

# June O Student Staff

The June-O Staff  
shares their  
“Words of Wisdom”  
with you—  
check it out!



The Staff...Leading the Way!



Sibylle '11  
Student Staff Coordinator

*“Right now four years of college may seem like a dauntingly long time; however, it goes by much faster than you think. Of course you don't have to (and I would say shouldn't) have your entire time planned out, but it is useful to take some time to think about what you want from college. Ask yourself: What interests me? What is something new that I want to try? Who do I want to be friends with? What do I want to do or not do? Who do I want to be? College is full of opportunities, and if you take just a little time to figure out what you want from this opportunity you will find that in May 2015 you will be looking back over four of the most amazing and rewarding years of your life.”*

*I was reading a children's book recently that contained a poem called “Parents are People.” During your time at Denison, I would encourage you to remember the same about your professors—they are people, too, and fabulously interesting and giving ones at that. In high school, I never got to know my teachers or talked to them outside of class, but one of best benefits of going to a small liberal arts college like Denison is that you have plenty of opportunities to get to know them as people, rather than as just professors. Go to your professors' office hours with questions or just to chat; find out what they are interested in and vice-versa—office hours aren't reserved for “bad” students, and your professors want you to come talk to them. When I visited Denison as a prospective student, I couldn't quite believe my tour guide when he told me that Denison professors sometimes invited students over for dinner or spent time with students outside of class, but it's true! Over the past year, I have had coffee with my advisor, ice cream with another professor, dinner at another professor's house, lunch at my research advisor's house, and soon, my whole senior seminar class will be having dinner at our professor's house. As I'm preparing to graduate, these relationships with professors are one of the things I'll miss most about Denison.*



Allison '11

*In one of his children's books, Dr. Seuss says, “Think left and think right and think low and think high, oh, the things you can think up if only you try!” Denison is a place that values innovation and initiative, and it's a place where you can customize your education through a variety of avenues. If there's a club you want and it doesn't exist, start it. If there's a major or class you'd like that Denison doesn't have, create it. If there's a topic you want to explore, explore it. One of my academic interests is children's literature (hence the children's lit references scattered throughout this), and although Denison did not have a children's literature course in the existing curriculum, I pursued this interest through summer research, senior research, and independent studies, which led me to help start a children's literature course at Denison. Remember, this is your education and you can make it what you want it to be. Get creative and use your imagination, or as Ms. Frizzle of the Magic School Bus would say, “Take chances, make mistakes, get messy!”*



Harry '11

*"I took this photo before my first class at Denison University, "Introduction to International Politics" with Dr. Katz. This class, which I took primarily because it sounded interesting, ultimately lead me to declare my major and choose my academic advisor. I'd encourage everyone to embrace the breadth of a liberal arts curriculum and choose courses that sound interesting. Similarly, experiment with extracurriculars too; I joined Knitting Club on a whim and didn't stay long, but through it I met the Denison Film Society president and ultimately got a job projecting films -- that's right, I got paid to watch movies. Now at the end of my Denison career, I wish I had taken more time to experiment with other areas of the college, so do make the most of tremendous diversity of opportunities on campus!"*

*"If there's one thing I've learned from my time at Denison, it's taking advantage of as many of the opportunities a small liberal arts college offers. One of these opportunities that I value immensely is the chance to create lasting relationships with so many different individuals. Denison is a perfectly sized school - small enough that you can see the same faces everyday, but big enough that you'll never be able to meet everyone. When you arrive in the Fall, don't be afraid to talk to professors, smile at new faces, sit down at different tables. The people you meet, the long early-morning "study-break" conversations, the words of wisdom and advice from professors will all help shape your experiences. Don't take those conversations for granted!"*



Kevin '11



Kimmi '11

*"Things it took me two years too long to figure out: the dining hall's vegan deserts are delicious, common "hour" is actually two hours long, Whit's is spelled with only one "t.", the Outing Club rents out equipment like tents and sleeping bags, library books can be renewed online, and most of the academic departments keep candy in their lounge areas. Yes I realize that half of these are about desserts. Mmm..."*

*"Insider Tips for the Class of 2015:*

- 1. Take time your first semester to familiarize yourself with how to find books at Doane library as well as how to order books online through the Consort and Ohiolink systems. These will be invaluable tools once you start writing research papers (which will begin in the FYS classes!) and need sources.*
- 2. If you have any research woes or simply have difficulty finding a book in the library, check with the Commons desk (located on the third floor\* of the library next to the computers). The librarians and student staff there can help with a variety of research and other questions.  
\*The third floor of the library is actually the entry floor.*
- 3. Getting to know your professors is an extremely important way to be successful at Denison in and out of the classroom, but don't forget to introduce yourself to the department secretary for your major or any department where you have interest as well. I know a lot of Denison students who talk with their department secretaries on a regular basis about classes, career advice, or even just life in general.*
- 4. Be open to making a lot of friends your first year at Denison! Freshman year is a great time to meet new people through classes, your dorm, clubs, or other activities."*



Devon '12



*"In my freshman year, I saw a guy reading a book in a tree. If you complain about the library being too crowded, then certainly you are not looking hard enough for alternatives. I have always found it interesting to mark my own perfect spot for studying."*

**Alfie '12**

*"Study hard and have fun! The key to enjoying life at Denison is to balance yourself! You will be amazed by how many opportunities exist on this small campus. Be open-minded to new things, and take advantage of all the opportunities. Sign up for*



