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UNE President Danielle Ripich, clockwise from left: At the 2016 UNE commencement ceremony with provost James Koelbl; With special guest Meghan Dadiago at the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Luncheon, where the President received a 2015 Crystal Heart Award; With a student in the UNE Makerspace; Introducing speaker Jenna Bush Hager at the 2012 George and Barbara Bush Lecture; Accepting an award as a 2016 non-profit business leader of the year from MaineBiz editor Peter Van Allen; With a student flash mob in 2012.



President Ripich sailing on Casco Bay with the Board of Trustees



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Two presidents: James Herbert and Danielle Ripich discuss the art of the presidency on the staircase at Alumni Hall.

The *Art* of the Presidency

by Anouar Majid

In March 2017, UNE's outgoing president, Danielle N. Ripich, and incoming president, James D. Herbert, joined me for a conversation about the nature of the presidency at UNE, the future of the University and several other topics that came up in the course of the exchange. Given the extreme partisanship at the national level and the increasing inability of people to come together for the common good, I thought UNE would offer valuable lessons about leadership.

Anouar Majid: Thank you for joining me in this conversation. I just wrote an appreciative piece about the work you have done, Danielle, and I kept asking myself, "How does one leave all these accomplishments behind and start

anew?" You have had to manage multiple constituents, each with a different agenda, for more than a decade. There is no doubt that UNE has become a thriving university under your leadership. Your work has been recognized locally and nationally, but how does one walk away, not from the accolades, but from the daily struggle — all the frustrations and headaches — to achieve this?

Danielle N. Ripich: Robert Redford was asked how he felt about not being nominated for an Oscar for one of his roles and he said, "I'm fine with it. I've always liked the climb up the mountain more than the view from the top." My parents were teachers, and I think I see many

things in life as teachable moments. So, I asked myself, "How do I step away from this amazing place I have come to love and this responsibility as president in a way that honors the institution and everyone who is a part of it?" This is my bittersweet lesson. Focusing on the work still to be done helps me manage the emotions of leave-taking. I am ready for a new adventure, and I feel the University is ready for a new president to lead the next period of its life. Knowing James is coming makes my final months much easier. I feel certain that he will be a wonderful leader for UNE.

AM: Funny that you mention Robert Redford. One of his performances that had a huge impact

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David L. Anderson*Chair, UNE Board of Trustees*

Recently retired Trustee Sandi Goolden and I have worked with Danielle over the past four years to establish an enhanced business and entrepreneurship program at UNE. Many of our students, especially in health care, go on to work as sole proprietors or join a partnership, so we are expanding our offerings to introduce these professionals to the basics of managing a business.

In addition, Danielle has funded the creation of a Makerspace in Decary Hall, where entrepreneurial students can work on projects that involve both software and hardware development, and the UNE Innovation Challenge, where student teams can compete for funding to help translate their ideas into real products or solutions.

Over the years, Danielle has gifted to the UNE trustees lots of logo-wear — including socks, ties, hats, fleece vests, jackets and pins. I have collected enough to wear a different UNE logo-themed item every day for a month. I didn't realize this until about a year ago, but she turned us into walking advertisements for the University. When I wear a UNE pin or tie on a trip, someone always asks me about UNE, and this gives me an opportunity to make a pitch about our great institution.

on me was in the film *All is Lost*. Alone at sea, an old man struggles to fix his punctured vessel against overwhelming odds. One is not sure if he ever survives this impossible ordeal. You seem to be saying that it's James' turn to endure the challenge.

James D. Herbert: It's interesting you both bring up nautical themes as metaphors for leading UNE, as I've always been drawn to the sea. Over this last winter holiday break my youngest son, Joel, a junior in high school, read Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*, which I've always loved. Around the same time, I happened to rediscover one of my favorite songs from my own youth, Dan Fogelberg's "The Reach," a beautiful ballad detailing the hardships of Maine lobstermen. Both works point to the importance of deeply appreciating the lessons offered by the daily struggles of one's work, even while having a clear vision of one's goals. I try to embrace that philosophy in my own life. I recognize that I have very big shoes to fill, as UNE has accomplished so much under Danielle's inspired leadership. My plan is to continue leading the University boldly forward, even as we navigate uncharted waters, while enjoying the ride along the way.

AM: Besides your shared passion for the ocean, other things strike me as similar about your experiences. The first is that in both your cases, UNE offered you the first shot at a university

presidency. (In the case of Danielle, it may very well be her only one.) You both bypassed the job of provost to hold this position. Comments?

DR: I loved being a dean and only applied for the presidency because I fell in love with the pictures of the UNE campuses and students. I had no real ambitions for the job of president, but, in my first visit, I quickly became excited about the opportunities I saw. I think we all want to feel our work matters, and UNE gave me a chance to make a difference. I can't imagine a better job. So, yes, one presidency is just fine for me.

AM: James?

JH: In my case, I did serve as interim provost at Drexel during a time of many transitions, so I developed a good sense of the job. But your point is well taken that, like Danielle, my path deviated from what is often viewed as the prototypical academic pathway to the presidency. As it turns out, however, many of the most successful and innovative university presidents likewise did not come from the provostial ranks; some contemporary examples include Michael Crow of Arizona State; Joseph Aoun of Northeastern; my own mentor, John Fry of Drexel; and, of course, our very own Danielle Ripich. Like Danielle, although I was open to new opportunities, I was content with my position as dean and was not actively seeking a presidency. But the UNE



President Ripich overlooking the Saco River estuary from the deck of the Bush Center



Incoming UNE President James Herbert

opportunity struck me as such an extraordinarily good match with my background and interests on so many levels that I decided to pursue it. And like Danielle, from my very first visit I was so impressed by the people I met, the University's mission and spirit, and the unique sense of place of our Maine campuses.

AM: Wait, now that I think of it, with one exception, all of UNE's presidents were first-time presidents, and none of them moved on to another presidency. We had senior administrators under Danielle who did but not the presidents. In the beginning, we may have been little known and didn't have many choices, but that is certainly not the case today. When we say that UNE is entrepreneurial, it really is because we don't necessarily look for the obvious. The way I see it, we are anchored in solid Maine traditions but open to innovation at all levels. Would you agree, Danielle?

DR: The innovation that is the DNA of this University does not come merely from a desire to be entrepreneurial. UNE has always had as its core mission meeting students' need for education. Westbrook College was the first to educate women in Maine, St. Francis provided education for sons of French Catholics at a time when they had few options, and the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine offered osteopathic medical education when it was not available in this region. Most recently,

we saw a need for affordable health care and arts and sciences education in northern New England and grew colleges and programs to give students these opportunities. Every year UNE scores well above our peers in students' ratings of faculty engagement. We are student-centered, and I think that keeps us innovative.

AM: Very true. UNE, as an institution, emerged out of the collective struggle of social groups that had been marginalized. In our case, innovation and entrepreneurship were life-saving measures, not real choices. They led us to where we are today. The landscape has changed, though. We are now an established university with a student body like any other college or university. How do we keep our fighting spirit alive? Just keep heading for the deep waters...

JH: I would offer a slightly different perspective, Anouar. First, despite important progress, as a society we have not fully resolved the issue of access. Although explicit prohibitions based on race and gender in college admissions no longer exist, economic and cultural barriers persist. For too many students, access to a high-quality education remains out of reach. UNE has made tremendous strides in expanding access by developing and articulating its value proposition to students, particularly in the health-related sciences and professions, and we are now poised for further developments in other areas as well. We must build on our legacy of providing access

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Gloria A. Pinza
Board of Trustees



President Ripich caught my attention long before I became a trustee of UNE. As a member of the business community, I was impressed with her outreach work and her understanding that partnering with the

business community opens up new opportunities and results in a win-win: it helps the University, it helps the region, and, ultimately, it really benefits the students, who are able to earn degrees that have meaning in the communities where they want to work after graduating.

She has done all of this while still pursuing the highest standards of academic quality and top-tier research. The result has been incredible in terms of the physical, academic and financial growth and stability of UNE. Perhaps the most impressive aspect of all of this is the leadership that President Ripich has shown in taking UNE to places that many academic institutions are still just talking about. She is truly ahead of the curve.

Because of President Ripich's vision and hard work, UNE is now poised for the next chapter in its history, which will take it outside of the boundaries of Maine, regionally, nationally and even internationally – admired as an innovative and entrepreneurial center of learning and research for today's world.

to those for whom it was denied to ensure that more individuals from all backgrounds, from the region and beyond, can benefit from life-changing academic experiences. Second, with respect to innovation, I don't believe complacency is an option. In fact, there are many reasons to expect that the coming decade will be among the most challenging ever for higher education. Institutions that are not sufficiently innovative, entrepreneurial, nimble and attuned to societal trends will face grave challenges, whereas those that are will have the opportunity to flourish. There is much hard work to be done, and I sincerely believe that UNE is well poised to thrive and that our best years are yet to come.

AM: You are right, James. We may be entering a new turbulent era of high costs and shrinking college-age demographics that may force us to rethink our next priorities. The good news, as Danielle says, is that we are wired to be creative. Often, we find ourselves ahead of groundbreaking national trends, as we did, for example, with online education many years ago.

Let me switch topics a bit and come back to this presidential transition. To me, it's a matter of pride to see the way you are collaborating to have James ready for the job in July. We know that every person has her or his own style, but if UNE were your own personal business, Danielle, what would be your three most important pieces of advice?

DR: Hmm. My sense is James intuitively gets what I'm about to tell him. He has already stated the most important thing I would say: "UNE's best days are ahead!" As the leader, he will become the "vision holder" and will need to help everyone see how to build our future while honoring our past. The next thing I would like him to know is that, although this job can be lonely in terms of making certain decisions, there are so many people at UNE wanting to help you and support you. Finally, I would say that this isn't a job, it's a role. Let yourself enjoy all the amazing opportunities you will have and all the remarkable people you will meet in this new role. Someone said that we live life forward and understand backwards. I hope this is useful.

AM: There is no doubt that managing a complex university is a lot of responsibility. Everyone, though, believes that James will be successful at it. Danielle, you have total trust in him. Well, James, are you ready?

JH: First, thank you, Danielle, for that wise counsel. I honestly can't say enough about how helpful you have been over the course of this transition. You have been a true model of grace and warmth. In addition to sharing countless data, your insights and advice on so many issues have already proven invaluable. Your commitment to UNE is manifest in your many efforts to pave the way for a smooth transition, for which I am incredibly grateful. I deeply value our friendship,

and I am reassured to know that you are only a phone call away when I need your counsel. Now to address your question, Anouar, I am ready, or at least as ready as anyone can be in assuming such an awesome responsibility. I approach the stewardship of this great university with excitement and exhilaration but also a deep sense of humility. I appreciate the confidence that the search committee and board of trustees has placed in me. I also appreciate the helpfulness, hospitality and kindness that everyone I've met so far — and that includes trustees, faculty members, professional staff and students — has shown me and my wife, Lynn. With an appreciation for our history, feet firmly planted in the present and eyes focused on the future, I am eager to join this amazing community. I look forward to assuming UNE's helm, steering onward for those deep waters and appreciating the lessons of "The Reach" along the way.

AM: Thank you, Danielle. Thank you, James. Let another glorious chapter in the history of UNE begin.



Danielle Ripich explains Deborah Morton's legacy to James Herbert.

Farewell to the *Sultana*

by Anouar Majid

Maybe it was in the fabled Moroccan city of Marrakech, a place I grew up knowing as the Paris of the Sahara, because of its chic lifestyle amid palm trees and snow-capped mountains, that I realized Danielle N. Ripich was not a typical college president but a woman with a genuine royal allure. As we sat in the terrace of a hotel restaurant, a young waiter, after taking her order, as well as mine and that of Jacque Carter, our provost at that time, called her *amira* (princess in Arabic), just like that, as if he had detected something in her that Jacque and I simply didn't have. Before the dinner ended, the waiter realized that princess didn't do his distinguished customer justice, so he used the somewhat risqué title of *sultana*. One would be tempted to translate the term as "queen," but in the Arabic language *sultan* means power, which is a male prerogative. But, somehow, Danielle exuded that trait wherever she went, despite her petite size and genuine grassroots democratic demeanor. It was that same quality that quickly disabused a bazar hustler in the souk of Marrakech from trying too hard to get her to buy what she didn't want.

Years later, Danielle was in Tangier, staring down a group of engineers in a dusty construction site, insisting that the wall fountain at the entrance of UNE's emerging campus had to be front and center – not where it had been placed, on the left of the entrance, as if it were an afterthought. The chief engineer said it was difficult to move, but then he conceded that it was not impossible. That's all Danielle needed to hear. The fountain today faces all visitors with its soothing tile colors and calming water sounds. The same fountain served as the backdrop for photographs of the president in a Moroccan caftan, greeting officials and trustees on the day of the campus's dedication in April 2014. At that historic moment, the image of a Western sultana was complete.

With a laser-sharp power of observation, unshakeable will, a surprising eloquence that never gets stale, and a disarming friendly manner, Danielle Ripich took the reins of the University and, sure to her promise, steered the ship away from the safer waters of certainty into a vast new world of expanded knowledge and new continents. For some reason, I managed

to attend her inauguration ceremony, held beneath a tent in Biddeford, when she invoked Walt Whitman's injunction to "steer for the deep waters only." She challenged a home-bound community with a quintessential New England metaphor, but she left out the mischievous side of the flamboyant poet, his celebration of the "reckless soul" of the explorer, to whom Whitman seems to be resolutely attached, because together they are "bound where mariner has not yet dared go." Whitman's volcanic spirit is not for the faint of heart. With the right comrade, he is willing to "risk the ship, ourselves, and all."

“Steer for the deep waters only.”

– Walt Whitman

Danielle, however, took what she wanted from Whitman and no more. She blew a mere whiff of perilous ocean air on a small university, enough to embolden its daring minds but not enough to incite recklessness. It is not surprising, therefore, that she had a natural attraction to that special breed of can-do Americans, the creative rebels



President Ripich at the opening of UNE's Tangier, Morocco Campus in 2014



The Nor'easters biggest fan drops the puck at the 2016 Big Blue Bang hockey double-header event.

house into an elegant home for the UNE president. Before leaving, she ordered the building of a University Commons to say loud and clear that the student experience is what brings all of us together. Watching her from afar, a seasoned businessman offered her an island.

It has been like this with the Sultana. Sometimes she sailed out to explore the world, looking for ideas to bring home; at other times, the world came knocking at her door, eager to entrust its riches to her. Endowed with such powers, it is no wonder she doubled the number of colleges at UNE. She established new centers of excellence, added new academic programs, encouraged innovation, and even created an Office of Strategic Initiatives, as if UNE were a powerful state or major corporation that can't afford to be outpaced by the competition. The basement in Decary Hall in Biddeford became home to the Makerspace program and the Center for the Enrichment of Teaching and Learning. Along the way, UNE started winning millions of dollars in government funds for research and became the leading recipient of funding from the National Institutes of Health for colleges and universities in Maine.

UNE's online programs soared to new heights, bringing us students from all four corners of the globe, and positioning UNE on the cutting edge of higher education. Capital rushed into online education, roping in academic brand names to create the impression that one MIT faculty

member can educate half the world through some magical scaling process; but UNE kept doing its thing, educating and paying attention to small cohorts of students, making sure they get all the help and attention they need. Blinded by dollar signs and big talk, business people didn't realize that education is, at its core, artisanal work, not factory labor. Technology can find ways to quadruple the production of cars in the same amount of time, but we still need four accomplished people and the same amount of time to perform a chamber music concert.

The mother of accomplished children as well as a doting grandmother, Danielle knows what works best because she is keenly attuned to students and their needs. Many faculty members may consider athletics a distraction, but Danielle saw it as a major part of a young person's life and an indispensable companion to any academic curriculum. She added new sports programs, like women's crew, women's tennis, women's lacrosse, women's ice hockey, men's ice hockey and women's rugby. She won't be president when UNE's football team plays its first game, but she will be honored for creating the team and expanding the Alford Forum to accommodate its needs.

