Dear Alumni,

Recently a number of Alumni Council leaders were on campus to support reunion efforts and welcome many members of the Alumni Association. Highlights of our involvement that weekend included interacting with many of the classes celebrating their reunion year, recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of individual alumni as well as classes at the annual Celebrate Colby event, moderating the Conversation with President David A. Greene, and attending the solemn Boardman Service, which commemorates the lives of those alumni who passed away over the years between their reunions and those who passed away in the last year from all classes. Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life Kurt Nelson led the service, which ended with a poignant ceremony as classmates and family members called out individual names and lit candles in their memory.

Dave Epstein ’86, vice chair of the Alumni Council, served as the moderator for the Conversation with President Greene. The discussion was dynamic and generated additional questions and comments from alumni in attendance.

I had the privilege to present awards to alumni and faculty for their contributions to Colby and the greater world at Celebrate Colby. The purpose of this celebration is to honor alumni and classes for contributions to Colby of their time, talent, and treasure. The Alumni Council Awards Committee, chaired by Art Young ’72, recommended outstanding recipients this year. Please click here to view a list of all our 2015 award winners.

Lisa Kehler Bubar ’73, chair of the Colby Fund Committee, continued her five-year tradition of presenting class gifts and awards to those classes that set high standards—standards that other classes can aspire to in future reunion years. The Class of 1965 had a 50th-anniversary record-breaking one-year total of $211,219 for 2014-15, and the Class of 1985 had an overall 30th-reunion gift of $12,245,960, which includes current and deferred capital and endowment gifts.

Reunion is a wonderful chance to engage with the College and connect with fellow classmates and friends. I encourage all of you to make the trip to Mayflower Hill during your reunion years.

We end the 2013-15 term of the Alumni Council saying thank you to departing members Dave Fernandez, former chair of the Alumni Council; Art Young, chair of the Awards Committee; Art Brennan, chair of the Athletics Committee and C Club; and Tom DeGoff and Jackie Lindsey Winn, members of the Awards Committee.

Please join me in welcoming our new leadership team for the next term of the Alumni Council, effective July 1: Dave Epstein, chair of the Alumni Council; Brooke McNally Thurston, vice chair; Justin DePre, chair of the Awards Committee; Matt Hancock, chair of the Athletics Committee and C Club; Lisa Bubar, continuing as chair of the Colby Fund; Byrd Allen, continuing as chair of the Nominating Committee; and Carolyn Kimberlin, continuing as executive secretary of the Alumni Council. The Alumni Association and Alumni Council are in great hands. All the best to this very talented and committed group of leaders.
Sincerely,

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Chair, Alumni Council, and President of the Alumni Association