

It Takes a Village to Make a Freshman Seminar
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It takes a **university** dedicated to excellence, independence and curiosity for centuries.

It takes a **college** which has countered the Freshman Year's deficiencies that come with survey courses and remote professors by inventing the Freshman Seminar.

It takes an **Office of the Dean of the College** to foster these seminars and to work with professors to improve them. **Liz Colagiuri, Dov Grohsgal, Sha Sanyal**

It takes a **Council on Science and Technology** to encourage Freshman Seminars that communicate science and to help professors create compelling course elements. **Naomi Leonard, Catherine Riihimaki**

It takes a **committed donor** to help fund seminars that address the environment. **Tom Barron**

It takes an inspiring **librarian** to introduce students to Mudd Library, which conserves Princetoniana for centuries, and to assure that the capsules will be accessible at their reunions. **Dan Linke**

It takes **entrepreneurial campus communication professionals** to promulgate the course's story **Dan Day, Wendy Plump, Steve Schultz, John Sullivan, Morgan Kelly, Greta Shum**

It takes a "**campus reunions guru**" to make key introductions. **Mibs Southerland Mara**

It takes a **resourceful host** at Wilson College, troubleshooting so the classroom works. **Laurie Hebditch**

It takes **communicative in-house engineers** sharing how they run the campus. **Tom Nyquist, Ted Borer**

It takes a **committed leader** of the Office of Sustainability, sharing campus goals. **Shana Weber**

It takes a **brilliant scholar** of the ice-age record, responding to the students' summaries of the first scientific papers they had ever read. **Michael Bender**

It takes a **passionate reunions aficionado**, telling freshmen they had entered a stream. **Frank Derby**

It takes a **scientist-legislator** willing to come to class to share how politics works. **Andrew Zwicker**

It takes **supportive faculty colleagues** who are Freshman Seminar veterans. **Stan Katz, Hal Feiveson**

It takes an **incredibly generous on-campus home** at PEI, providing spiritual and logistical support. **Kathy Hackett, Raj Chokshi, Holly Welles, Stacey Christian, Frances Juhasz, Angela Petsis**

It takes a **brilliant, selfless junior colleague and climate-science expert** to share all aspects of course content and strategy and to make mentoring a delight. **Nadir Jeevanjee**

It takes **Caitlin Daley**, a force of her own, attending to the students and me with incredible care.

It takes a **friend**, who says Do It! **Mimi Schwartz**

It takes **six wonderful students**, ready to try anything and pitch in whenever there is a job to do.