The further Danielle's ship ventured into new projects, the stronger UNE grew, until the faux snobs of Maine could no longer ignore the lowly upstart from Biddeford whose staff's deeply

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Jack McDonald
Vice President for Student Engagement /
Director of Athletics



One of the things that attracted me to UNE was the beauty of the Harold Alford Forum and what a great statement it makes about UNE's commitment to higher education. We live in a sports-crazed

society, whether you watch sports or play sports, and some of the most successful academic institutions in the world sponsor the most sports.

President Ripich understands that. Here's a woman who was born in Ohio, and she came to us from South Carolina, and what does she do? She builds an ice hockey rink! And adds men's and women's hockey for both varsity and club athletes. That's generated an increase in enrollment, in the feeling of community here, and in the quality of campus life. So she has a vision. She knows the value of sports and fitness and intramurals — she gets it.

The Forum is one of the reasons I'm here and why our great coaches and our great student-athletes are here: it's one of the best, if not the best, Division III facility in the country. So much has happened under her leadership that has made life outside the classroom more enjoyable for UNE students. We're going to miss her terribly.

entrenched work ethic eventually revitalized the city of Portland and the whole Maine economy. The one billion-dollar economic impact UNE generates is no small change for our struggling state. We all benefited from the voyage. Most faculty salaries increased, and tuition rates were actually lowered to make education affordable. The University signed articulation agreements with schools and junior colleges and pledged to make study abroad affordable. It offered cash awards to graduating seniors and even more to those who want to pursue post-graduate degrees at UNE.

The more generous UNE chose to be, the more the institution grew, surpassing 10,000 enrolled students and graduating its largest class ever in 2016. Our success was promptly noted by publications like *U.S. News and World Report*, *Money*, *Forbes*, *Princeton Review* and by influential think tanks like the Brookings Institution. My colleagues in the Office of Communications were busy keeping up with the avalanche of accolades coming our way, issuing one press release after another, until we all got somewhat embarrassed. We had so many great stories to share with the community, while some of our colleagues in the state and region couldn't drum up enough good news to cheer their constituents. Just when we thought we had reached the pinnacle of recognition, the hard-nosed arbiters of global financial health decided to take a look at us and give us an A. Moody's Investors

Service actually gave us an A3 rating as if to compensate for an A- from Fitch. Suddenly, we became Wall Street players with bonds worth buying. Our vice president of Finance and Administration was promptly solicited to sit on the most important board for university business officers in the country.

Who could have imagined such a tale in 2006 when Danielle flew from South Carolina to interview for the job of UNE president? In no time, the slow-moving folks of the old regime were unmoored and transported on a whirlwind of an adventure, reaching shores they had never imagined existed. I lost count of how many times President Ripich's leadership was celebrated in business circles, although I take comfort in knowing she doesn't care much about those kinds of kudos. What makes her smile is knowing that she is leaving behind a solid university, with enough cultural and financial capital to withstand minor shocks in the short and medium terms.

When a team of accreditors reviewed UNE in 2006, they were dealing with an ambitious institution that operated precariously. The new team of accreditors who visited UNE recently came to behold a case study of success against the odds, a story that was chronicled in the *Washington Post* as an example of good leadership in higher education. Danielle, like Christopher Columbus, had landed her ship in a new world, opening endless opportunities to those who joined

her on the journey and to those who would follow later. UNE, students told the accreditors who visited in 2017, is now a global university.

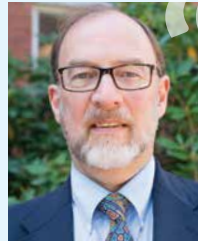
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When Danielle chose to be guided by Whitman's challenge to “steer for the deep waters only,” she was implicitly paying tribute to a vision of America that is universal and inclusive, one in which the sages of India are part of a great human epic, where the United States, the great dynamic republic sung by the poet, is irretrievably bound with the rest of the world, not separated from it. In “Passage to India,” Walt Whitman pays tribute to all the great explorers who expanded our world and brought cultures and religions together. Alexander the Great, Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus and Vasco de Gama all make heroic appearances, but so does a native of Tangier, “Batouta the Moor,” as Whitman calls him. By building a campus in the land of Ibn Batouta, the Moroccan who explored Africa and reached China, Dr. Danielle N. Ripich, UNE's only Distinguished President Emeritus and whose name is now gracing the Commons in Biddeford for generations to come, became a true Sultana. She built an empire of knowledge and discovery over which the sun almost never sets.



UNE President Danielle Ripich, clockwise from left: Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the opening of UNE's Tangier Campus; Bestowing a diploma at the 2016 Commencement; Announcing the building of the Harold Alfond Athletic Complex in 2010 with Alfond Foundation Director Greg Powell.

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Bill Chance*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

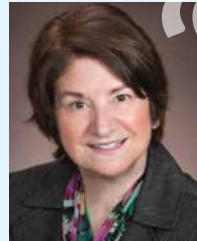
As we were preparing to go public with the capital campaign, we created a series of campaign videos, one for each of our three themes: innovation, place and opportunity. I remember half-jokingly

telling the communications people that my goal was to create a video that would bring President Ripich to tears.

Well, we discovered pretty quickly that actually wasn't that hard to do. The opportunity-themed video ended with a montage of students saying things like, "I want to be a doctor," or "I want to be a dentist," or "I want to be a social worker who changes someone's life" — all these students with their aspirational quotes, and I remember turning around and looking at her as that video was being shown for the first time, and she was indeed in tears.

I thought, wow, we found her button: just talk about the students. Talk about how you can change their lives, just by giving them the opportunity to become something that maybe they didn't think they could ever be. That's what it's all about for her, and ultimately that's what makes her a great fundraiser and a great president.

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Ellen Beaulieu*Vice President for Strategic Initiatives*

She talked to me about creating an office of strategic initiatives to continue doing the future-oriented work that we had done on the strategic plan. Her idea was just, "Keep going." Keep going. No stopping.

Keep the momentum.

Once that flywheel starts and you're starting to see success, there can be a tendency in some quarters to think, "We're going too fast. Let's stop and take a breath." But she taught me, "No. Momentum is our friend. Keep going. Build on what you have. Do the next thing. Everything won't go smoothly. Plan on that. Don't be afraid of choppy seas — you have the tools to navigate." So that became the theme of strategic initiatives, to create a very tiny corner of the university that would serve that mantra: "Keep going."

Of course, the Office of Strategic Initiatives is not the only innovation engine — the whole university is. But our role is to embrace that "Keep Going" mentality — surfacing it, celebrating it and sharing it, so we can take this amazing mission and keep spreading it even further. That's really what she had in mind.

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Nicole Trufant*Vice President of Finance and Administration*

Back in 2008 we were working late one night in the president's office, and this investment banker was there, a guy we had engaged on multiple bond issues before her arrival. We were looking at our debt

capacity because we wanted to build Sokokis and break across Route 9. She said, "I also want to build a dental school, and I'm going to start an online college..." She went through this whole list. I mean, we had no money. We weren't even close to having a junk bond rating. So she leaves the room, and the guy said, "Tell her she's crazy. She only gets one major initiative as president. That's how higher ed works." I said our job is to build the finances to support her strategic plan. His response? "She's crazy."

President Ripich and I were in New York this spring [2017], and we were going to receive the University's first credit rating. I texted her and said, "UNE's credit rating is akin to when you go and defend your doctoral dissertation. In essence, Moody's rating is their assessment of your strategic plan. Because here it is, Vision 2017 is complete, and now here's your grade." And, you know, she got the A3 rating. So we celebrated, and I said, "We've come a long way since that investment banker called you crazy."

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James Koelbl*Provost and Senior Vice President*

One of the things that I learned about Danielle early on is that she's very data-driven. If you have a good idea, if you can put together a plan and show her that investing in this plan would bring good results, you'll get

what you need to get started. And if your plan works, you'll get what you need to continue.

With Danielle, it's about the work — what's best for the University and, more importantly, what's best for the students. She always reminds us that we are investing student dollars, so we are very mindful that in every decision we make, the key question is whether it's going to benefit the students and the University. If you can answer that, then you know what direction to take.

I was in a meeting with someone, and she knocked on the door and stuck her head in. After she left, the two of us felt a renewed sense of energy, saying, "It's like we were just injected with that spirit she carries with her!" You cannot spend any time with her and not feel inspired to be better, work harder or do more. She's just an amazing person.

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John Tumiel*Senior Advisor to the President; Chief Compliance officer*

Dr. Ripich grabbed UNE by the lapels and said, "You're better than this! You can be more!" She saw the potential, and she got other people to see it.

She was the first person who developed a strategic plan and then referred back to it every year to gauge our progress. Part of it was developing a plan that allowed for opportunities to evaluate actions taken and then to make adjustments based on that evaluation.

I've been through four, maybe five, strategic planning processes during my time at UNE. They were great places to have dinner — do lots of thinking about lofty goals, but then we'd go right back to surviving. We used to have trailers all over the place because we weren't sure how stable things were. President Ripich got rid of all the trailers and said, figuratively, "All right, from now on, we're moving forward according to the plan."

In her reports to the Board every year, she pulls out the plan and says, "Here's where we are with objective number one... Here's where we are with number two..." It really gives everyone a sense of, "Yeah, that's what we agreed we were going to do. We know exactly where we are, and there's a road map that we're following."

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Robert McAfee*Emeritus Trustee*

One figure that President Ripich is very proud of, and one she continues to remind me of, is that in Maine, UNE has the highest return on investment for its tuition dollars, as

measured by outside consultants. What makes this even more pleasurable for her is the fact that she beats out my alma mater, Bates College, year after year after year. And she never misses an opportunity to tell me that! "We do better than Bates — we were second to Bates last year, but we beat Bates this year."

Along with Nicole Trufant, she has put UNE on rock solid financial ground. We are an economic engine not only in Southern Maine but in the state and region as a whole. Our economic impact last year, amazingly, surpassed one billion (with a "B") dollars. That's quite an accomplishment over that ten-year period. She has made a total commitment to UNE, and I am sure, at times, this has come at the expense of family and personal time. I know it has. But she has put us first and foremost, and I think that's all we could ever ask for. We wish her extremely well.



On the afternoon of March 23, in the Eleanor DeWolfe Ludcke Auditorium on UNE's Portland Campus, David Brancaccio, host of American Public Media's Marketplace *Morning Report* delivered UNE's annual Paul D. Merrill Business Ethics Lecture. The lecture series, sponsored by the Department of Business, honors the late Paul D. (P.D.) Merrill, Portland-area business leader and long-time UNE trustee, supporter and friend.

Brancaccio's lecture, titled "From Self-Driving Cars to Self-Driving Business Ethics," explored the implications for human decisions when ethical rules are woven into artificial intelligence and other new technology. Brancaccio discussed how building ethical decision-making into advanced machines could spark new approaches to ethics in business and beyond. He concluded by saying, "Machine ethics and human ethics are now intertwined."

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David Brancaccio chats with students at the reception prior to the lecture.

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Brancaccio at the lectern



CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

INAUGURAL DENTAL CLASS REACHES HISTORIC GRADUATION MILESTONE

BY CLAIRE HAMMEN



This past May, UNE's College of Dental Medicine, the first dental school in Northern New England, celebrated the milestone graduation of its inaugural class.

The extensive practical experience built into UNE's dental program has provided these aspiring dentists with hands-on training from the start, with students working on simulated patients in their first year and providing direct patient care under the supervision of licensed faculty dentists at UNE's Oral Health Center in their second and third years. In the summer of 2016, the fourth-year students began their clinical rotations in communities throughout Northern New England. Students on rotation provided 10,196 comprehensive oral health care visits to both children and adults, totaling 18,596 procedures at external sites, many of which are Federally Qualified Health Centers in underserved and rural areas. Douglas Nartker '17 completed his first clinical rotation at Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. "It was a wonderful and inspiring experience," said Nartker. "This clinic provides free care for the homeless population in Boston, and we were able to perform a variety of different procedures to help these patients."

Bringing oral health care to underserved areas is an important part of UNE's strategic mission to address a deficiency in oral health care providers in the state of Maine. Fifteen of 16 counties in the state are classified as Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, with an estimated 65 percent of the population having unmet dental needs. "In high school, I shadowed my local family dentist in Calais, who brought to my attention the fact that there was and continues to be a shortage of dentists practicing in rural areas in Maine," said Nathan O'Neill '17. "Of those dentists who are currently practicing, many will be retiring, adding to the shortage."

In an effort to partner with UNE to address the shortages, Delta Dental Plan of Maine, a Northeast Delta Dental company, awarded the College of Dental Medicine a \$600,000 grant to develop a scholarship and loan repayment program for students and graduates. Delta Dental Plan of Vermont gave an additional \$50,000. The grants support the strategic initiative to build a pipeline of UNE-educated dentists to practice in designated rural and underserved areas of Maine and Northern New England. This generous funding will enable any UNE dental student with a demonstrated interest in rural, underserved areas to apply for a \$10,000 scholarship. The grant

will also create a substantial loan repayment fund for UNE College of Dental Medicine graduates who practice in underserved areas upon graduation — up to \$90,000, depending on their years of service in the area.

"Delta Dental has been a vital and committed partner to the College of Dental Medicine," said Dean Jon Ryder. "This grant will provide dedicated financial resources to students and graduates so they can practice in regions where dental care is currently difficult for residents to obtain. We are immensely grateful for their support."

Ryder has spent a lot of time with the students since they first stepped onto campus. "It is deeply gratifying to witness this graduating class entering the professional world — they have demonstrated remarkable dedication and hard work. I am honored to welcome them as colleagues in oral health care, and I look forward to seeing the impact they will have on the many patients and communities they will serve." President Danielle Ripich reflected, "This historic occasion marks a tremendous milestone for the University, for dentistry in Maine and Northern New England and, most importantly, for these fine graduates and their families. I wish them the best as they embark on their careers, and I trust they will



approach their work with the values of integrity, professionalism and service that have been instilled in them during their time here at UNE."

Ray Thomas '17 summed up the intensity of the program and the genuine support he has felt among his peers. "The relationships we have with each other seem unique in that we work together and help each other out — it is a more

collaborative than competitive environment, which is not always the case in school," he said. "Because we are the first graduating class, there is a special bond. I think we will be friends forever."

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Left page: Jon S. Ryder, D.D.S., M.S., dean of the College of Dental medicine

Above: Members of the UNE College of Dental Medicine Class of 2017 at their White Coat Ceremony in 2013



UNE TOPS \$1 BILLION IN ANNUAL STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT

The University of New England has announced findings from its economic impact report for academic year 2016, which demonstrates that the University's total financial impact for the year across the state of Maine totaled more than \$1 billion. The report was created by Planning Decisions, Inc., an independent Portland-based research and planning firm.

The analysis looked at operational impact, such as employment numbers (UNE is now the 20th largest employer in the state) and total student and visitor spending at Maine businesses. The report also takes into account what is known as indirect impact, that is, the ripple effect from direct UNE-generated spending, as well as the impact of non-financial transactions that have substantial economic value.

However, according to the study, "UNE's greatest economic impact...lies in the value of the human capital it creates each year" as new employees are hired by the University, and UNE graduates take jobs in Maine.

In the report, Charles Lawton, Ph.D., chief economist at Planning Decisions, wrote, "Since UNE's first impact statement was prepared in 2007, it has proven itself to be a true engine of growth for Biddeford, for the Greater Portland region and for Maine as a whole."



SENATOR ANGUS KING KEYNOTES UNE CLIMATE CONFERENCE

On November 18, 2016, the University of New England hosted a climate change solutions conference featuring Senator Angus King as the keynote speaker. The conference, "Climate Change Solutions: Maine Leadership from Policy to Education," was co-sponsored by UNE, Natural Resources Council of Maine and Citizens' Climate Lobby.

UNE President Danielle Ripich, who introduced King, stated, "Here in Maine, we know how fortunate we are to have an ally in Washington in the person of Senator Angus King. He has been a vocal advocate for this cause, warning of the effects of climate change on Maine, the United States and our world."

"The impacts of climate change are real and they are serious — and they are already hurting our environment and our economy," Senator King said. "But while the challenges are daunting, there is good news because many people — especially those in Maine — know that something must be done. Maine has been at the forefront of fighting climate change for years. We must keep up the fight because ultimately taking action is not only good for Maine businesses in the long-run, it's good for the environment as well."



