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Hi Westians,

I hope you're all continuing to manage well as we near the end of term. It's been great seeing seniors in the Physics & Astronomy Department defending their theses this week – congratulations to all the seniors who are finishing up their last term, and particular kudos to those who have completed a thesis.

Also, I just wanted to acknowledge that the challenges of this spring aren't made any easier by the continued flood of upsetting news, including the George Floyd case in Minneapolis and the milestone of 100,000 confirmed deaths in the US from COVID-19. Please don't hesitate to reach out for resources from the Dean's office, the Counseling Center, House leaders, or the many other services on campus that are dedicated to supporting students.

Anyway, with all the activity this week, here's a somewhat shorter than usual Westletter, but one that gets to highlight some great recognition for West House seniors! We have:

- [Westians in the News](#)
- [Baking \*\*Cookies!\*\* on Saturday 3pm with Tammy and Prof. Hickox](#)
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Enjoy!

Best,  
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**THE WESTLETTER for the week of 5/24/20**

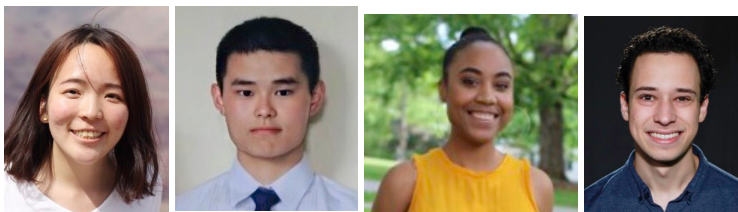
*as always, for more see [sites.dartmouth.edu/west-house/](https://sites.dartmouth.edu/west-house/)*



To add the West House calendar to your own calendar applications, you can use [this iCal link](#).

### - Westians in the News

- West House seniors were well represented at the annual [Arts at Dartmouth Awards ceremony hosted by the Hopkins Center](#). **Sia Peng '20** and **Victor Wu '20** were awarded the Maurice H. Rapf '35 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Film and Media Studies, while **Summer Cody '20** and **Gabriel Zuckerberg '20** won the Eugene Roitman 1943 Memorial Award in the music department. Congratulations to them and all the awardees for their great achievements in the arts at Dartmouth!

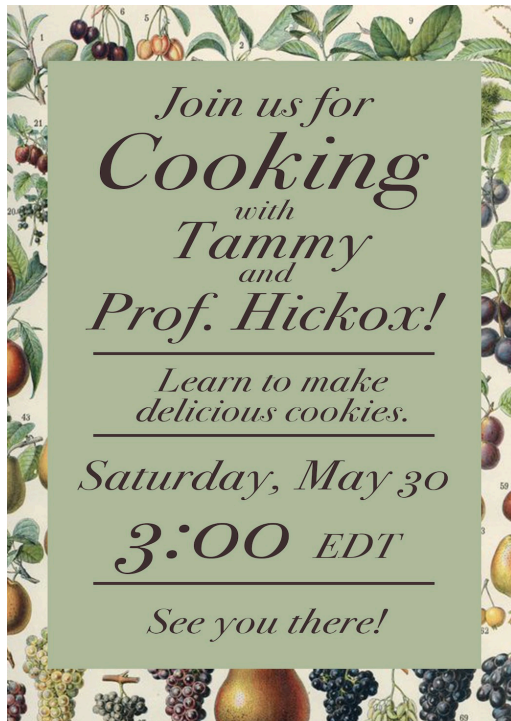


- Westian and senior men's basketball co-captain **Ian Sistare '20** was [awarded the John Dilorio '56 Award for hustle drive and determination](#) at this spring's online team awards banquet. Amazingly, this was his fourth straight year winning the award. Congratulations on a fantastic career for the Big Green!



If you know of a Westian whose accomplishments should be highlighted in the Westletter, please suggest them at [dartgo.org/westian\\_news](http://dartgo.org/westian_news).

### - Baking COOKIES on Zoom with Tammy and Prof. Hickox Saturday 3pm



Need some treats to help you get through your finals? After two fun cooking sessions earlier this term, we'll finish off the spring on **Saturday, May 30 at 3pm EDT** with a quick simple run through of a classic chocolate chip cookie recipe, with my own **special secret twist** that makes them extra fluffy. All are welcome! So we can get a sense of numbers, **RSVP** at [dartgo.org/west\\_cooking](https://dartgo.org/west_cooking). The zoom link is [dartgo.org/west\\_cooking\\_zoom](https://dartgo.org/west_cooking_zoom).



You will need:

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 large eggs
- 1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups) semi-sweet chocolate chips

## - Staying Connected for Spring (and Summer) Term



Your Exec Board continues to consider a lot of ideas for **staying connected over the spring (and now summer) term**, from virtual game tournaments to online cooking classes. Please go to [THIS FORM](#) and send us your ideas!

## - West House STUDY GROUPS for 20S: Looking for Volunteer Experts!



We've had a number of Westians sign up to register interest in forming **study groups** to help with remote learning for the spring term. If you're interested a group with your fellow House members (or others!) please fill out the short form at:

[dartgo.org/west\\_study\\_group](http://dartgo.org/west_study_group)

We are also looking for students who might be interested in **volunteer experts** to help out your fellow Westians in courses that don't have extensive tutoring support through the Tutor Clearinghouse or Tas. If you're interested in helping your fellow students, please email me at [Ryan.C.Hickox@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Ryan.C.Hickox@dartmouth.edu) and let me know what subjects/courses you'd be interested in helping with.

## - DartWrite Digital Portfolio Project: \$1,750 in prizes!

From our colleagues at RWIT:

The [DartWrite Digital Portfolio Project](#) is hosting a second annual Portfolio Contest this spring. The contest recognizes students building personal portfolios on the [Journeys.Dartmouth.edu](http://Journeys.Dartmouth.edu) platform, whether as part of their coursework or on their own.

The contest recognizes different kinds of portfolio work, including **excellent design**, thoughtful **reflection**, and creative **digital compositions**. Students can learn more about the contest, including the judging criteria for each category and how to submit their portfolios for the contest, here: [DartWrite Portfolio Contest](#).

Some key information:

- 4 grand prizes, \$500 each (open to 2nd years and up),
- 7 house community prizes, \$250 each (open to 1st years)
- Deadline for submission: June 9th (link for submissions on our website)

### - West House chess tournament!



The West House chess competition has moved onto the next round – keep an eye out for the winner!

### - “West House @ Home” Spotify Playlist



Like many of you, I’m at home now listening to a lot of music on **Spotify**, which is a great way to explore new tunes, but sometimes their algorithms get a little stale. So let’s share some favorite songs!

We’ve made a [collaborative playlist at this link](#). Thanks to those who have added some great tunes! Please go to the link and add more songs – I’m curious to see what you’re listening to! (It hopefully goes



without saying to make sure that you should avoid posting obviously offensive material – we'll keep a look out 😊

## - Photo from the Week

Great to see West House stickers arriving in the mail!



## - West House Exec Board



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Your **West House Executive Board** is holding regular meetings over Zoom, on **SUNDAYS at 5pm**. As always, all Westians are welcome and encouraged to join the conversation! If you'd like to join, please shoot me an email and I'll send you the Zoom login info.

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