

DARTMOUTH TAEKWONDO ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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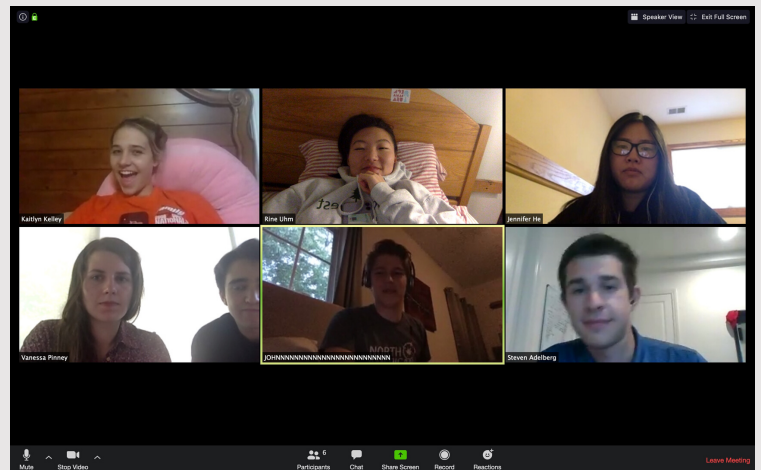
Founded in 1984, Dartmouth Club Taekwondo is a student-run organization that competes in the Eastern Collegiate Taekwondo Conference (ECTC) and performs demonstrations on campus. Over the past academic year, the Club continued its regular practices and activities and attended coaching sessions with renowned Taekwondo instructors. Due to COVID-19, in-person practices were cancelled, but club members found creative ways to stay engaged.

Connecting during COVID-19

While DTKD was not able to meet during the spring, club members still kept in touch and stayed in shape. Club members joined workout sessions, played online games, and chatted on a weekly basis through Zoom. They also set up an online store for DTKD merchandise during the spring term where members could purchase gear. While COVID-19 has greatly impacted everyone, club members have worked hard to keep the spirit of the Club strong. The Club looks forward to meeting and training together on campus again.



Workout sessions on Zoom



Scribl.io game nights on Zoom

What we've been up to

Formal training sessions

Thanks for the support of our generous alumni, DTKD has been able to step up its training by working with world-class instructors. A handful of team members went to CW Boston to train with Master Dan Chuang, Head Coach of the U.S. National Poomsae Team as well as MIT Sport Taekwondo. Master Chuang led the team on a run through a forest, poomsae drills, and personalized poomsae coaching. The Club also invited Master Gordon White, former U.S. National Team member and international medalist, to come to campus from the Burlington Blue Wave. Master White led the club through an intense sparring seminar. Working with these masters exposed the Club to a higher standard of Taekwondo and helped reshape our training regimen.



Boston training session with Master Chuang

Fundraising efforts

To support its activities, the Club has been actively fundraising. In May, DTKD participated in the Dartmouth Club Sports Challenge to raise awareness for Club Sports and generate financial support. The generosity of our alumni has enabled DTKD to purchase new training gear (e.g., Daedo e-hogus) and to sponsor training sessions. The Club is also collaborating with the Dartmouth Outing Club to support fundraising to ensure equity and racial justice in light of recent events. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Meet the 20s

Hana Warmflash

Biology; pre-med track

I'm Hana from Portland, OR. At Dartmouth, I worked in the Admissions Office as a Tour Guide and was involved in my sorority (Chi Delta) and the DOC through Trips and the Fifty. I'll be moving to San Francisco to work in healthcare consulting before heading back to school. My freshman and sophomore years, I practiced and competed with my DTKD team, and my favorite memories were hanging out during tournaments, AFTER I had competed, and could just relax and goof around with the team.



So Yeon Hwangbo

English

I'm So Yeon! Other than DTKD, I enjoyed working at Novack and as a Program Coordinator for the Asian/American floor. I also kept active through Spin class. With my friends, I restarted a zine and watched movies. Upon graduation, I will be working for a year or two before attending medical school. My favorite memory from DTKD was going to the UVM tournament and then visiting Burlington - especially the Ben and Jerry's there.

Oliver Levy

Computer Science modified with Mathematics

I'm Oliver Levy and this fall, I will be joining WestRock as a Technology Analyst. Outside of DTKD, I was involved in my Greek house (Phi Tau) and Street Soul. My favorite DTKD memory was of my first competition freshman spring. Waking up at 5 a.m. wasn't the best, but having the whole team together competing against other schools was a blast. What I loved most about the experience was that there was no pressure to be competitive, we were there mainly to get experience and have a good time.



Jennifer He

Economics; Asian Societies, Cultures, and Languages

I'm Jen from Minnesota. I joined DTKD during my freshman winter. A couple of my favorite memories were hanging out with other members during team dinners and going to social events. Outside of DTKD, I was mainly involved in the Dandelion Project, my sorority (Epsilon Kappa Theta) and my senior society. Now that I've graduated, I plan to work a few years before going back to grad school.

Nizhoni Redmond

Anthropology; Film and Media Studies

I'm Nizhoni and I joined DTKD freshman year - having never done martial arts before - and fell in love with the Club and with learning poomsae and sparring. I was co-president with Jen my sophomore year, which was a stressful but memorable experience that I will always be grateful for. My favorite DTKD memories were the UVM tournament that year, eating ramen, and going to Ben and Jerry's afterwards. I felt so at home with the team and am already missing everyone. DTKD gave me so much and was a solace from the stress of Dartmouth. The friends I made, I hope to know them for many more years to come. After Dartmouth, I am looking into careers within marketing and finance - using my work as a digital content creator to help companies build their platforms.



UVM tournament during 18S

Alumni highlights

Here's what some of our awesome alumni are up to! We'd love to hear about the paths that you have taken after Dartmouth and your experience with DTKD. If you'd like to share your experience, please send a quick bio to daehyun97@gmail.com.

Sean Li '17

Sean studied Economics and East Asian Studies, and was a former coach of the Club. He is currently a Consultant at MasterCard, leveraging his Dartmouth experiences to develop leading merchant loyalty strategies for numerous Fortune 500 companies. At Dartmouth, Sean pursued his interests in Japanese culture, gaming, and the culinary arts, helping pioneer both the Japanese floor and Computer Gaming Club. His favorite past-time in DTKD was pretending to be a freshman among new members (his crowning achievement was keeping the act up for a full year).



Jules Park '14

Jules currently lives in the Bay Area and works as a Product Designer at Zoom. She hasn't been doing Taekwondo lately but has been really into running and yoga. She hopes to be able to find a good *dojang* near her and compete again sometime soon. Thanks to quarantine life, she's been learning more recipes and recording ASMR sounds of chopping vegetables.

History of DTKD gear

We wanted to showcase some of the gear that we've had throughout the years. We'd love to see the gear that you might've had in the past. Please email daehyun97@gmail.com with the gear pics or if you are interested in purchasing current DTKD merchandise.



Before 2017, club members wore this Charles River jacket for club practices and competitions.



This green Adidas jacket served the club in 2017.



This Boathouse jacket, with the Korean translation of "Taekwondo" under the Dartmouth logo in the front, was created in 2019.



This long-sleeved Nike jacket is the latest product in our series of DTKD apparel. It's light, simple, elegant, and a cool workout outfit to have in a hot summer!



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We'd love to hear your thoughts on the Club and ways to connect alumni. Contact us if you know of former alums interested in being added to our listserv.

The Club would greatly appreciate your support. Gifts can be sent through www.supportdartmouthsports.com, select "Friends of Club Sports," and specify in "Other Instructions" that the gift is for "Darmouth Club Taekwondo."

Stay connected!