UNE'S LATEST INNOVATION: THE ACADEMY OF DIGITAL SCIENCES

The University of New England launched the UNE Academy of Digital Sciences, Maine's first accelerated professional certificate series covering a full-spectrum of digital skills, in the winter of 2017.

Developed in collaboration with prominent Maine businesses, including IDEXX, Unum, MaineHealth and L.L. Bean, the UNE Academy allows the University to serve as a bridge between Maine's professional workforce and the explicitly stated needs of area employers. In self-paced, 8-week programs offered throughout the year, learners take curated online instruction, receive personal mentoring and support from accomplished area professionals, and attend periodic live events on UNE's Portland Campus.

The curriculum is devised to support the success of a wide range of learners, including novices, career-changers, and those with IT experience who need a quick refresher on collaboration and communication skills and the most up-to-date digital competencies.

With a firm foundation of employer participation and engagement, the UNE Academy is designed to evolve rapidly, reflecting the ever-changing needs of the digital technology field. Future UNE Academy programs will expand this innovative launch to serve a wide range of learners throughout New England and beyond.



UNE'S STEPHEN ZEEMAN SHARES ANTARCTIC EXPERTISE ON 'CTV'

When the news broke that the Ross Sea in Antarctica would become the largest marine protected area in the world, Canadian television network *CTV News Channel* turned to the University of New England for a marine expert who could shed light on the significance of that announcement.

Stephen Zeeman, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Marine Sciences, traveled to Antarctica earlier this year for a month-long research expedition. In a live interview that aired nationwide in Canada, *CTV* asked him what protecting 600,000 square miles of ocean means for marine research. Zeeman said it will give scientists the opportunity to study the more than 16,000 species believed to inhabit the region. "This is critically important if we are to understand how the world functions, especially in this region which is biologically very rich."



IMMIGRANT WOMEN SEW THREADS OF CULTURAL CONNECTION AT UNE

The University of New England School of Social Work collaborated with Women United Around the World (WUAW) to present an art exhibit featuring stories and sewing pieces from the members of the organization from Democratic Republic of the Congo, Angola, Burundi, Rwanda, El Salvador, the United Kingdom and Russia.

WUAW was founded by Adele Ngoy, who moved to Maine from the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa 17 years ago. After making a life for herself and her family, she decided to use her skills as a seamstress to help other women new to Maine, founding an organization where they can learn to sew and receive support from their peers.

For the exhibit, students Lisa DiGiovanni and Lauren Dembski conducted in-depth interviews with each woman from WUAW to create profiles that accompanied each sewing piece, telling the women's stories in their own words. "It is beyond exciting to see this project come to life," said Dembski. "These women from around the world have empowered and inspired me, highlighting the need for interconnected cultural projects."



UNE STUDENTS LEARN TO CREATE MUSEUM-QUALITY BIRD SPECIMENS

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Noah Perlut, Ph.D., always wanted UNE to have a museum-quality ornithology collection, but he needed someone to prepare the specimens. Lena Moser, M.A., M.S., of the Student Academic Success Center, had worked as a curatorial assistant at the Cornell Museum of Vertebrates as an undergraduate, and she was eager to teach others the skills necessary to prepare specimens. Thus was born a new class, "Bird Museum Specimen Preparation."

Senior Jessica Kane says that before taking this class, she never thought about where the birds come from or who does the work of specimen preparation in museums. "Throughout the course of this semester, we've been doing a lot of reading about why specimen collection is so important and why this work can really contribute to education and research in the future," she says.

"What I like to tell students is, not only is this a science, it's also an art," Moser explains. "We show respect and honor for the bird's life trying to create the most beautiful and professional skin possible, with as much data as possible that can be used for future research."

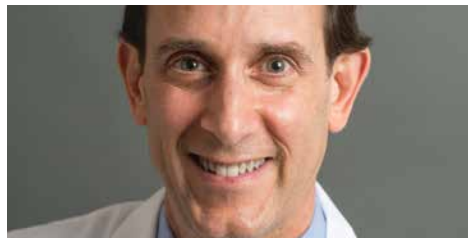


UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY JOINS APOTHECARY BY DESIGN TO LAUNCH SPECIALTY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The University of New England College of Pharmacy has partnered with Apothecary By Design (ABD) to create a residency training program in specialty pharmacy. The fastest-growing segment of the pharmacy industry, specialty pharmacy focuses on high-cost, high-touch medication therapy for patients with complex disease states.

With this partnership, UNE will join a select group of U.S. universities offering this specific program. According to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, there are currently more than 1,700 pharmacy residency programs in the country, but it's estimated that fewer than a dozen concentrate in specialty pharmacy.

Kenneth McCall, B.S.Pharm., Pharm.D., CGP, associate professor for the Department of Pharmacy Practice, serves as a key preceptor of the program. "With recent advances in science, specialty care is at the forefront of pharmacy, and ABD is at the forefront of specialty," he stated. "The University of New England College of Pharmacy is thrilled to be partnering with ABD to offer this unique opportunity, which complements the other rich resources we bring to the profession of pharmacy."



BARRY SALTZ AND UNE DENTAL STUDENTS HELP TREAT MORE THAN 400 PATIENTS DURING CHARITY DRIVE

In an effort to expand access to dental care across the state, oral health professionals provided free services to adults during Dentists Who Care for ME day. Now in its eighth year, the annual event is open to adults who cannot afford regular dental care and do not have insurance.

Founded by Barry Saltz, D.D.S., assistant clinical professor in UNE's College of Dental Medicine and Demi Kouzounas, D.M.D., Dentists Who Care for ME has helped over 3,000 patients since its inception. This year, nearly \$100,000 of care was provided, with approximately 400 patients receiving treatment.

Dental offices in the greater Portland and Skowhegan areas participated in the program, held November 4, 2016. Twenty dentists, 23 dental hygienists, 16 specialists and dozens of staff members volunteered their services, providing teeth cleanings, fillings and extractions. For the first time, students at the College of Dental Medicine took part in the program, with 63 second-year students delivering oral health care.



UNE'S ALUMNI HALL RECEIVES HONOR AWARD FROM MAINE PRESERVATION

On November 16, UNE's Westbrook Seminary Building, now known as Alumni Hall, was named as a 2016 Honor Award recipient by Maine Preservation, a statewide nonprofit organization.

Presented to 15 projects nominated earlier this year, the awards recognize excellence in historic preservation throughout the state; highlight the importance of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation; and honor adaptive use of important historic Maine landmarks and the owners, professionals and workers who make them happen.

Alumni Hall, a Federal style structure built in 1833, reopened in June of 2016 following a full renovation. As described by Maine Preservation, this building is "the centerpiece of the University of New England's Portland campus. After sitting vacant for over a decade, the building and its historic green have now been restored to their original grandeur."

"We're proud to commend our honorees for 2016, bringing attention to the diverse ways significant places important to our shared history can contribute to our future," Greg Paxton, executive director of Maine Preservation stated. "With creative approaches and innovative financing, more historic buildings in Maine can be preserved and utilized to their full potential."



UNE SCORES HIGH FINANCIAL MARKS FROM MOODY'S AND FITCH

UNE received a financial rating of A3 by Moody's Investors Service and an A- from Fitch ratings. This is the first time UNE has received financial rankings from either service. UNE President Danielle Ripich and Vice President of Finance and Administration Nicole Trufant received notice of the ratings while attending the most recent meeting of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) in New York City.

Ripich said of the reports, "Moody's and Fitch have confirmed what we know about the University of New England. We have financial depth, which will secure the future for our students and the longevity of the University. The institution's financial leadership is reflected in this ranking."

The Moody's report praises Ripich as "the driving force behind the University's rapid growth." While acknowledging that she will retire at the end of the academic year, it notes that the "overall stability among the board and senior leadership will enable the university to stay on track..." Trufant agrees that the ratings bode well for the University as it navigates the upcoming transition, saying, "Through the leadership of President Ripich and senior administration, the University of New England is well positioned for the future."



UNE MEDICAL STUDENTS PROVIDE CARE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

As part of a longstanding program at the the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine's New Jersey clinical campus, six medical students (Dylan Bellavance '18, Charlie Mach '18, Hope Barone '18, Hugo Raposo '18, Jessica Andrade '18 and Zoe Waldman '17) volunteered with the not-for-profit foundation, Waves of Health, to travel to the northwest border of the Dominican Republic. From November 5 to November 13, 2016, Assistant Regional Dean Joseph J. Calabro, D.O., encouraged the students to join physicians, pharmacists, nurses and EMTs to provide ongoing, primary medical and pharmacy care in underserved communities of the Dajabón province. Approximately 1,342 patients were evaluated and treated.

"Waves of Health and the New Jersey clinical campus provided us with a broad, unique and humbling learning experience," said Bellavance. "From the daily urban hospital-based care provided within the states to the rural and austere clinic work in the Dominican Republic, we were exposed to a full spectrum of medical practice and the power of healing. All of those involved in this medical mission came out of the week with a new perspective and understanding for medical care in a third world country."

Above: Zoe Waldman, Dylan Bellavance, Dr. Chris Boni, Hugo Raposo, Jessica Andrade, Hope Barone and Charlie Mach



PRINCETON REVIEW, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANK UNE AS A TOP COLLEGE

UNE recently received accolades from several publications that rank institutions of higher education. For the second consecutive year, UNE has been included in the Princeton Review's *Best 381 Colleges* guide. Additionally, the University was named one of America's Top Colleges for 2016 by *Forbes* and as one of the Best Colleges for Your Money by *MONEY* magazine. UNE was also named one of the "Best Universities" in the North by *U.S. News & World Report*, rising three spots from last year's ranking.

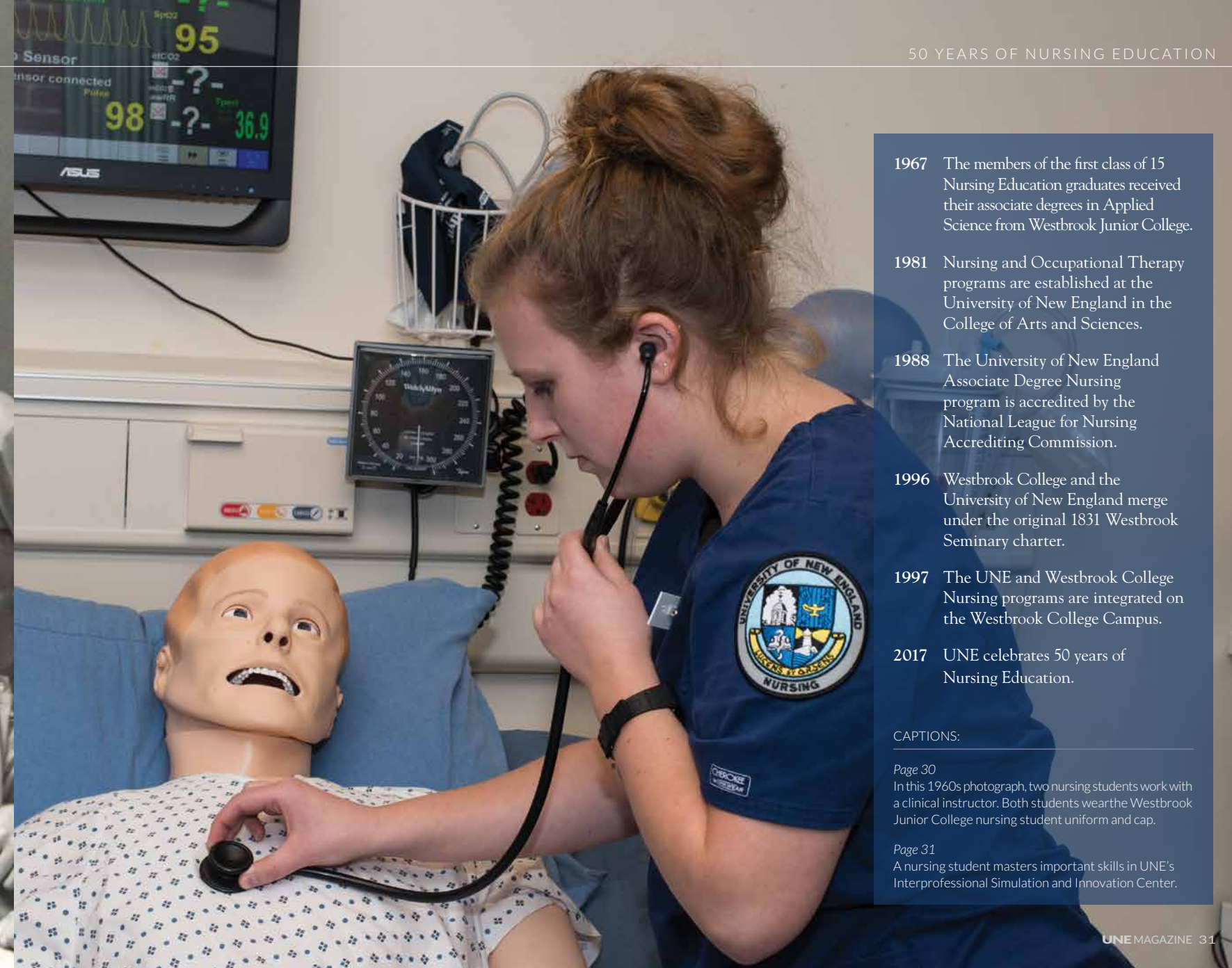
Both the *Forbes* and *MONEY* lists focus heavily on students' return on investment (ROI), rather than on the selectivity of the educational institutions, ranking schools not on how difficult they are to get into but, rather, on the value of graduating from them.

UNE President Danielle Ripich said, "It's a tremendous honor to be included in these rankings of the nation's very best colleges and universities because we take great pride in the quality education we provide to our students. Our faculty, staff and students are committed to innovation for a healthier planet, and these acknowledgments confirm for us that word of our dedication is spreading."

NURSING
50 years strong
 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
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“We are delighted to celebrate 50 years of nursing education at the University of New England! From the Westbrook Junior College Class of 1967 to the UNE Class of 2017, we honor a legacy of excellence: experienced and knowledgeable nursing faculty have educated generations of compassionate and professional clinicians who provide the highest possible level of wellness to individuals and families and become health care leaders in their communities. As we reflect on how far Nursing at UNE has come, we also look to the future and the UNE nurses who will continue to shape the direction of the profession.”

— Jennifer Lee Morton '83, D.N.P., M.P.H., APHN-BC, Director of Nursing



- 1967 The members of the first class of 15 Nursing Education graduates received their associate degrees in Applied Science from Westbrook Junior College.
- 1981 Nursing and Occupational Therapy programs are established at the University of New England in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 1988 The University of New England Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.
- 1996 Westbrook College and the University of New England merge under the original 1831 Westbrook Seminary charter.
- 1997 The UNE and Westbrook College Nursing programs are integrated on the Westbrook College Campus.
- 2017 UNE celebrates 50 years of Nursing Education.

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 In this 1960s photograph, two nursing students work with a clinical instructor. Both students wear the Westbrook Junior College nursing student uniform and cap.

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 A nursing student masters important skills in UNE's Interprofessional Simulation and Innovation Center.

NOR'EASTER NEWS

BY CURT SMYTH

FAMILY AFFAIR

When Steve Fleurent enrolled at the University of New England in the early 1980s, little did he know it would be the start of what would prove to be a family legacy.

The three sons of Steve and Lynn Fleurent — Tyler, Trevor and Brady — have each called the University of New England home for their academic and athletics careers, and all three have been instrumental in the development of UNE's ice hockey program.

Steve was a proud member of the 1977 state champion Biddeford High School hockey team and went on to play club hockey at UNE. So he is thrilled that all three of his sons (like their father, hockey standouts at Biddeford High School) chose to attend college so close to home, noting that most local players go away to play collegiate hockey.

Tyler, the oldest of the three brothers, came to UNE in 2009 — the year the ice hockey program was making the transition from club team to varsity status, playing its games off-campus at Biddeford Ice Arena. Asked why he chose a program so close to home, Tyler said, "Growing

up in such a big hockey family and having the success we did throughout high school, you obviously set the bar high to play at an established program. After going on a few college visits — some close and some far away — it became apparent UNE was the place for me. I knew the program was just starting out, and being a local kid it was a perfect fit."

