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Dear Incoming Students,

Welcome to Dartmouth!

The excitement is building on campus as we prepare for your arrival this fall. On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I would like to invite you to participate in one of our College's strongest traditions – **Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) First-Year Trips**.

Every fall, the Dartmouth Outing Club, the oldest student-run outing club in the country, organizes the unique DOC Trips program right before fall Orientation. In the last few years, over 90% of the incoming class has participated in the Trips program, in which over 350 student volunteers welcome first-year students into the Dartmouth community. These five-day excursions provide you with much more than the opportunity to experience beautiful New Hampshire, as they connect you with your fellow classmates and with student leaders who can support you throughout your time at Dartmouth.

DOC First-Year trips are open to all incoming students, regardless of your prior experience or accessibility needs. The program's student directors, Doug Phipps '17 and Apoorva Dixit '17, will work with you to find a trip that is both comfortable and accessible. Students from all backgrounds and identities have participated in the past, so I invite you to consider registering for a DOC Trip. If you have questions about the program, please visit the [website](#) or [contact the Trips office](#).

DOC First-Year Trips are run entirely by students. Those of us who serve as staff and administrators in the Division of Student Affairs look forward to collaborating with the program's student leadership each year to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all participants. Your trip promises to be a meaningful and memorable beginning to a wonderful college experience.

All Best,

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