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Hi Westians,

Greetings from Hanover. I'm thinking of you all as we come to the last week of term.

I'm also thinking of you all at this important moment of reckoning in our society. You've seen a lot of statements about what's going on the past couple weeks, so I'll try and keep this brief.

Like so many in our community, I am outraged by the killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, and by the pattern of violence against Black Americans and long history of systemic racism they represent.

However I'm also encouraged by the actions of many, including those in the Dartmouth community, who are protesting injustice and working to better our society, often facing personal challenges and sometimes, deplorably, even more violence. It's clear that we all have a responsibility to listen to Black voices and to act against systemic racism. I learned a great deal from yesterday's "Open Conversation", and I look forward to more discussions and actions around these issues in West House in the future.

In the meantime, good luck for the end of term and best wishes to you all and your loved ones.

Regards,
RCH

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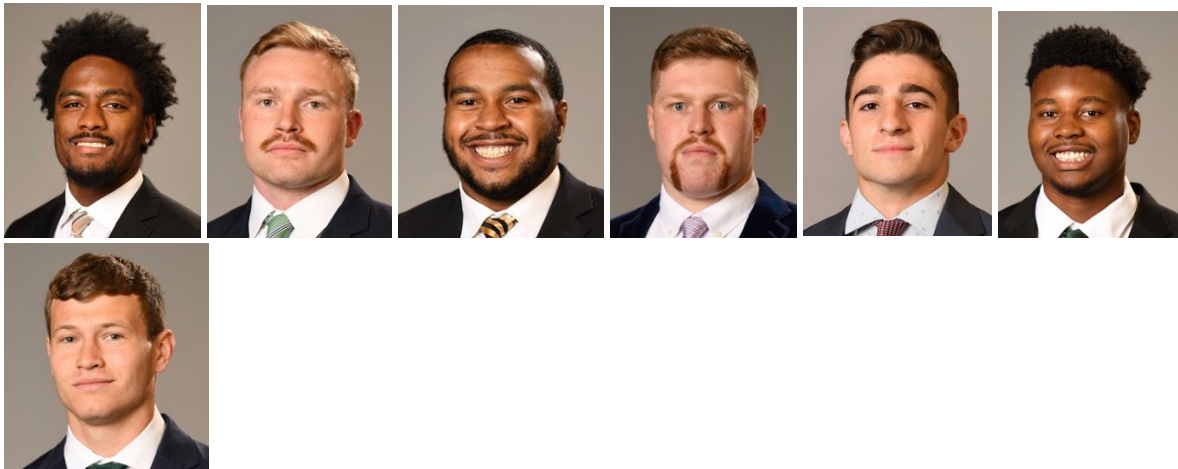
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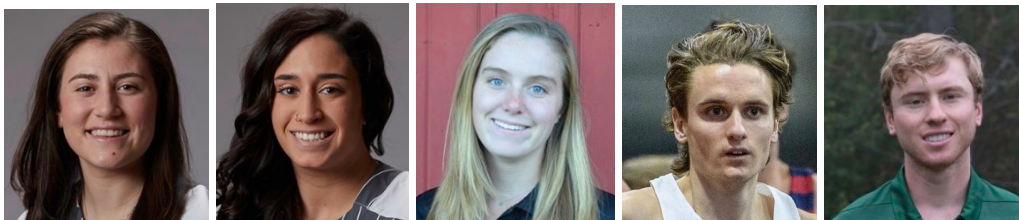
To add the West House calendar to your own calendar applications, you can use [this iCal link](#).

- Westians in the News

- Westians won an impressive number of awards at the [Dartmouth football team's virtual banquet](#). **Darren Stanley '21**, **Jack Traynor '19**, **Jackson Perry '19**, **David Chalmers '19**, **Niko Mermigas '21**, **Shane Cokes '23**, and **Drew Estrada '20** all were honored at the event after an excellent season. Congratulations!



- With more sports news, a number of Westians were included in the Athletics "Senior Spotlights" celebrating their accomplishments at Dartmouth. These include [Tatyanah Castillo '20](#) and [Tessa Grossman '20](#) (softball), [Sophie Lenihan '20](#) (equestrian), [Sean Lavery '20](#) (track and field), and [Will Bednarz '20](#) (golf). Congratulations to all on what you've achieved in your Dartmouth careers!



- West House affiliate **Christianne Hardy**, special assistant to the president, has been [named the Interim Head of the Dickey Center for International Understanding](#). Congratulations!



If you know of a Westian whose accomplishments should be highlighted in the Westletter, please suggest them at dartgo.org/westian_news.

- Staying Connected for Summer Term



Your Exec Board continues to consider a lot of ideas for **staying connected over the summer term** (even for those who might not be enrolled!), from virtual game tournaments to online cooking classes. Please go to [THIS FORM](#) and send us your ideas!

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

From our colleagues at RWIT:

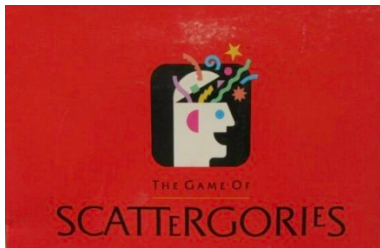
The [DartWrite Digital Portfolio Project](#) is hosting a second annual Portfolio Contest this spring. The contest recognizes students building personal portfolios on the Journeys.Dartmouth.edu platform, whether as part of their coursework or on their own.

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)

- Scattergories!



Congrats to **Corinne Robitaille '23** for winning our first Scattergories games and some Amazon gift cards!

- West House chess tournament!



The West House chess competition is into the final round – keep an eye out for the winner!

- “West House @ Home” Spotify Playlist

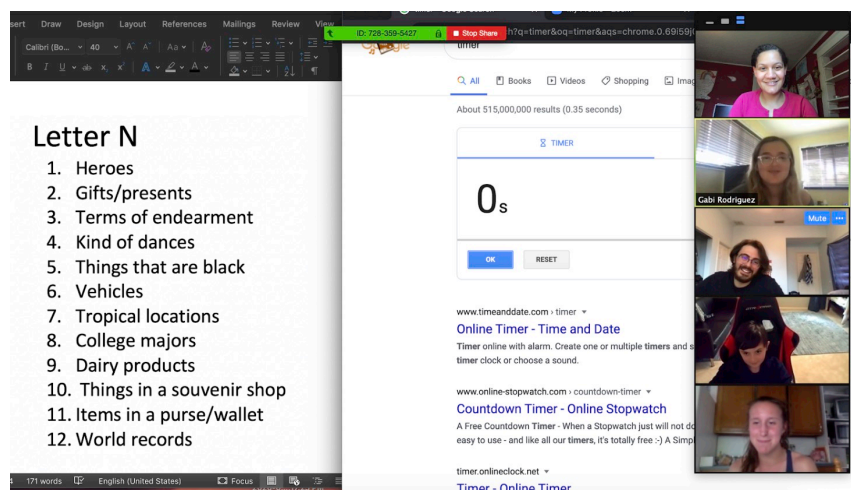


Like many of you, I'm at home now listening to a lot of music on **Spotify**, which is a great way to explore new tunes, but sometimes their algorithms get a little stale. So let's share some favorite songs! (I'll be adding some chill studying ones for finals!)

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

A quick shot from our West House Scattergories game!



- West House Exec Board



Your **West House Executive Board** has been wonderfully active over the past term and is thinking about how to stay engaged over the summer. Watch this space for future meeting times!

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