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— Tyler Fleurent

The first few seasons of Tyler's career, the Nor'easters experienced the same growing pains that most new programs do. Wins were scarce, but moral victories were plentiful. Despite the fact that the Nor'easters won a total of 19 games over Tyler's four-year career, UNE was steadily becoming more and more competitive. The highlight of his career was a home win over nationally ranked Castleton University at the Harold Alfond Forum during his senior year.



Above: Trevor Fleurent '17 concluded his career as UNE's career scoring leader.
 Right page: Tyler Fleurent '13 was the first of the three Fleurent brothers to play hockey at UNE.



Today, the men's ice hockey program is in a much different spot than when Tyler played. Knocking on the door of national prominence, the Nor'easters have achieved a double-digit win total in three of the last four seasons, and they regularly play in front of large crowds at the Alfond Forum. This past season the Nor'easters won a school-record 15 games before suffering a gut-wrenching 5-4 loss in the final seconds to Endicott College in the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship game.

Leading the push to national recognition have been Steve's younger sons, Trevor and Brady, each of whom chose UNE for similar reasons — a state-of-the-art rink and locker room, close proximity to home, and a beautiful campus. Each was selected as the top high school player in Maine his senior year, and each had multiple options for college after playing junior hockey.

Watching them play together on UNE's top line, you can immediately see the cohesiveness and experience the pair have.

"Playing on a line with my younger brother is fun, to say the least," Trevor said. "We developed this chemistry on and off the ice because we did everything together growing up. We

were always put together in neighborhood sports because we were two of the youngest, so the chemistry people see today on the ice did not just happen overnight."

A senior captain this past season, Trevor concluded his career as UNE's career leader in goals (50), assists (66) and points (16) and was a Third Team All-American. In March, he signed a professional contract with the Fayetteville FireAntz of the Southern Professional Hockey League and scored a goal in his very first game. It was also a banner year for Brady, who enjoyed the most productive season any player donning a UNE sweater has ever had, earning First Team All-America recognition, CCC Player of the Year honors and leading the nation in both points (2.04) and assists (1.35) per game. He also won the prestigious Joe Concannon Award, given annually to the top American-born NCAA II and III men's hockey player in New England.

Like Trevor, Brady thoroughly enjoyed sharing a portion of his collegiate career playing on the same line as his sibling. "It's been very fun playing with Trevor," said the youngest Fleurent brother. "We grew up playing on the same line, so knowing I would have two years together with him was a factor in why I chose UNE."

And while Trevor and Brady dominated the headlines with their play on the ice, it may have been an act of courage by Tyler off the ice that will go down as the Fleurents' most significant contribution of the season. Driving home from a pond hockey tournament in central Maine in February with a few of his former teammates, Tyler noticed fire shooting out of a second-floor window of a house they were driving by. He immediately stopped the car and rushed into the home to find three young children coming down the stairs. After leading them out of the home, Tyler went back in to rescue the landlord, who was downstairs and unaware of the situation because the unit's smoke detectors were not functioning.

With two of their sons having completed their academic and athletics careers at UNE, Steve and Lynn Fleurent are certainly proud of the stamp they have left on the men's ice hockey program. Now, Brady remains to continue the Fleurent family legacy and spearhead the Nor'easters' march to national prominence.



Above: Brady Fleurent '19 was named a First Team All-American for the 2016-17 season.

NOR'EASTER NEWS

BY CURT SMYTH

BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY AND FIELD HOCKEY SQUADS CONTINUE RUN OF EXCELLENCE

In a span of four months, the University of New England claimed three Commonwealth Coast Conference titles, with the women's basketball, women's cross country and field hockey teams adding to their history of excellence.

The women's basketball team made it five consecutive CCC championships while earning its sixth straight trip to the NCAA Championship with a 76-62 victory over Western New England. Guided by CCC Coach of the Year, Anthony Ewing, the Nor'easters were CCC regular-season champions and posted their ninth consecutive 20-win season.

Another CCC Coach of the Year, Ron Ouellette, led the Nor'easters' cross country team to its fifth consecutive CCC crown — this time posting a perfect team score of 15 to run away from the field. The women's program has quickly established itself as one of the most accomplished in all of New England.

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The field hockey squad continued its dominance of the CCC, routing Western New England 7-0 to make it three straight conference titles. Once again, head coach Danielle Collins (yet another CCC Coach of the Year!) and the Nor'easters were awarded an NCAA Championship first-round contest and defeated the University of Maine Farmington by a score of 5-0.

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Right: Commonwealth Coast Conference Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year Brittney Sorbello '17



Clockwise from left: The UNE women's basketball team celebrates its fifth consecutive conference championship; Field hockey player Nicole Matarozzo '17 offers a high five to Kersey Boulay '19 with Desirae LeBlanc '17 looking on; The UNE field hockey team poses with the championship banner after winning its third consecutive conference title.



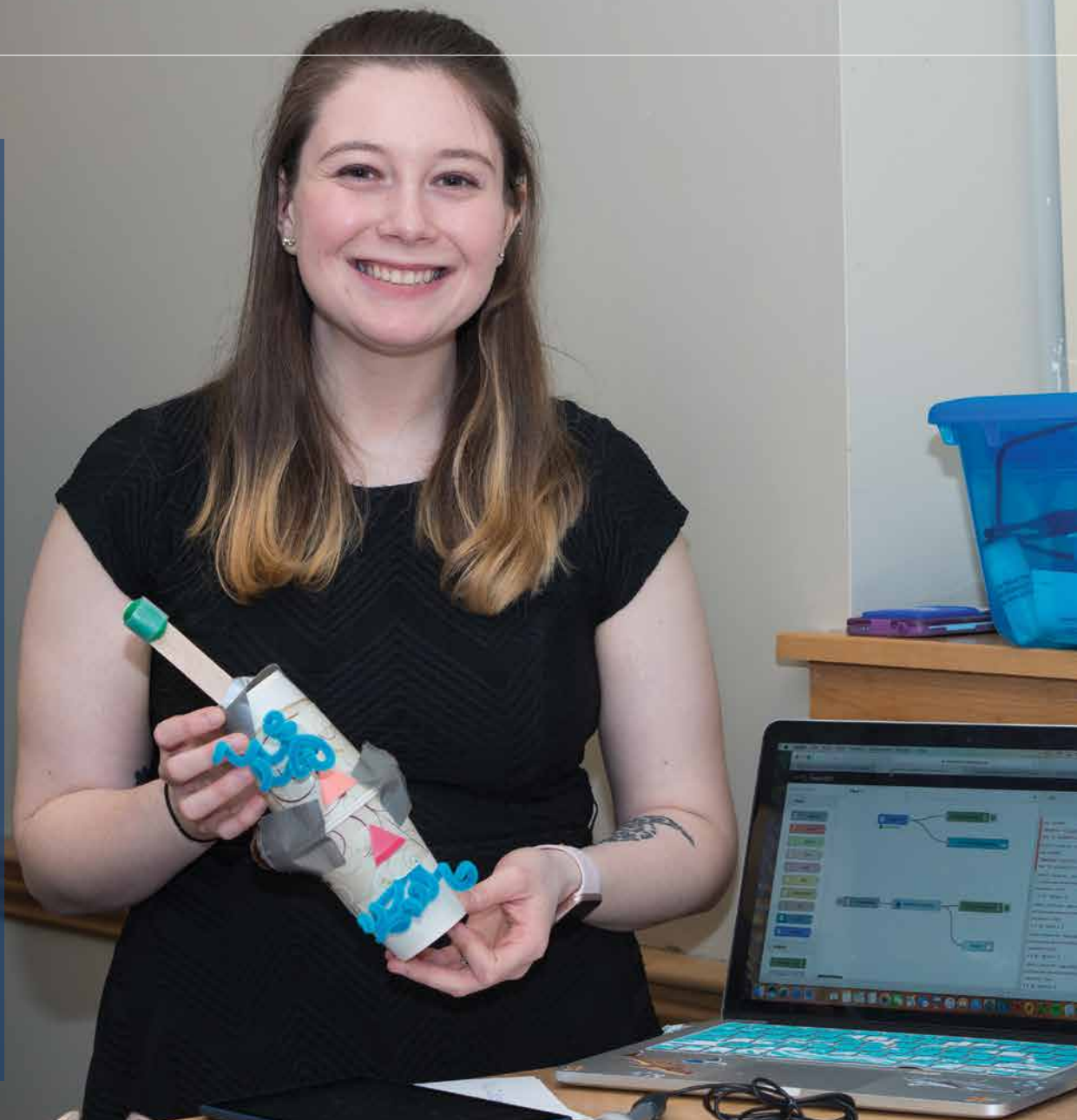
On April 8, 2017, UNE students participated in the final round of competition in the annual Student Innovation Challenge. Now in its third year, the competition showcases the ingenuity of the UNE community, allowing students to apply hard-won knowledge to creating innovative, sustainable solutions to social, environmental and health issues. Sponsored by the Department of Business, the challenge is open to all full-time UNE students and requires that students, working individually or in teams, demonstrate a business model that is financially and ecologically sustainable.

This year's first-place winners were Tiffany Cheung (COM, '19) and Sophia Chan (COM, '19), who created a "smart" renal bag — with a coding assist from Daniel Morganelli (Applied Exercise Science, '18). Allison Truttling (Marine Science, '19) and Rachel Amoroso (Marine Science, '19) took second place for creating a buoy that guards against neurotoxic algae, and the 3rd-place winners were Nick Vespa (Aquaculture and Aquarium Science, '17) and Dylan Turner (Marine Science, '17) for their work with aquaponics soil.

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Page 38: Rachel Amoroso '19, holds a prototype of her team's second-place winning idea, which uses technology to protect the ocean.

Page 39: All the Innovation Challenge winners and runners-up assemble to display their winning checks.



CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

NEW UNIVERSITY COMMONS TO BE NAMED FOR PRESIDENT RIPICH

BY BILL CHANCE



At a dinner in March hosted by the University of New England's Board of Trustees to honor Danielle Ripich's service and accomplishments as UNE's President for the past ten years, Board Chair David Anderson announced that the new university commons, currently under construction on the Biddeford Campus, will bear her name. With an iconic tower designed to mimic the lighthouses that are emblematic of Maine and New England, the Danielle N. Ripich Commons will become a visual centerpiece for the coastal campus as well as a center of student life and activity. As UNE Board Chair David Anderson noted, "The Ripich Commons will enshrine her legacy of excellence and innovation at the University where generations of students' lives will be transformed, much as she transformed UNE into a world-class institution of higher education."

President Ripich often spoke of her first visit to the Biddeford Campus and her observation that most of the buildings were oriented towards Hills Beach Road and away from the waterfront. From the beginning she envisioned a facility that would flip that orientation, something that would serve as a central gathering space for students and faculty to meet, socialize, learn, relax and grow. "As the capstone project to a decade of remarkable growth under her leadership, President

Ripich led the design of a structure that would serve as a magnet for campus life," said UNE Board Vice Chair Cynthia Taylor, head of the Facilities Committee. "Her commitment to the student experience was always foremost, so it is incredibly appropriate that the commons be named for her."

But perhaps nothing could be more emblematic of her leadership than the lighthouse feature in the commons tower. A special Fresnel lens was fabricated, replicating those used for centuries by lighthouses to focus their beams far out to sea. A central metaphor of the Ripich Presidency at UNE was her urging to "Sail forth — steer for the deep waters only," quoting from Walt Whitman's "Passage to India." UNE friend and philanthropist Art Girard commissioned the special beacon that includes an inscription in her honor. "She was always lighting the way for the rest of us," stated Girard, "so I wanted to be sure her name would shine long and far for all to see."

As a further testament to her leadership and commitment to UNE's students, the Board of Trustees has also established an endowed scholarship in her name. Designated at her request for undergraduates from Maine, the endowment had received more than \$100,000



by March, including contributions from trustees, former trustees and staff. With additional contributions accepted and expected in the subsequent months, significant financial aid will be given in her name and honor to needy students for years to come.

"More than anything else," said Ripich, "my mission here has always been focused on the students. Living on campus has helped me stay close to the reason I, and all of us at UNE, are here. The students have been my touchstone;

no matter where I go, my heart will always return to this amazing place by the sea, and my soul will always travel with students on their journey to self-realization and fulfillment. I'm proud if I have played even a small part in their voyages of discovery."

Construction of The Danielle N. Ripich Commons will continue through the summer. After its completion, a formal dedication ceremony is anticipated for sometime in the fall.

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Left page: President Ripich with UNE Board of Trustees Chair David Anderson

Above: A visualization of the Danielle N. Ripich Commons, currently under construction on the Biddeford Campus

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1939

Bernice Lord Peterson writes, "I hope you are all well and happy. This is just the right place for me to live at 96 years. The staff people are kind and helpful when needed, the meals are good, and I am called an 'independent resident.' I exercise in bed every morning before breakfast and pray for family and friends. Every day I do Sudoku and jumble and read the Roanoke Times. I play rummy, cribbage, dominoes and read books. I have 4 volunteers who visit me and we play rummy. My children email me often. Brian's family from New England visited me in August, Joe (2.5 years) was a joy. Josh came for a weekend in Sept."

1940

Doris Raphaelson Levine writes, "I have absolutely no idea how you found me, but I'm glad you did. After 50 years in Worcester, Massachusetts, I am now in Portland, Oregon. I was with the school department for 15 years, married, one kid, who after Vietnam, moved to Oregon. We retired out there in 1985. My husband has been gone since 2000, and my son 5 years ago. I am doing very well, except practically no vision, hearing going, and marbles still intact. I would assume that I am one of the few members

of the class of '40. I went from Westbrook to BU and nothing since. I would expect that I am one of the few remaining alumni of my year, but would love to hear about any of them and from any of them."

Barbara Warren Straw writes, "After graduating from Westbrook Jr. College so many years ago, I didn't expect the perks to still be coming until I met Crystal, a graduate of UNE's College of Pharmacy. She does my prescriptions and she gave me my flu shot this fall. It was done with such ease, knowledge, and fun that I was very impressed. I am still working at home. I rent two camps at Sebago Lake week-to-week from June to Labor Day which involves time."

1941

Hope Stanley Cruickshank writes, "Can you believe it was 75 years ago when we graduated! For me, it has been a wonderful life, and all is well!"

1942

Joan Fowler Hughes writes, "So many memories to try to encapsulate into a few, brief comments. Right out of high school and for the following two years I was blessed to be living and working at

Westbrook Junior College. Yes, working, as I was granted a scholarship to wait on tables as part of my room and board. The Medical Secretarial course stood me in good stead over the years. I served as a WAVE in the Hospital Corps during WWII and twice was stationed at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, once when FDR came for a physical. Being in the choir under Rupert Neily was so special. We had a chance to sing with Harvard, Bowdoin and probably others which I can't recall. Ave Verum is a piece I remember well, also Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring. I remained friends with **Shirley Moore Gerrish**, **Marjorie Clarke Hall**, and **Margaret Libby Grant** after we left WJC and saw them whenever possible over the years. They are all gone now, but I remain in contact with Marge's daughter and somehow it brings us both closer to Marge. I recollect going in to Portland for the wonderful professional Community Concert Series and seeing a Russian Cossack dance performed there for the first time. I remember being in the Smoking Room when I heard about 12/7/1941 – "The Day of Infamy." The wonderful fellow I was dating at the time and to whom I was unofficially engaged was lost at sea during that war. My prime reason for joining the WAVEs after that was to do my part for the war. I have lived in Cheyenne, WY since 1958 with

husband, Dick, and our two girls we brought up here but have since moved away. We have one grandson. All in all we have been blessed. In 2012 it was such a pleasure to spend the weekend with **Mildred Ashmead Schlesinger**, **Nancy Wiswall Erne**, and **Una Lindsay Kazilionis**. There have been so many marvelous changes to the campus. How it has blossomed so beautifully. It is currently my plan to do everything possible to make it to our 75th reunion in June 2017 and it is my hope that perhaps more ladies will show up this time. Blessings to all my classmates wherever they may be."



