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Hi Westians,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer and are looking forward to a great year. Lots of news in this first Westletter of the year, including signups for the Big/Little program (we've had great interest from the '22s), Fall Kickoff BBQ coming up Friday, Six Flags trip signup, Intramurals, a new TV in the Hyphen, and more.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Best,

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# THE WESTLETTER for the week of 9/9/18

as always, for more see <a href="mailto:sites.dartmouth.edu/west-house/">sites.dartmouth.edu/west-house/</a>



To **add the West House calendar** to your own calendar applications, you can use <u>this iCal link</u>.

### - Westians in the News

Westian Zoe Leonard '19 led Big Green Women's Volleyball with 13 digs as <u>Dartmouth defeated</u>
 <u>Lafayette on Friday night</u>, ultimately finishing in second place in the Dartmouth invitational tournament
 with a record of 1-1.



West House faculty affiliate Daryl Press (Government) has received the American Political Science
 <u>Association (APSA) award</u> for best article on international security published in 2017, in recognition of
 his work on "The New Era of Counterforce: Technological Change and the Future of Nuclear
 <u>Deterrence</u>."



### - Welcome to new members!

First off, a general welcome to all our new West House members (first-year undergrads, graduate students, faculty, and staff). We look forward to seeing you at House activities!

# - West House Big/Little for the '22s

We've had a great time getting to know the 22's this week, including a fun BBQ yesterday at my residence at 18 Webster Ave. (And congrats to the West House floor team from the Fayers for winning the **first-year trivia contest** for valuable House Cup points!)





To help welcome the first-years, your Exec Board is organizing a Big/Little program to pair upperclass Westians with first-years. About **150 of the Westian '22s** have expressed interest in being matched with a Big, so we can always use more Bigs!

If interested in being a Big, please fill out the form at this link.

Connections will be announced later this week. Bigs and Littles are encouraged to meet up at the Fall Kickoff BBQ on Friday evening.

- Fall Kickoff BBQ this Friday and West House gear

**This Friday at 5pm** we'll be hosting our annual **Fall Kickoff BBQ** -- this year it will be in front of Fahey/McLane where we held the spring BBQ last year.

We'll be distributing **West House gear**. We'll have the new snazzy "WEST" T-shirts; each Westian is also welcome to choose one older House item (fleeces, hats, bottles, etc.) that were not picked up from last year's orders. It's first come first served, so get there before they're gone! (If you ordered one last year and haven't picked yours up yet, be sure to get there early!)



- Trip to Six Flags Sunday September 23 -- signup is NOW OPEN!



On Sunday, September 23, West House will be heading to **Six Flags New England!** (We usually do West House trips on Saturday, but the special day of classes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> means we're going for Sunday this year.) We'll be leaving early morning to have plenty of time at the park, returning to Hanover in the evening. This trip is open to ALL WEST HOUSE MEMBERS (including grad students, faculty, staff, and families), and you can sign up one friend (must also be a Dartmouth community member) to come along as well. Guests from outside West House are welcome, although space for non-Westians may be limited.

### Signup is now open at **THIS FORM**.

Registration closes at **11:59pm on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**. If you sign up, you must \*be sure\* you are able to attend. If we have many more students interested than we have space for, places will be assigned by random lottery, with some places specifically reserved for West House 22s.

Please note that most of the costs of the trip (breakfast, travel to the park, and lunch) will be covered by the House. Other meals and expenses are the responsibility of the students. (If these extra costs would be a potential issue for some students to take part, please contact Pamela Duffy at <a href="mailto:Pamela.K.Duffy@dartmouth.edu">Pamela.K.Duffy@dartmouth.edu</a>; we want to make sure the trip is accessible to everyone.)

### Upgrades to West House facilities

Your Exec Board and House leadership continues to work to make improvements to the West House facilities. We've recently installed a **new 65" Ultra HD TV in the Hyphen** (the lounge between Butterfield and Russell Sage Halls). This is connected to Xfinity, etc. through Roku and is open to all House members, so please feel free to get together and watch your favorite shows, or hook up a game system. We'll be developing a system for reserving the TV for special events. We also have a second 65" TV we're planning to install soon in the Fahey downstairs lounge.



If you have ideas for other House improvements, please be in touch with me or your Exec Board.

# - Bus to West Lebanon next Sunday

A number of students have expressed to the Exec Board a need to go over to West Lebanon at the start of term to pick up supplies (for those who haven't been there, West Leb has lots of big box stores like Walmart, Kmart, Best Buy, etc).

To help out, West House will be running a **bus between Fahey Hall and West Lebanon next Sunday, September 16**. The bus is currently scheduled depart from Fahey at 1pm, and will do some laps around West Leb to take students from one store to another, returning back to campus mid-afternoon.

If you'd like to take advantage of the bus, please sign up at this form.





### - West House Intramurals

House intramurals are getting into swing and we have some **House Cup** competitions coming up! Last year we finished in second in the Cup, and this year we'll aim to go all the way – but most importantly, IMs are a great chance to meet new people and have fun!

#### \*IM Soccer



The West House IM soccer team will once again be playing in the House league this term, on Friday afternoons. If interested in playing, please contact our IM Captain, Resident Fellow Cory Cline at <a href="Cory.T.Cline.TH@dartmouth.edu">Cory.T.Cline.TH@dartmouth.edu</a>. IM registration is FREE for members of House teams. If we're limited in space, spots on the team will be first come first served, so let Cory know right away.

\*Inter-House CAPTURE THE FLAG next Saturday, Sep 15, 2pm on the Green



There will be a **Capture the Flag** competition on the Green featuring all six Houses, **next Saturday at 2pm.** It will count toward the House Cup, with points for participation, so come represent **West House!** So that we have a sense of numbers, please **sign up** at **this form**.

# - House Professor's Soirée, Thu Sep 27



This term we'll be holding a **House Professor's Soirée** on **Thursday, September 27 from 6 to 7:30pm** in the HP's residence. We'll have drinks (including beer and wine for 21+), light food, and lots of engaging conversation. This is a great chance for Westians (undergrads, grad students, faculty and staff) from across the College to get together and connect. For those with families, we'll have pizza and **FREE babysitting** at the house, so please feel free to bring your kids! **RSVP** at this link.

### - West House Executive Board

The West House student Exec Board plans and organizes many of our wide range of House activities. Being active on the Exec is a great way to get to meet Westians and shape your residential community! We have a substantial budget for House programming and how best to use it is up to you!

Meetings are usually at 6:30pm on Sundays in the Fahey downstairs lounge, with dinner delivered from local restaurants. All West House members are encouraged to attend, members of the class of 2022 are especially welcome! The first meeting will be next Sunday, September 16.

For more information, contact Exec Board Chair Ryan Monasch '19 at Ryan.R.Monasch.19@dartmouth.edu.



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