**Amy '13**

*many activities at the Involvement Fair in the beginning of the school year. Explore what you are passionate about and dedicate yourself to these things. Extend your academic experiences with off-campus study, summer research, internships, community service experiences, and so many co-curricular experiences. Besides working hard and getting involved, also relax and enjoy yourself on this beautiful campus. Get ice cream at Whit's with your friends; take a walk to the Bio Reserve on a sunny day; immerse yourself at a concert; or go to a comedian or watch a movie on weekends. Balance yourself with work and fun here!"*



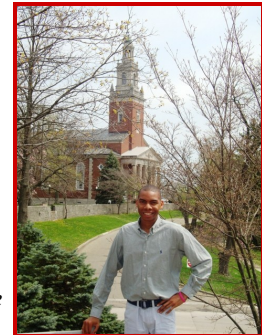
**Cullen '13**

*"My greatest and most rewarding experiences at Denison have come from the unpredictable and unexpected. It's consistently exciting and surprising to reflect on how unique the Denison experience is, and how two years ago I couldn't have imagined doing some of the things I'm doing now. Whether it means jumping into a leadership position in an organization, auditioning for a theater production without any prior experience, reaching outside of your comfort zone in the classroom, or having a*

*conversation with someone you've never met, healthy risk-taking is one of the most certain ways to truly gain fulfillment in your college experience. I hope that you will find yourself in new and surprising places."*

**Manny '13**

*"Your college experience is definitely what you make of it. Here at Denison, students have a myriad of opportunities to take advantage of, and because of the small size of the school, accessibility is not an issue. You can walk into the Student Activities Office and learn about the 150+ student organizations we have here on campus. You can walk into the Career Services Office and they will help you with everything from your resume to cover letters to internships to post-graduate school options. You can walk into a professor's office and have a conversation about the course material of the day or simply about an adventure you had in a different country while studying off-campus. No one's Denison experience is going to be the same and that is one of the most beautiful things about this institution. My two years here have been greatly shaped by the people I have come to know, the opportunities I have taken advantage of, and my embodiment of the Denison mission. I look forward to seeing you all at June-O 2011!"*



*"One of the best parts about college is exploring new interests and taking up new activities. My advice to all you incoming students is to sign up for a course in a subject area that you know nothing about. I signed up for a sociology/anthropology class having no idea about the field at all, and I ended up enjoying it so much! Also, make sure to attend the Involvement Fair in the fall—Denison provides so many wonderful opportunities, and signing up for a few clubs or organizations is a great way to meet new people!"*

**Mia '14**



*"A college course load can sometimes leave you with your feet dragging...but it doesn't have to! Rather than letting your work get the best of you, keep your feet moving! The key to a successful college career is a healthy mind but also a healthy body. Staying active on campus is easy to do and lots of fun. There are sports at all levels; varsity, club, intramural. You also can get creative and go for a run at the Bio Reserve or rent equipment to play racquetball with your friends! Exercising a few times a week can make all the difference, so just remember to include some active "you time" in your schedule."*



**Caitlyn '13**

*"I guess you could call me an "11th year" junior. Spending the greater part of my childhood around this campus should*



**Karly '13**

*mean that I know everything about the university right? Not necessarily. My biggest piece of advice is definitely to try any and all of the things offered on campus! There is always something going on and it's up to you to go to the many activities put on by students and staff throughout the year. Whether it's going to a concert in Mitchell, attending an interesting lecture, or spending some time in a building*

*just to explore, DO IT! You'll find out something new about your school, and most importantly yourself in the process."*



**Lauren '14**

*"1) Go crazy at the activities fair! Sign up for anything and everything that interests you; decide later what you want to continue. 2) Don't be afraid to say no! It's easy to over-extend yourself, so it's important to find your balance of school and extra-curricular. 3) Be open to new experiences! Go on a low-ropes course; take a Philosophy class; introduce yourself to everyone in your dorm.*

*You only get to be a First-Year once, embrace it!*

*"You are not an official Denisonian until you have sunken into an old Bandersnatch couch and tried one of our snagels, bagels, or milkshakes (oh my)! The Bandersnatch is now open on weekends! So when you are bored on a Friday night, don't fret. You can head over to the Snatch and listen to all sorts of music (or play your own), meet new friends, get tangled in Twister, or even get some reading done (you may be having too much fun to read). During the week there are always fantastic events like Open Mic Night, Jazz Night, and TONS of great bands from Columbus, New York, or even Curtis East. The moral of the story: It's never too late to do something different!"*



**Taylor '13**



**Tayma '13**

*"Immerse yourself in the community! Take advantage of all the amazing opportunities that Denison has to offer! Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Join a club or a sports team, engage in community service, and really get to know your fellow Denisonians. And most importantly, stay open minded!"*

*"Mark Twain once said" "I've never let my school interfere with my education." This is exactly how I feel about Denison! There is so much to learn, so much to discover, and so much challenge*

*waiting for you! Education is not only in classrooms, you keep exploring all the time — you go to different events, lectures, and most important of all, you meet with many new people, which means many different perspectives! Be ready to be chal-*

*lenged, but I assure you it is worth all the blood, the sweat and the pain because you will learn how to stand on your own two feet, becoming a well-educated citizen!"*



**Leyla '13**