Mildred Ashmead Schlesinger writes, "It's my fourth year living here at Elim Park Place in Cheshire, Connecticut; it continues to be a happy, interesting and busy place for me. The new dining room areas have been completed after many suggestions from 'supervisors.' We now have an Elim Park Bakery and a brick oven pizza section. The Conservatory opened in October for fine dining. We

are spoiled with three dining areas to choose from. I have gone to see a couple of Polo games in Hamden. Daughter Ruth and I went to Florida in April to see dear friends in Boca and Vero Beach. Still active in my garden club, still propagating leaves for African violet plants to be sold for the Benevolent Fund here, and I am trying to drum up college friends for our 75th reunion in June. I still drive to church in New Haven if the weather is good — no snow, ice, rain, or darkness. I keep active here at Elim with exercise classes, bridge, canasta, dominos and some reception work at the Fitness Center and the Health Care entrance. A lot of social things happen in the theatre —old movies and lectures as well as concerts. I have tickets for Goodspeed this summer and our bus transports us — a good outing. I signed up for pizza and then to Lighthouse Point to see Christmas Lights. Old stomping grounds—the list goes on! Have a healthy and happy new year.”

1944

Marilyn S. Hall writes, “I have four children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. This year I shall be 92. I still live in my apartment at the 1899 Inn in La Veta, Colorado — a lovely little town in a mountain valley near Pueblo, Walsenburg and Trinidad.”

1946

Nancy Stackpole Coffin writes, “I had a fabulous 90th birthday party at the BYG. Family came from all over the country. Will head back to my double-wide in Florida mid-January and stay till after April. I have one son and his wife in Indialantic, Florida, just 15 minutes away. Daughter Em lives next door and is a great cook. Daughter Bindy visits every week. Life is definitely worth living.”

Shirley Peterson Todd writes, “It was war time when I went to WJC, and most of the fuel was being sent abroad for the fellows fighting World War II. We day students commuted by bus. Many times they whistled right by us because they were filled with fellows and women on their way to the shipyard in South Portland to build Liberty ships. We spent the time between classes in the day room or the little room outside the cafe that was downstairs in the building the gym was in. Most of our classes were in the building between the gym and Hersey Hall. Occasionally we would have tea at Hersey — that was about the only time we were there unless we went to the bookstore. I remember going to the first building you would come to as you walked on campus. I think the switch board was in there. I believe Mrs. Proctor, a true lady, managed the book store. I also

remember walking by a car and hearing a girl scream. Her family had come to tell her a brother had been killed in the war. I went back at night for some occasion it was a long trek to the bus stop again. It was black — no lights were allowed to show out of a house. Blinds had to be drawn, no street lights. We were warned the German U-boats just off the coast were watching. Fortunately, a young girl could walk anywhere — very different times. Though petite in comparison to today’s campus, we loved it and had great time!”

1947

Ruth Stiles Hazelton writes, “I am doing well and am able to be at home though I miss my husband terribly after being together 65 years. The college today offers necessary fields here in the state of Maine and I enjoy reading of all that is happening on campus these past few!”

Pauline Beck Ingold writes, “I was honored for my missionary work for 25 years in Indonesia by the Indonesian Methodist Church. I rebuilt my home in Estes Park, Colorado after the fire’s destruction. I’m active in the Methodist Church and in the Estes Park Community.”

1948

Lesley Jubinville Crouse writes, “Greetings once again from Amherst, Massachusetts. I made it through another year. Last year I had surgery; an MRI found I had a fractured vertebrae, one reason for so much pain. That same week, I met a surgeon, Dr. Grasee, called the ‘traveling surgeon.’ He goes all over New England to do this surgery. I now have cement in my back and it took care of the pain, blessings for that, but I still have lots of arthritis. I’ve done several months of PT. All my physical therapists are strong, relentless, cheerful and younger than the clothes I have. However, I still drive to all U. Mass basketball games, and am busy with lots of crafty ladies at church. I live alone, cook and clean. I tell my doctor I’m still 20 in my head but going on 100.”

1949

Carolyn Mitchell Gage writes, “I lost my husband of 67 years this past summer. I’m so thankful my daughters and their families are close by.”

Marjorie Gaskell Goodwin writes, “I still sing with the choir at Henderson Memorial Baptist, a member of the Animal Shelter Board, Food Closet

Board, and Town Report Committee. Health issues are rearing their ugly head. Give thanks for doctors of all types. My travels are much closer to home now.”

1950

Marilyn Patten MacQueston writes, “I am fast approaching my 87th birthday and have resided the past 25 years in Savannah. I have been a widow for five years. My husband, Bob and I were married for 50 wonderful years and were blessed with two fine sons who gave us four grandsons and two beautiful granddaughters. Two reside in New Hampshire, one in Kentucky and three in Savannah, Georgia. Bob and I traveled most of the time we were married. We lived in Naperville, Illinois and Dallas, Texas until Bob’s sickness of mesothelioma sent us back to Savannah. While living in Maine, we skied all winter and power boated on the Maine Coast in the summer. Until his illness we spent a lot of time with **Geraldine Kopf Ducey** and her husband Paul Ducey. I miss them a lot.”

Jane Adams Wilson writes, “Having been married 62 years, we feel most fortunate that we are both healthy and still living in our own home. It is on a dead end street, so for the winter we are going to a retirement community in

Yarmouthport. Both of us are still active, so being there will be fun as there are lots of activities for the ‘super seniors.’ I’m still swimming in the ocean, riding my bike, golfing and keeping the mind active playing bridge. But most of all we are enjoying family and grandchildren.”

1952

Barbara Brown Emroe writes, “My very best to all alumni of Westbrook Junior. Those were the good old days — with more to come.”

Joyce Swan Marshall writes, “Wow, our 65th reunion is coming up this June. Bob and I have been married 61 years; he is legally blind so I am the designated driver. I do aerobics three times a week at the Y and Zumba once a week. I volunteer at our library twice a month; church office work every week, and read the local weekly newspaper for the blind and attend a VIP (visually impaired persons) meeting once a month. We also attend prayer shawl sessions twice a month. I always save time for an afternoon nap after lunch. Looking forward to seeing many of you at our 65th and it’s not fair to be able to say truthfully, ‘You haven’t changed a bit.’ We have, dear hearts, but we are beautiful and still proud members of the Class of 1952.”

1954

Barbara Holmes Durbin writes, “I visit Maine nearly every year, usually in the early fall. I still live in California where I have spent most of my adult life. I have four lovely sons. Two live in Arizona, and I visit them a couple times a year, and the other two (twins) live here in California and they each have two children. I still try to do some traveling. This year I visited the UK, and next year I plan to take a cruise for a month from Amsterdam to Bucharest in June. I will try to visit the campus next time I am there in Maine.”

Gwendolyn Leighton Grant writes, “I’ve got little to say but I miss all my old school mates at WJC. I especially miss **Constance R. Strout-Wood** as we were brought up in the same town of Millbridge. **Mary Lawrence Martin** also married a man from Millbridge, so we see her a lot. Also gone are **Patricia Bunker Schwink** and **Judith Weeks Harlow**. I have three wonderful children who look out for me in many ways. Two years ago, they gave me an 80th birthday party that I will never forget. My husband, Russ passed away almost 13 years ago so it has been quite lonesome at times. I was back at Westbrook for our 60th Reunion with **Estelle Townsend Appel**. Many changes have been done on campus that I probably will never see again.”

Helen Rancourt Hilton writes, “My life changed completely in March 2016 as my dear husband, George, passed away. We would have been married 57 years in April. I keep busy with reading, putting puzzles together, volunteering, and enjoying the children, grandchildren and the little great grandchildren. I keep in touch with **Jo Ann Clark Frost**, **Marilyn Kidder Shurtleff**, **Kathleen Bonney Matthews**, and **Gwendolyn Leighton Grant**. “

Elizabeth Milliken Schumaker writes, “Enjoying retirement after nearly 50 years of teaching. Have 8 grandkids and one great. All are smart and beautiful, of course. WJC changed my life for which I am very grateful!”

1955

Barbara Bengtson Brenske writes, “Love living in Georgia — especially in the winter. We do travel back to Connecticut in the summer and to Maine also. We have a son and two grandsons in Maine. I had a note from Bob Bosielul at Christmas with the news that his wife **Judy Willard** had passed away in November. We met up with Dick and **Janice Costain Aray** in Florida last winter. They still live in Maine. Janice and I were roommates. We are doing great: five grandchildren,

three grandchildren-in-law, and two great-grandchildren.”

Jean Farnham Henshaw writes, “My winter of 2016 was spent in Naples, Florida. In May I had a disappointing 10 days of rain touring Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria. I was rewarded in July with perfect weather touring England and Wales on a gardens and castles tour that included Highclere Castle where Downton Abbey’s TV program was filmed. It also included a private tea and cookies reception with a member of the Highclere staff.”

1956

Judith Greenhalgh Nelson writes, “I visited Westbrook for Reunion 2016. Plans are to travel to Panama Canal and visit three countries, Aruba, Costa Rica, and Columbia, in March. Modular living is wonderful in a beautiful neighborhood. Daughter Laurie is nearby and son Donald keeps in touch from Los Angeles, California and will be visiting in the spring.”

1957

Betty Jackson Brown writes, “Bob and I have slowed down some because of his health issues, but we still travel

some in the eastern states. I’m looking forward to our 60th Reunion in June.”

Carolyn Bjorkman Perry writes, “Bad year for falling and a crushed shoulder. Had a “TSA.” My pulse dropped to 20 so they put in a pace maker. Now I’m walking and talking and taking tons of pills. Good year to be alive.”

1958

Barbara Mae O’Leary ’58, ’78 writes, “I’m in the simple life — no computer, Facebook, or smartphone, but I do have a cell phone. I want everyone to know that **Deborah Humby Davignon** passed away in January of 2016. At Christmas I heard from **Barbara Fraser Thompson** and **Marilyn Davidson Harrington**.”



Dale Hagenloch Reynolds writes, “Hello from the Houghton Hall girls: **Dale Hagenloch Reynolds, Nancy Frail Decoste,** and **Judi Forbes Wooley**. For many years we had tried to locate Dale’s

“roomie,” **Sallye Sarah Smith VanSciver**. Finally we found her on Facebook and reconnected on the web via Facebook and Skype. Sal was living in Texas but mentioned that in October she would be in New York at her high school reunion. Unbeknownst to her, Dale contacted Sallye’s daughters and together we planned a trip to New York to Sallye’s reunion as a surprise, and what a surprise it was! Unfortunately, Westbrook never had a course in map reading or GPS but after a very enjoyable and hilarious scenic trip somewhere in the state of New York we checked in to our hotel. Then we were off to the reunion site. We were beside ourselves with excitement as we approached the entrance and as we got there, who was right on the other side of the door but our own Sallye. Happy tears flowed from all. We spent the rest of the evening catching up on all our lives, with giggles, tears, memories, hugs and gratitude that we were able to make this night happen. We met the following morning for a long breakfast before begrudgingly going our separate ways: Sallye back to Texas, Dale and Judi back to Massachusetts, and Nancy back to New Hampshire. But, of course, not before making plans to meet again in the spring for a week together in Maine and of course a trip to our Westbrook campus. This was a special memory for

all of us and one that will remain in our hearts forever.”

Barbara Fraser Thompson writes, “My Chicago family and my Boston family came to Tucson at Christmas for our first reunion in eight years. Seven grandchildren range from 11-21 years old. Great fun. Best Holiday gift ever.”

1959

Dawna Oppedisano Colley writes, “This past year, after 10 years, I finally stopped sewing costumes for the Salem Y theater group. They have increased in size so much it was more than I could handle. I will miss those little faces as they put on their costumes for the first time. I am now knitting with an amazing group of women at the Senior Center here in Ipswich. They have created and donated over 2000 items in the past year. We have knitted anything from bandages for lepers in India to cotton-filled prostheses for breast cancer survivors and hats and mittens galore, along with lap Afghans for the wheelchair veterans. I am in awe of these women. They fill blankets at Christmas time with knitted or crocheted articles for many families here in Ipswich. It certainly keeps me busy keeping up with them. One woman is legally blind, and another is 91-years-young. As for

me and Ed, we both create in our own space, he in his studio for a swimmer’s magazine and daily cartoon for Facebook, and me in my sewing room full of sunshine. Our entertainment is going to hear our grandchildren who are part of a band, Exit 18, where our granddaughter writes lyrics and sings and our grandson plays the drums. Our exercise is walking the beautiful beach here in Ipswich. We don’t travel much but will venture a ride on Amtrak to see our grandnephew marry in Delaware.”

Beverly Bissonette Conway writes, “We have been living in Rye, New Hampshire full time for twenty years. We do go to Naples, Florida for 10 weeks in the winter. We have a granddaughter getting married this summer in Colorado, and we are getting excited about it. I spend a lot of time playing bridge and other games. My husband Richard still works. We have been married 55 years. Wow, time flies.”

Joanne Burnham Edwards writes, “We are still at the same place in Windham with frequent trips to Gorham to keep up with our grandson’s activities. We can’t seem to travel much farther. So glad to see all the great changes to Alumni Hall even though Ed Colley’s Mural is gone.”

Marilyn Brown Langley writes, “I am still living at the lake. My husband Gary is still around. My three girls are all married: Cindy Michaud and one child, Jessica (17). Pam Danforth has two children, Katherine (24) and Ashley (23), and Paula Richards has one boy, Matthew (29) and one girl, Ali (27) who just got married. Gary and I are living at the lake now and love it up here! I am all done working now and love it. Gary is still working but this summer he will be done — hopefully!”

Themia Markos Raymond writes, “Hello Everyone! Sometimes, it’s hard to believe that time has passed so quickly! I remember the close Day-Hop group of friends and the time I got a part in the Tennessee William’s play, *Summer and Smoke*. I didn’t know it was the lead until I showed up for rehearsal! Today, I have three wonderful children (two sons and a daughter) and eight grandchildren. I was a Medical Technologist for several years and added a degree in Education 20 years later. I taught kindergarten at USM’s child care services, retired, and now sub regularly in the Gorham, ME school system and love it! My hobbies are watercolor painting, singing with the Portland Community Chorus and Magic of Christmas chorus and singing at open mics and gigs with my favorite guy!”

Elizabeth MacInnis Schock writes, “I have been married for 56 years and have lived in New York, Chicago, Rochester, New York, and Chicago again, then moved to Oregon in 2009 to be close to our son and daughter-in-law and only grandchild, Ethan Carl Schock. Our other son is in Detroit, Michigan and works for Vogue magazine, Avon and Flarety Jewlers in Chicago, plus raising two sons at home.”

1960

Liz Clarke Flaherty and **Priscilla Morison McGarry** write, “We hope you enjoyed reading the class notes that were sent to you in January by the Alumni Office. In response to our recent request we received a note from Jackie **Scribner Cheney**. She writes that she and Mac now spend 6 months in Leesburg, Florida and six months in Windsor, Connecticut. Their oldest granddaughter graduates from college in May 2017. She and Mac did a river cruise from Paris to Normandy last summer and plan to do another from Spain to Portugal this coming summer. She and Mac are both in good health and married 55 years. Mac is busy playing senior softball and she enjoys reading, dominos, mahjong, and walking. The deadline for news for the Fall/Winter

magazine is August 1st. Please share your news with us before that date in order to keep our column going.”

Donna Ferne Allen writes, “I am finally back in my home state of Maine, and have retired in South Portland. This area is called Knightville, and it is very convenient to just about everything while walking. Nature is all around me with parks, trails and the ocean. The Portland area has changed much and is amazing, especially with our campus. Spring, summer, and fall I volunteer at the Portland Head Light and the South Portland Historical Society. I am also active with families from abroad. I am happy to be back in Maine with family and friends.”

Nancy Blodgett Chabott writes, “**Jean Forbes Ballo, Rosemary Dickinson Nichols** and I got together at Jean’s cabin in Boothbay Harbor, Maine in early September. We had a wonderful week-end reuniting, reminiscing, and catching up on our news. Jeannie and I were close friends for many years when we both lived in Massachusetts. It has been wonderful to renew our close friendship. I have taken up painting (acrylics and watercolor) for the past 10 years or so. I have fun doing it. I am recently retired as my husband sold his oil/coal business in July. We hope to do some traveling.”



