan of action, nor solid ideas. I want the money to go to the children and their programs!
5. Last year I was recruited to help some dream members write grants. i like doing this and would be more than happy to help others thing their grants. As for the alumni money, it should probably be used for scaling up - making visits to new or prospective DREAM organizations in other universities, as well as for the reunions - but especially for the high adventure trips.
6. If I don't leave my name, how do you know I haven't voted 100 times? If only Presidential elections were this easy to rig, Ross Perot would have been my boy! But seriously, I'd love some reminders and easy things to do to keep the connection going. Nothing overwhelming, just one simple thing at a time. What about a place on the webpage where I could write a note to my DREAM partner and it doesn't get looked at by anybody, but instead it goes directly to her?
7. Scholarships for DREAMers heading to college to prep for college and to support them once they get in!
8. The newsletters are a great way to stay in touch passively for those of us past mentors that want to know what's going on but don't have to time to travel out east to all the great events.
9. When donating, it would be nice have the option to either give your money to DREAM to use as they see fit, or to put your funds toward a specific cause that you are passionate about (i.e., Camp DREAM, D-Unit, Friday programming, new program development, etc.).
10. So I am trying my best to stay involved.I am the Alumni Liason (Sp? its sweet I cant spell my own job go castleton...) for castleton. I guess I just feel like I haven't had that much to do can I get more involved? Also if you have anything going on for any of the programs in Boston call me I just moved here and I would love to help out with any Boston related fun for any of the programs. So yeah if you need anything or there are any updates I would love to hear about it.
11. Hi! No matter how large DREAM Inc grows, the local programs should always be at the heart of our efforts. Our investments must focus on these foundational aspects of our program: -the recruiting and training of thoughtful, committed mentors -the strength of the bonds between mentor and mentee (short and long term!) -the amount of valuable FUN we can pack into each activity -encouraging creativity and outside-the-box thinking by all involved In a growing organization, it is easy to be distracted by high-level concerns. But DREAM is a program built on the interactions of individuals...that is where we must invest our time, energy, and money.
12. More communication between the officers and dream alum. More updates on how the programs are doing.
13. I have had conversations with both Jon Potter and Mike Loner about more effectively managing the money as I work for a large Wall Street investment bank. I would love to be involved in helping to manage this money more effectively and efficiently.
14. I'd love to provide guidance for students that want to do development programs over the summer- like outward bound-type trips or an overnight camp
15. More involvement in selecting where the money goes.