Carol A. Fredricksen '60, '87 writes, "2016 was a good year with the highlight of a Viking River Cruise in Russia."

Joyce Bowden Leiker writes, "Two years ago, I retired from Reno School District where I had been working as a sign language interpreter for special needs children. Currently I am in Texas with my husband where he is still working in the petroleum and gas industry, but we hope to return to Reno soon. My children still live in Reno, Nevada. My son works as an artist at IGT, designing and animating for slot machines. My daughter works for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. I hope to make it to a reunion some day and look forward to visiting with classmates."

Nancy Holmes Powers writes, "Roger and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this past October with a trip to Kauai and then moved to a senior retirement community. We

have activities, our own condo and a new address: 25422 Sea Bluffs Dr. 104, Dana Point, CA 92629. Our ocean is beautiful to view daily. We now are getting ready to sell our home in San Juan Capo, California."

Joyce Crane Richardson writes, "I'm very proud to share that my granddaughter, Darien Lewis, will graduate from UNE this spring with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. I enjoy keeping in touch with **Liz Clarke Flaherty** and Priscilla **Morrison McGarry**. Things are pretty quiet in Machias. I'd love to hear from anyone passing through. Hope to make it to our next reunion!"

Susan Wordell Santini writes, "Even though I only attended one year of Westbrook Junior College, I feel closer to and have the most memories of the awesome gals I met at Westbrook during that year. It is so interesting to me that I recognize the names and photos of each of you after almost 60 years! I'm happy to report all is well here. We continue to play golf and bocce ball. I do my daily yoga, walking, play bunco, canasta, whist and bridge, and make greeting cards when I find the time! I joined Assistance League this year and really enjoy volunteering in so many different important ways. Trips this year included a Viking Mediterranean Cruise, travel to SB, and with friends to

Palm Desert, Lake Tahoe, and San Diego. I surely hope to get back east to see you all before we begin our next lives! I have very fond memories of being at Cinnies' 'Coffee Pond Resort'!"

1961

Marion R. Peterson writes, "Since retirement, I have been educating the public about toxins in our air, soil, water, and food, especially canola oil. I have also donated equipment and funds to community services and programs."

1962

Madeline Frustaci Coppinger writes, "Looking forward to our 55th class reunion in June. Honestly, can it be that long ago? I do hope we have a good turnout for this special event. Francis and I will be marking our 52nd wedding anniversary this June. That's quite a milestone these days. He is presently in an assisted living facility about five minutes from the house and I visit him every day — usually to share lunch with him. Our youngest son, Mike, is making a run for Mayor of Rutland this spring. In January, I spent a few days in Las Vegas visiting my youngest grandson to celebrate his 8th birthday. It was a

good break from the frigid temps in Vermont. Our second son, Sean, came home for Thanksgiving from his post at the Embassy in Yaoundé, Cameroon, and that was a great treat. I keep busy with visiting Fran, volunteer work, and a weekly bible study with a great group of ladies. As I write this. I am about to leave to participate in a 'meals challenge' where we will put together 10,000 meals for local food banks. It is great to have time to do this type of service. Be well, dear friends."

Winifred Gale Crawford writes, "We have lived in the Chicago area for over 40 years and presently building our 'forever' home along Lake Michigan. Two of our three children and their families live within 10 minutes from us. Our third child lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with his family. A year ago we rented our own castle in Scotland. Our family of 15 joined us there for nearly a week to celebrate our 50th anniversary. It was great fun to celebrate in the Scottish tradition with various bagpipers, dancers, and fireworks the final evening. We sold our company two years ago but remain active in theater, opera, church and various giving-back organizations. And we feel so fortunate to continue to enjoy our 51 years of a very special marriage."

Judith Cree Fanjoy writes, "2016 was a very busy year. Nice winter — hardly any snow. I had a wonderful time with all six grandchildren. They are 2.5–14 years old. Many sporting events, concerts, and dance recitals keep us busy. I keep busy sewing, knitting, and a lot of reading. In March we lost my roommate **Julie McCarthy**. All my thoughts and prayers go out to David and family. Julie will always be remembered as one of the most caring people in this world. May she rest in peace!"

Roger A. Fortin, Ph.D. writes, "On December 31, 2016, I retired from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, where I had been for 50 1/2 years. That's the longest service as a tenured faculty member since the University's founding in 1831. At Xavier I served as Professor of History, Dean, and Provost for 10 years. I wish the University of New England continued success in its efforts to prepare young men and women to serve society at large."



Diann Crabtree McGraw writes, "My two years at WJC were great. I started out in Stevens Hall. Much to my surprise, my good friend, **Nancy Newbert Cox**, was living across the hall. We chose to room together our senior year at Deering House. We both got married, shortly after graduation, to our long-time high school sweethearts, Tom Cox and Steve McGraw. We try to get together often as we all live in Maine. My family consists of husband, Steve, a retired engineer with the former Keyes Fibre Co., our daughter Erin Kliegle, and our two granddaughters, Gabrielle and Bridget. Erin's husband, Kriss, is a pilot with American Airlines and they live in Kensington, New Hampshire. A few years ago, we purchased a time-share at the Samoset Resort. We enjoy spending a week there in July and another week in August. Other than a short stint as Waterville City Clerk and a few legal secretarial jobs when we were first married, living in Auburn, I have been a 'lady of leisure'! I volunteer at Maine General Hospital, too. I look forward to attending my 55th class reunion!"

Roxann Gallant Meehan writes, "2017 is here! Amazing how fast time goes by. 2016 was a good year with the Meehan Family. Everyone is well, busy and happy. Vacationing in Rangeley and Prince Edward Island is always a favorite. This fall we spent a delightful weekend in Washington, D.C. with some of Joe's college classmates, taking a personalized tour at the Government Printing Office. We are looking forward to another warm and sunny winter in the south. Hoping to see lots of Westbrook College Classmates in June for our 55th Reunion."

Nancy Bowden Moll writes, "I'm enjoying aerobic classes: many times just talking and some aerobic exercise. Summer is at a cottage in Smithfield, Maine. We also attend many antique car shows in the summer. My favorite is a 1952 Woodie Station Wagon. Another favorite time is when my classmates from Pittsford, New York come for a visit."

Nancy Hall Perkins writes, "Larry and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2015, are retired and keeping very busy. We are both active in the Readfield United Methodist Church where two of my titles are Contact Person for our Prayer Tree and Membership Secretary. We have three children: our two sons and their families live in Gorham and Wayne,

Maine, and our daughter lives in Somersworth, New Hampshire. Our six grandchildren range in age from 15 to 26, and three of them are in college: two at USM and one at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Over the past 15 years we have taken a number of cruises as our way to see the world. Usually I see **Roxann Gallant Meehan** and **Beth Kendall York '62, M.S.W. '95** about once a year. I hope to attend our 55th Reunion and look forward to seeing lots of classmates there."



Cynthia Haskell Rubant writes, "Wow! It doesn't seem possible that it is reunion time again. I hope to be at the reunion. I have lived in Canton, Georgia now for nine years in a 55-and-older community. I started a quilt group which has grown over the years. We make charity quilts for veterans. In November I did a Quilt of Valor presentation to our two WWII veterans. My husband and I, in the past five years, have traveled to Norway,

England, Scotland, and the Caribbean, and are also enjoying some local travels to Colorado, Tennessee, Texas and Florida. For several summers I have had a mini-reunion with **Anna Butler Cutler** and **Mary Palmer Crundrett.**”

1964

Sally Thomas Chagnon writes, “I am still working full time as a phlebotomist/lab assistant at Rabides Regional Hospital. I became a widow in 2013. I travel ‘home’ to Maine each summer to visit with family. Five out of six grandchildren have either graduated from college or are in college. The sixth grandchild is a junior in high school.”

Beverly Law Clark writes, “I’m loving retirement and stay busy with traveling, volunteering and spending lots of time with the grand-children: two girls 12, and their brother who is 6. I’m a Hospice volunteer, active with AAUW. I spend the summer on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, family vacations with the kids and grandkids include the Dominican Republic and this year back to Turks and Caicos.”



Neil B. Curley, Ph.D. writes, “Wow — time marches on. I can hardly believe that I graduated over 50 years ago. My wife Joan and I have retired to Naples, Florida. We are both active in community organizations & local politics. We have been elected to the Collier County Rep. Executive board as precinct chair for the last 15 years. I serve on the congressman’s board for screening Military Academy applicants for Congressional Appointment as we work as Election Poll Deputy for the Election Office. My wife Joan writes children’s books and has published nine and is presently working on her tenth. I have to say, I am so proud of the growth and development of UNE over the years and it’s great to be included as a member of the alumni. I have had the opportunity to meet President Ripich at UNE and on her visits to Naples, and I marvel at her dynamic leadership and accomplishments at UNE. I will be sorry to see her retire.”

Susan Fletcher Ernst writes, “It is hard to believe that I have been in New Hampshire for two years. The move

was a good idea. It also makes you ‘downsize’. The home I bought gives me a chance to practice my gardening skills in shade and sunny areas. It is a shorter drive to Cape Cod where our camp is. I am near my son and daughter in law and have many friends here in Peterborough. Senior College keeps the ‘older’ brain going and I do Hospice volunteering. A rescue dog and cat give and receive a lot of love. Life is good!”



Linda Coughlan Flint writes, “This winter has been the busiest I ever recall here in Maine. Real estate is usually quiet, especially in January. I have missed seeing more of my grandchildren. Emmy has just turned 5 and Bobby will be 2 in two months. As always, I welcome a call or visit from Westbrook friends, and I’m always pleased to assist you with real estate sales or rentals in the Kennebunkport area.”

Marlene A. Getz writes, “Our retired lives continue to be busy in Alameda with a myriad of activities. Last summer we took a ferry boat ride in Alaska along the Inland Passage, spent time visiting with family in New York, and went with our pop-up camper to a beautiful area along the coast of California. Last June I went with Grand Circle Foundation to Cuba which was incredible and soon I’ll be going to Laos and Thailand. Next year I’ll write about the trip. Bob and I are also busy with our two beautiful granddaughters, ages 7 and 10. When we were in New York we had a lovely dinner with **Karen Prario Baker** and her husband Bruce.”

Elizabeth Hausman writes, “I have been fully retired for many years. I love animals, and have four beautiful cats who like to keep me in line. Three were homeless strays I took in and one I got from a neighbor. They give you something to get up for each day. From there I take each day at a time and do the best I can and hope for the best. I think that is all anyone of us can do nowadays.”

Judith Belyea Larsen writes, “We are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this summer. We’re planning a trip to Eastern Europe and a long weekend at the beach with our kids and grandkids. Life has been good and

I’m very thankful! I enjoy reading classmates news and keeping in touch on Facebook.”



Jane Palmer writes, “I’ve moved to Wichita, Kansas to be nearer to my son, his wife, my five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.”

Deborah Schofield Reed writes, “A highlight of this year was celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on the same day our oldest grandchild graduated from high school — a special gift in itself. We actually celebrated for four days with the entire family (twenty-one of us includes four children, their spouses, and eleven grandchildren) which made the occasion even more special. Our year was busy with the usual age-appropriate appointments, Zumba, mahjong, the CSC chorus, the church choir, as well as their families, who are all interested in something different — we can’t help but have fun times just being with or cheering them on! We had some nice Westbrook connections since we spend a couple of months in the winter in

Gulfport, Florida, so I get to see **Nancy Osgood Lebel, Joan Kinney Dole, and Eleanor Koppang Batchelder, RDH** on the way down. Then in the summer we seem to find each other again at someone’s home in the lakes region. The ones that made it this past summer were: **Linda C. Orosky, Deborah Schofield Reed, Carolyn Griggs Stoll, Constance McCombe Keon, Betsey Mason Holder, Patricia C. Perkins, Eleanor Koppang Batchelder, RDH, S. Rebecca Svenson.** We missed having **Martha Wentworth Sanborn, Joan Kinney Dole, and Sibyl Nye Erdman** join us this year, as well as others who were notified. Let one of us know if you are going to be in the Lakes Area of New Hampshire in the summer so we can add you to our list! We have such a fun time. As a UNE alumni board of directors member, I was lucky to be able to go to meetings at WC/UNE for two days this summer. We met at different times between the two campuses, meeting with current students, fellow alums from St. Francis, WJC/WC, and UNE. President Ripich has done an incredible job and both campuses look and feel wonderful. I am amazed at the programs offered and the talented young people that are being educated there. A must for all who have not been back for a while is to visit the WC campus of UNE to see all

the wonderful changes and most recently, the beautiful restoration of Alumni Hall where we used to have chemistry, biology, English, and talent shows! I hope you all had a happy holiday season, and remind you to send in your donations to keep the spirit of WJC alive. The alumni office is doing an amazing job to keep all of us well informed and together!”



Linda Smith Sage writes, “Mike and I moved to St. Petersburg, Florida in late 1993, thanks to a new IBM job. I retired from successful real estate sales four years ago (everyone wants to be here). We still live directly on Tampa Bay, five miles by car or boat from extremely popular downtown St. Petersburg. Our daughter Alison is nearby and son Craig and his bride are in Colorado Springs. Currently, I’m president of Friends of Mirror Lake Library — a Carnegie library, the first in Pinellas County. Still volunteer at Friends of Strays, a no-kill shelter. I resigned from the Board of Directors, due to my husband’s current battle with AML — Leukemia. I am on Facebook and email to stay in touch with our friends

and family throughout the world. I would love to hear from WJC classmates.”

Martha Wentworth Sanborn writes, “I was unable to attend a mini-reunion at **S. Rebecca Svenson’s** home in August, but Becky, **Linda Lundgren** and I met for lunch the next week. We had lots of laughs and Linda and Becky brought me up to date. Dave and I are still in Maryland and he is semi-retired. We’re still trying to travel once a year and in February we went to Italy where we visited Rome, Florence and Naples. In June we head to Maine for the summer!”



S. Rebecca Svenson writes, “Every summer, several of us from the class of 1964 try and get together for a mini-reunion. This past summer **Patricia C. Perkins, Constance McCombe Keon, Linda C. Orosky, Carolyn Griggs Stoll, Betsey Mason Holder, Eleanor Koppang Batchelder, RDH, and Deborah Scholfield Reed** gathered at my summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonboro, New Hampshire. We

enjoyed reminiscing about our time at Westbrook and catching up with each other.”

1965

Elizabeth Oshry Dietz, Ed.D. writes, “Life continues on. I’m still practicing as a nurse practitioner in disaster health services and staff health as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Northern California Coastal Region. I have added tasks for volunteer partners with director for Service to Armed Forces, American Red Cross, Northern California Coastal Region. I continue to be on the Board of Directors for both the American Nurses Association/California and the American Nurses Association Political Action Committee. I’m not ready to sit and play bridge, mahjong or play golf, so I keep on with nursing. Oh, it is going to be my 45th year as a Registered Nurse, and, so I do not forget, Larry and I will celebrate our 47th year of wedded bliss — I guess the first 47 years are a play in action and then the next years, who knows. We continue to travel and have fun. We went to Italy, Greece, and Turkey on a cruise, various trips to Idaho to see grandchildren, and Boston to see family and friends. This coming December will find us in the Western Antilles Countries in the Caribbean on a cruise

and possibly a trip to Ireland and London in October. Life is good in San Jose, California. No more drought but lots of flooding and mud slides. Our best regards to all my classmates.”

1966

Linda L. Fucci '66, '68 writes, “What a wonderful reunion we had and thanks to everyone who came and made it enjoyable. The rest of the year flew by. I went to Iceland at the end of September and it was a fantastic trip. The Northern Lights put on quite a show. I’m still working at HHMI, but part time, and ushering at the Boston Opera House. I’m looking forward to a trip to Santa Fe in May and in September a river cruise in France with **Jacqueline A. Gribbon.**”

Jacqueline A. Gribbon writes, “I really enjoyed our 50th reunion last June and seeing my old classmates! This year **Linda L. Fucci '66, '68** and I are doing a river cruise from Paris. Still enjoying my retirement and traveling the world.”

Joyce Kidd writes, “I had a great 39-year career as a speech/language pathologist and worked most of my adult life in Long Beach, California with middle school students and hospital rehab patients. I moved to Wake Forest, North

Carolina to take care of my mother in 2007. We bought a very nice home on a golf course but unfortunately, my mom passed away on my birthday in 2008. Two loving dogs live with me now: Mickey, an eight-year-old basset hound mix and Miss Millie, a three-year-old black Lab mix. I spend a lot of time walking my dogs and taking them in the car and into stores! They have great social skills and fan clubs throughout my neighborhood. WJC was a great place for me to be from 1964-1966 — academically, socially, and spiritually. Mr. Steven Kardaleff was so inspirational in his approach to teaching speech and I feel that he is responsible for guiding me into the rewarding field of speech and hearing therapy. My true love at WJC was choral and symphonic music and I loved my classes with Miss Phyllis Elhady and Mr. Richard Roberts. Brilliant teachers of cultural heritage as well! Here in Wake Forest, I am carrying on Mr. Roberts’ legacy by broadcasting live classical radio every week at WCPE, 89.7 FM, theclassicalstation.org. I have a regular Saturday afternoon schedule to broadcast “Weekend Classics” from 3-6 pm eastern, and follow the Metropolitan Opera live broadcasts on Saturdays from December to May. I have been a volunteer announcer since 2008 and love what I am doing in retirement. I am so sorry that I missed the 50th reunion

last spring. I could not get a flight, going or coming, that would get me to my destination at the right time. It is actually easier to book flights to and from Europe from Raleigh, North Carolina than it is to book a domestic flight! A trip is in the making this fall to Europe — my 12th visit — maybe I should move there!? I am also getting new granite countertops, a new lawn maintenance company, and a new hairdresser, all to happen after the Super Bowl! I am a huge fan of the New England Patriots! I was married once with no kids — but life is very good and I am blessed!”



Linda Aharonian Zavalick writes, “First, let me say how thrilled I was to attend our 50th reunion last June and see so many classmates that I hadn’t seen since graduation! It was such a great weekend! We moved to Holliston, Massachusetts 10 years ago, and it has been wonderful living closer to our daughters and three granddaughters! The third was born last May so we are indeed blessed. I am still working part time at the Milford National

Bank & Trust Company in Milford, Massachusetts. I love it and have met so many nice people through my job. I am also still running and participating in races anywhere from 10 miles to 3.1 miles. I also do spinning at my gym and doing yoga and strength training. Needless to say I’m a busy person! I am also honored and grateful to again serve as a member on the Westbrook College Alumni Board of Directors. It has been a truly amazing experience to not only volunteer, but get to see firsthand the high quality of education and training offered at the University of New England.”

1967

Donna Bell Lisnik writes, “I retired in July of 2014 from a wonderful position as Principal of Presque Isle High School. I am finding retirement to be perfect. John and I have three super children and four terrific grandchildren with whom we are able to spend more time. Loving playing golf, traveling and spending the winters in Florida. Still connecting with best friends from Westbrook: **Susan J. Rothfuss, Karen Ryan Bogue,** and **Rita Devens,** and next year we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary! Life is good.”

1968

Barbara Carman Belliveau writes, “Happily enjoying retirement! Love time with family and friends.”

Diane Walker Farmer writes, “Life is good. Everyone is healthy. We are expecting grandchild number seven in February 2, 2017. Our four children are close by in New Hampshire and Rhode Island, and we travel to grandchildren’s events often. We are truly blessed. I haven’t wanted to retire yet but I am thinking about it. I am still working 2-3 days a week as a staff nurse at the same hospital I have been at for the last 39 years. We are down to only one pet — our black lab, Midnight. We probably treat him more as a child than a pet at this point in time. We travel in our travel trailer in the summer. We keep busy with town activities and grandchildren’s events.”

1970

Nancy McMullin Benotti writes, “I moved to Maine from Lancaster, Massachusetts two years ago. I’ve been coming to Kennebunk for years and retired up there. I volunteer at the Wells Regional Transportation Center. Wow, what a difference, Portland is so wonderful now!”

Margaret Grover Pinkham writes, “I am working as a healthcare consultant, and have been married to I.J. for 40 years. We have three grandchildren — River, Saylor, and Henry, with another one on the way!”

Frederick R. Scheithe writes, “I would be there for our 50th but to my surprise I am being inducted into the Naugatuck Hall of Fame Saturday night. It is truly an honor having been selected for over 30 years of coaching in the schools. Hard to imagine 50 years ago I moved into Decary hall as a freshman at SFC. Best four years of my young life — so many friendships that have lasted a half century. Have fun to my brothers from the Class of 1970.”



Deborah French Smith writes, “In August 2016 **Marguerite Damon Tourtilotte, Virginia Choate Oliver, Bonnie Richardson Baxter** and I enjoyed our annual mini-reunion in Belgrade Lakes, Maine. The weekend weather was perfect, the food was delicious and the conversation — well what can I say, we laughed the entire

time we were together. We keep in touch via the internet and look forward to our next rendezvous.”

1971

Salvatore Pullia writes, “My wife Jeanne and I recently celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary, on October 7th. I was inducted into the Naugatuck Hall of Fame for my 33 years of coaching middle school basketball, softball, and volleyball at Naugatuck High School.”

1972

Gregory L. Cameron writes, “Still working at my own business in a Greenwich, Connecticut retail store.”

Hope E. Creighton writes, “I retired from dental hygiene in July 2016 and am looking forward to attending my 45th reunion in June.”

Peggy O’Toole Filloramo writes, “Has it really been 45 years since we were on the campus? I hope to attend some of the reunion celebrations this June and I hope I may see many of my old friends. After many years of enjoying my dental hygiene career I retired when my boss decided to hang up his tools! Although I miss the many patients that

were like family I am enjoying my retirement. Now I am able to make travel plans without having to worry about taking time off from work. After retirement I travelled to Ecuador and volunteered with an organization that brings medical care to indigenous native folks high in the Andes Mts. It was an incredible trip and a great way to start off my retirement. John and I had a wonderful trip to Ireland in the fall before we were blessed with more grandchildren. Twin baby boys were added to our family in November and we now have eleven "lovies"! So much fun! A few years ago my husband and I were instrumental in getting a community vegetable garden started in our hometown. The 'Giving Garden' is an all-volunteer run garden where everything that is grown is donated to our town food bank and area soup kitchens. We will soon be getting ready to start the fifth season of the garden. The garden has grown and donated over 3600 lbs. of fresh food for those in need. We also advise other towns now who would like to start a similar garden and pay it forward. Hope to see you at Reunion Weekend!"

Linda Foster Landry writes, "On January 5, I retired after almost 34 years as a Legal Assistant at Pierce Atwood LLP in Portland. My husband Jim and I bought a home in Greensboro, North Carolina where our daughter Bethany Williard resides with her husband Chuck and our precious 4-year-old grandson Parker. We are looking forward to starting our new life and settling in. It's very bittersweet leaving the beautiful State of Maine, leaving my twin sister and our many friends and where we both grew up. We'll be back a few times each year to reconnect, so it's not a 'goodbye,' but just a 'see you later!'"

Janet Balicki Spearance writes, "In retirement from teaching, my life with husband Don is very full, being a grandmother to five and visiting children in North Carolina. Try to focus on traveling to one new place a year. Last year was Cinque Terre, Italy, and this year it will be the Baltic countries. I keep very busy trying to work on a new hobby, water color painting; spending time in Hollywood, Florida, my home here in Western Massachusetts and at my home in West Yarmouth, Cape Cod. Still keep in touch with Linnell friends, Peggy **O'Toole Filloramo**, **Brenda Martin Erickson**, and **Jean Waitt McPheters**. Hope to gather for the reunion."



Carol E. Williams writes, "I continue working as a dental hygienist two days a week in a wonderful clinic serving patients with mental health issues and/or special needs. My plan is to stop this job in June of this year. I think 45 years of doing something that I have enjoyed tremendously is a good amount of time. I plan to continue working part time with NERB (now known as CDCA) as a hygiene examiner. I intend to spend summers at my camp on Kezar Lake and more time with family and three grandsons. I will continue with the activities that I love like hiking, biking, and enjoying the outdoors with family and friends. I hope to see a lot of you at our 45th Reunion this summer."

1973

Jane Nebb Kearney writes, "Nothing really new, still working for AT&T for 33 years now. I recently re-connected with an old Beta friend from Bowdoin!"

1974

Kathryn Pearson O'Brien writes, "This year I retired from my career as a newspaper/web editor. I became certified in Zumba Gold and teach 2-3 times a week. I also enjoy spending my free time visiting my first grandchild, Amalia, in Houston and traveling with husband Rich. Life is good!"

1976

Leo F. Greene writes, "It's been seven months since my buddy **Stephen G. Tyminski, Sr. '75** and I played golf at Stow Acres in Massachusetts! We continued on playing golf almost weekly around our homes in the Greater Boston area. My son Leo and his wife Barbara just had their second child; a beautiful girl, Audrina Michelle Greene, to go along with their son who just turned 2 this year, Brayden Ray Patti Greene. So I won't go to Switzerland this year because we're needed close to home. I've been going to Interlaken Switzerland since 2002. Also, I was just hired fulltime after working about nine years by the company Field Work Boston in Waltham, Massachusetts. We live in Medford; we downsized to an apartment on a busy thoroughfare, Salem Street and Haine's Square. Life is good, we are all

working; my daughter is working at MGH and going to Nursing School at Salem State in Massachusetts; we hope she'll marry sometime after she graduates next year. My son learned to work on the autos and he has a family of his own. I guess that makes me a Grandpa!"

John F. Hychko writes, "I moved to Southern California and am planning to travel around this great country of ours for a few years. Not sure where I will end my travels, quite possibly Southern Maine near the ocean. A special hello to all my friends from Freddy Hall!"



Joseph R. Kenneally, D.M.D. is serving as president-elect of the International College of Dentists' USA Section. The ICD is the oldest and largest international honor society for dentists, with over 12,000 members in 123 countries.

Joni Hardwick Maliszewski writes, "I will be retiring my dental hygiene license this year! Hard to believe all this time has passed since the day I unloaded the car to my room in Hersey Hall where my life changed forever. Those friends I met that week are still my friends today and I am so happy that many have visited me in Tennessee — and I have visited many of you! Since retiring, I have spent lots of time volunteering! I usher at our local theatre and, living in Music City, I get to see lots of amazing starts there for free! I also spend time weekly in a memory care unit working with dementia patients (I lost my mom last year to dementia), and I work at Love on Wheels supporting children entering Foster Care. Through my church I prepare meals for new moms and mentor women at the Hope Clinic for women as a post-partum doula. My daughter Dana and her husband had our first grandchild in August, Roman Das, and we are in love! Alison and her husband live in Nashville where she is a librarian in a middle school. Lance and I love to entertain so please look us up when you come to Nashville! Stay connected!"

Susan McKeough writes, "I was sad not to attend our 40th Reunion, however, hearing from **Jean E. Whitney** and **Melody Brown Nute** made my day. Jeannie and Mel called me and I truly cherish the time we spent on the

phone. Mel asked me if I still had rosy cheeks and the answer is yes. We talked about our careers and our love for St. Francis College. I am retired after 30 plus years of teaching middle school. I had to retire because of health issues. St. Francis prepared me for a career that I loved every single day. I cherished my kids (students) and became a better person and teacher because of them. I have three beautiful grandsons who live in Florida, yet visit every single year during Christmas. A summer visit is planned this year which makes us happy. Our grandsons keep us young and make us laugh all the time. Technology is amazing as FaceTime allows us to see and chat with them every single day. Can you imagine what life would be like for us if we had computers and iPhones while attending St. Francis? Yikes! If anyone from the class of 1976 wants to get in touch with me, my e-mail is: smckeo2621@aol.com. I'd love to hear from members of our special class of 1976. Special shout outs to Jeannie, Mel, Addy, Richie, Mark, Don and all. May the spirit of St. Francis continue to live in our hearts."

Andrea Guyot Twombly writes, "My second Christmas story, *Mildred Saver's Christmas Gift* has been published by Annie Aern Publishing. Last year I published: Christmas at the Inn with the same publisher."

1977

Lisa Hoyer Johnson, writes, "Celebrated 60th birthdays for the class of 1976-1977! **Wendy Knowles '76**, **Lisa Wraight Breglio '76**, **Jean Bence Smith**, **Vivian Pelletier Soucy**, and I met in Portland and had a blast!"

1978



Nancy Batal-Sholler writes, "I recently gathered with Brookie classmates **Lois Dodd Reuter** and **Gayle Freer Morico** in Connecticut for a mini-reunion. In 2014, I reached out to Gayle, Lois, and **Anne Coleman Kibbe**. Sadly, I learned that Anne was deceased. I met up with Gayle and Lois in New Hampshire in the summer of 2014. We found ourselves gathering in Maine in the summer of 2015 and in Connecticut in the fall of 2016. Our 2017 plans have us traveling to Maryland. During our recent visit we tried to find **Carol L. Bryant** with no luck, but we did find **Sherrie Damon Clarke** in Oregon via Facebook. We

hope to see her in Maryland in 2017. We picked up right where we left off with maybe a few more wrinkles thanks to lives full of laughs. Lois is recently retired and loving life with her longtime husband, Kyle. Gayle is enjoying a beautiful full life with longtime husband Tony, and I remain spunky, young at heart and happily married 37 years to my high school sweetheart David."

Ronald Burns writes, "I attended classes through the veterans' program and with the limits of veteran benefits status, was only able to complete a two-year study. However, I found the experience well worth the time spent, and I wish I could have continued. As it was, work requirements and financial considerations were factors which prevented further attendance. Now in retirement, my position at home as a fulltime caregiver and husband consumes my daily activities and I focus on those responsibilities as priorities in my life."

Paula J. Formeister writes, "It has been an interesting past year. Kirk and I have been together for 22 years. This year we did some home improvements and upgraded the living room. We redid the center fireplace and are building around it in a southwestern style. Next is the kitchen. In January of 2016 I had my left hip replaced and this January

2017 I had my right hip replaced. I don't recommend teaching aerobics 13 hours a week. I was a fulltime Dental Hygienist but went down to two days, and then my hours were cut permanently. Looking forward to 2017 to be back in the saddle for more work. Still love dental hygiene and have mentored girls at Tunxis Community College. Have a great year everyone."

Nancy L. Marstaller writes, "I continue to teach at Mt. Ararat Middle School in Topsham. We're lucky to have both children living in Harpswell too — at least for now. I keep my hand in doing art work, and will have a show at Curt's Library in Brunswick this July. Maybe I'll see some of you there!"

1980



Janet Washburn Baker writes, "After starting a career as a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Hollywood Fire Department in 1998, and working through the ranks, I was promoted to Division Chief/Fire Marshal of Prevention in December of 2016."

C. Andi Locke Mears writes, "I'm happily living outside Asheville, North Carolina, close to my daughter and two grandchildren who are 8 and 5. I'm semi-retired from the holistic health field and getting into real estate, and started taking ballet lessons (at age 56!) and also doing more horseback riding. Life is great. My mom, **Priscilla Parson Finger '50** passed away on June 19, 2016. Arthur and Priscilla lived for many years in Nashua, New Hampshire, where she worked as an administrative assistant for her husband's business, Traffic and Distribution Services in Burlington, Vermont. She was an active member and volunteer for the New Hampshire Music Festival Chorus. Priscilla and Arthur moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1985, and Priscilla moved from Sunnyside Village to Asheville, North Carolina in 2013. She was an active member of First Church United Methodist in Sarasota for 20 years, and was active in the choir, Esther Circle and the United Methodist Women. She loved music, travelling, books, people, and pets — especially her cat."

Steven M. Sottung writes, "Donna and I are enjoying life in southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. Our son (Nate, 20) is currently in between colleges. Our daughter (Kat, 23) graduated from University of West Chester and is currently working for a local podiatrist. Donna's pet-sitting business, Critter Care, LLC is doing extremely well. She still has time each day to give a lot of love to our four dogs and one cat. I am into my 23rd year working at STV Incorporated, now as the Director of Business Development for the Energy Services Division. I look forward to seeing everyone again at our 40th, if not sooner!"

1981

Major Dale Alan Smith writes, "I have retired from nursing as of 2014 and am enjoying motorcycle riding, hunting and fishing."

1982

Nancy J. Crocker writes, "I went back to ELHS for a second year of Ed teaching and am looking forward to our 35th reunion in June. Hoping to have a large turnout."

Darlene Botsford Horan writes, "I am working at Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital in Salem, New Hampshire. My husband, John, and I have three sons. The twins are in college, and the youngest is a freshman in high school."

Peter G. Markos, D.O. continues to put his "mostly retired" time to good use by returning to his roots as a swimming and distance running coach, augmented by his rehab medicine specialty training as the first ever D.O. Chief Resident at Boston University that accentuated his excellent UNE primary care education. Peter's prime pupil is his daughter (17) who finished seventh in the 2015 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Age Group Sprint Championship for 16-to-19-year-old elite females. Only 67 young women from around the world pre-qualified for this event held at Chicago's iconic Lakefront Park. The event consisted of sequential 750 meter swim, 18.1 kilometer bicycle ride, and 5 kilometer run. Haley is now running and swimming as a first year student at Smith College majoring in general engineering with an exercise science minor."

Louise Haines Erskine Maxfield writes, "2016 was a huge blessing for me! I became engaged in March then married October 1 to Timothy Max-

field. We met at church 2.5 years ago and our faith is our foundation. This year I visited with **Darlene Botsford Horan** and **Melanie Brown Gorneng**. I also hear from **Elizabeth Knopf Moreau** and **Theresa DeYoung Jameson** occasionally. I have been enjoying my time on the WC Alumni board!"

1984

Donna Welch Carter writes, "I retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs in December of 2012."

John Coyle, D.O. writes, "I'm board certified in Emergency Medicine and am currently executive vice president and regional medical director for EmCare Physician Services, providing clinical and administrative oversight to 50 emergency departments throughout the US."

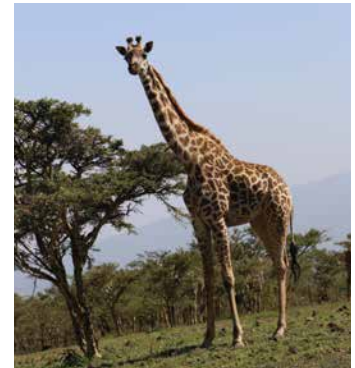
Lisa Forrest Mathews writes, "I just celebrated 30 years married to my husband Steve. Our oldest son, Geoff turned 21 and is at Western New England University, and triplet daughters Colleen, Erin, and Shannon are in their second year of college at, respectively, Fairfield University, Assumption College, and Sacred Heart University. I'm still working in dental hygiene — 32 years!"



Albert J. Zanetti, D.O. writes, "I retired in 2012. Jeana and I spend most of our time traveling, visiting grandkids, and staying at our shore house."

1986

Lynn Harlow Chase and **Arthur A. Chase** hosted a 30th Reunion for physical therapy alumni on September 24. Writes Lynn, "The reunion was awesome, even better than expected. We had 28 classmates from as far away as Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey and Illinois, and even one of our professors. Everyone really enjoyed themselves."



Kathryne Anne Leonard, D.O. and **Robert T. Leonard, Jr., D.O.** write, "Kathy and I, along with our daughter, Alexandra, visited our other daughter, Victoria, a Princeton in Africa Fellow, in Tanzania over the recent holidays. Victoria is working for the largest healthcare NGO in that country, CCBRT (<http://www.ccbtr.or.tz/home/>), which provides free healthcare to citizens in the areas of Maternal and Pediatric Health, Ophthalmologic Surgery, Orthopedics, Rehabilitation, and Prosthetics Services, and Cleft Lip/Palate Repair. It's an amazing institution helping thousands of patients each year. While there we also went on safari in the Ngogorgoro Crater and the Serengeti along with a visit to Zanzibar for Christmas!"

1988



Mark R. Henschke, D.O., Pharm.D.: In 2016 Dr. Henschke was selected as one of the 2016 America's Most Honored Professionals by the American Registry. Dr. Henschke was also selected as one of the 2017 "Top Doctors" by the International Association of Internists.

Cynthia Parent Paine writes, "I worked 20 years as a paralegal in Portland, Maine. Last year, I chose to leave my profession and am now doing animal rescue. I feel so rewarded every single day. Check out the rescue I help to run at thepixelfund.org."

1990

Joseph C. O'Sullivan, M.S.N.A. writes, "I retired from the army 3 years ago, and have been keeping busy traveling, riding the bike and scuba diving while enjoying San Antonio weather — but I still miss New England summers!"

1992

Judith B. Maloney, M.S.W., LCSW was recently placed on the Fulbright Specialist Registrar. Her goal is to apply narrative therapy to helping Syrian refugee children and families integrate more comfortably into their new homes. She's hoping to partner with a non-profit currently working in Europe to develop the Fulbright connection.

Douglas A. Oliver, M.S.W. writes, "After 25 years in medical social work and private practice, I changed careers and entered IT. Over the 8 years I progressed in that field. I kept my interest and activities up in local charitable pursuits. In 2007, I was diagnosed with a form of macular degeneration that left me legally blind in 2009. Through that journey, I gained insight into the day-to-day struggles that many of the folks I had been working with were facing as they were seeking help and hope from my intersection with their lives. I branched out into advocacy activities, having retired early because of my eyesight. In 2015, I participated in a clinical treatment study using stem cells from my own bone marrow to treat my retinal disease. The treatment was profoundly successful, and I went from legally blind to driving again in only five months. I offered my story to the press in an effort to spread

the news that stem cell treatment for such conditions was emerging quickly. Speaking engagements, community organization activities and other 'macro' pursuits to raise awareness became my passion, and was likely the reason I was asked by Senator Lamar Alexander to help craft and advocate for the 21st Century Cures legislation, which passed in December 2016. I'm proud to say there are three provisions in the bill that I formulated and helped write. Countless patients will soon be able to have early access to clinical trials, and accelerated availability of life-affirming treatments. So much has happened since submitting to the grueling 60 hour MSW program UNE provided to me. I've now resumed my practice, in the form of consulting. Only now it's augmented by genuine connections with amazing high-level policy folks. I am grateful. So my firm, Regenerative Outcomes, LLC extends that gratitude by teaching stem cell treatment providers about the importance of skillful engagement, assessment, informed consent and support for patients receiving therapies which may change everything they've known for the past several years. Even more thrilling, though, we established the Regenerative Outcomes Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, which is now poised to give direct grants to patients

seeking stem cell treatments through FDA approval clinical trials. Of course, I am thankful and grateful as well for the excellent education I received at UNE in the fledgling stages of its MSW program. Everything from advocacy, social policy, and systems prepared me for this midlife journey I've shared so satisfyingly with others."

Mary M. O'Sullivan, M.S.N.A. writes, "After I retired from the VA Hospital System, I decided to join the Peace Corps, and am currently in Liberia teaching anesthesia. The country is trying to get back on its feet after the Ebola epidemic and a civil war. It is a very challenging experience but very rewarding — as I am making a huge impact on saving lives. Thank you UNE for helping me build the foundation for my anesthesia skills!"

1994

Eileen M. Davis, D.O. writes, "My husband and I are partners in our own family practice in Coastal Delaware. Living one block from our office, we raised three children. Life is good."

2000

Christina Nicole Fay, M.S.W. writes, "After enjoying 11 years working as a clinical Coordinator for Spurwink, I began working for Crossroads as the Outpatient Clinical Supervisor."

Robyn Gray Puleo, D.O. writes, "I am currently in an executive master's program at Brown University - Executive Master in Healthcare Leadership — anticipated graduation 6/2018."

Heidi K. Wennemer, D.O. has a new job at the Beth Israel Deaconess Spine program as a physician.

2002

Luissa Kiprono, D.O., FACOG joined the Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Genetics Center at St. Mary's in 2013. Kiprono completed her training and practiced as Staff Physician in OB-GYN in the US Air Force. She is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine and holds a Master's degree in Biomedical Sciences.

At a recent Annual Meeting of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, **Nathaniel Long, D.O.** was elected to join the organization. Only experienced orthopedic surgeons who have com-

pleted a fellowship in shoulder surgery, elbow surgery, and/or sports medicine are considered for membership. Dr. Long is his ninth year in practice in Columbus, Ohio.



Amity Rubeor, D.O. recently became Rhode Island's only doctor certified in performance medicine, designed for dancers, musicians, and others active in the performing arts.

2006

Brady Potter Alosa writes, "I'm happy to announce the arrival of Charles Alosa in October 2015. He has changed our world in so many ways!"

Tyler J. Raymond '06, D.O. '11 writes, "I am working as a faculty member for The Madigan Family Medicine Residency at Joint-Base Lewis McChord in Tacoma, Washington."

2008



Janelle M. Marra, D.O. writes, "I am currently serving in the United States Navy as a Family Medicine/ Sports Medicine physician in Southern California. I recently returned from a tour in Okinawa, Japan. I am living with my wife, Cassandra, on our farm in Ramona, California."



Sara M. Nehring, D.O. writes, "I have moved back to Arkansas from Hawaii, back to my old job. Since the opening of the new COM there through NYIT, I will get a chance to help teach in addition to my old duties! I'm excited to be back in the educational realm of medicine, as well as the patient care. Still a nocturnist and really enjoy that. "

2009

Robert G. Cochrane '09, D.P.T. '12 was recently featured in "How physical therapy can help people suffering the aftereffects of a concussion" in *Catching Health*, a blog written by Diane Atwood, former health reporter for WCSH in Portland, Maine. Bobby is a physical therapist at OA Centers for Osteopaedics.

Hillary A. McAllister, M.S.Ed. '09, M.S.W. '17 joined The Progress Center in 2015. She began her career teaching secondary education before completing her Master of Science in education degree and Master of Social Work degree from the University of New England. She provides community case management in The Progress Center's Bridgton Office. McAllister's newly earned LMSW-CC will allow the agency to begin implementation of the waiver that provides short term, in-home therapy with families and children. Her long-term goals are to provide art therapy with the desire to increase the number of therapeutic services to individuals with intellectual disabilities.



Emily Carrington Scully writes, "I was married to Michael Scully on August 20, 2016. Michael is finishing law school at UMaine Law, class of 2017. I am employed as the City Clerk in South Portland, and we are currently living in Portland."

2010



Benjamin J. Boh, D.O. writes, "**Rebecca M. Wood '08, M.D.** and I were engaged in St. John and are planning a May 2017 wedding! I am enjoying life as a faculty member at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and have developed an interest in Reproductive Endocrinology and

have helped start our Adolescent Transgender Clinic here in Lebanon, New Hampshire. I also keep busy helping to train our endocrinology fellows. Rebecca is finishing up her Internal Medicine Residency here at DHMS. We bought some old farm land here on the New Hampshire/Vermont border and are excited to expand our farm. Hello to all our classmates!"



Alysson Hamlin Flynn '10, ATC, D.P.T. '13 writes, "I am currently working as a physical therapist in an outpatient setting, treating patients with orthopedic and neurological impairments and diagnoses. I have also worked in home health and skilled nursing facilities with sub-acute. I have been married to my wonderful husband Patrick over four years, a Captain in the Air Force, and have one beautiful daughter, Kaylee, who just turned a year old in December 2016."



Natasha Kosik Hale '10, '11 married **Nicholas Hale** on October 22, 2016 at Bishop Farm, Lisbon, New Hampshire. The bridal party included Natasha's UNE classmate and soul sister **Stefanie A. Glimenakis '10, '11.**

2011

Nataliya Sundina, P.A., of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS), has accepted an invitation to join the Franklin Pierce University Masters of Physician Assistant (MPAS) Advisory Committee.

2013



Cory Kymalainen Marcoux '13, D.P.T. '16 writes, "Along with starting my fulltime job as an outpatient physical

therapist here in Maine, Matthew A. Marcoux '13 and I welcomed a healthy, handsome little boy, Noah Francis, on December 17, 2016."

2014



Sylvia Siwon Ahn, Pharm.D. finished the Officer Basic Course and officially became U.S. Commissioned Corps Officer in December 2016. Lieutenant Ahn is stationed at Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico as a clinical pharmacist."

Lisa H. Carpenter, D.O. writes, "I will be graduating from my internal medicine residency at the Reading Hospital this spring and moving back to Southern Maine to work as a primary care provider through Southern Maine Medical Center at their Biddeford Office."



Lori B. Schildroth, Pharm.D. writes, "After finishing my post-graduate residency in Pennsylvania, I moved home to Maine. I've been working for Community Pharmacies, primarily in our Randolph store. This past year has been full of life events for me. I bought my first house in August, I am engaged to be married to my loving partner, Adam Wood, this October, and we are expecting to welcome a new baby into our home this June. We are excited to see what our next year holds!"

2016



Bethany S. Meehan-Poulin, M.S.Ed. writes, "I was one of two Maine teachers to be selected to attend the 2016 Mickelson Exxon Mobile academy in New Jersey last summer. I got to meet Phil Mickelson and his wife, NASA astronaut Alvin Drew, as well as work with some amazing people on improving STEM education in our schools. It was the most amazing professional development experience of my life."



Linda Moore, M.S.W. writes, "I actually walked in May 2015 with one last semester to go. I currently work as a social worker/health homes care

coordinator for Molina Healthcare of Washington. I love it. The company has a very positive work atmosphere and is very focused on culture."



Alicia B. Pedemonti, M.P.H. received the New Hampshire Young Farmer Excellence in Agriculture Award. Alicia received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. After receiving her master's degree from UNE Alicia now works as a veterinary technician for the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.



Eliza G. Richard was crowned Miss Central Maine earlier this year, and recently won the statewide title Miss

Maine Collegiate America. Eliza is currently a teacher at Beansprouts, a school in Freeport. Eliza will compete for the title of Miss Collegiate America to be held over the summer in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Vicki L., Rusbult, Ed.D. writes, "It has been a crazy year! I wanted to share that my dissertation was recently posted in the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) rural transportation national newsletter. I've been putting all I've learned to good use. I'm currently working on a new broadband partnership that was created by me as a new methodology to expand broadband capacity to rural communities. It was a great partnership and we have nibbles from Maine Senator Angus King, Maine Community Foundation for an investment of cash to create a fund to help rural communities. The potential is great and the timing of the partnership is even better. Certainly, my training with change, broad partner/organization investment and other "leadership" best practice models have been used. <http://ruraltransportation.org/tmas-in-rural-maine/>

IN MEMORIAM

1936

Mary Olive Thompson Whyte
Westbrook Junior College
November 26, 2016

Anna Horne Wingren
Westbrook Junior College
January 6, 2017

1937

Dorothy Barbara Pratt Clark
Westbrook Junior College
November 23, 2016

1938

Miriam Tash Chipman
Westbrook Junior College
June, 2014

1940

Elinore Gofin Winer Biederman
Westbrook Junior College
November 27, 2016

1941

Dawn Burnham Bragdon
Westbrook Junior College
December 30, 2016

Janice Parker Abbot
Westbrook Junior College
January 16, 2017

1942

Shirley Burnell Alling
Westbrook Junior College
December 23, 2016

Esther Kennedy Graf
Westbrook Junior College
May 31, 2011

1944

Ruth Goodman Davis
Westbrook Junior College
October 19, 2016

Mary Jean Pearce
Westbrook Junior College
January 7, 2017

1945

Ruth Caswell Hill
Westbrook Junior College
June 23, 2016

Edith Fettinger Williams
Westbrook Junior College
November 25, 2016

Consuelo Von Scheid Logan
Westbrook Junior College
January 22, 2017

Marjorie Dow Bolen
Westbrook Junior College
January 29, 2017

Muriel Ruth Kodis Branz
Westbrook Junior College
February 3, 2017

1946

Pauline Dowling Wright
Westbrook Junior College
November 11, 2016

Mary Evangeline Hubbard Hasty
Westbrook Junior College
December 29, 2016

Audrey McDowell Gardner
Westbrook Junior College
February 7, 2017

1948

Dorothy Levow Kates
Westbrook Junior College
December 17, 2016

Alice "Rusty" Going Jackman
Westbrook Junior College
February 9, 2017

1950

Janet Bruyette Fitzgerald
Westbrook Junior College
January 10, 2017

Shirlie Poulin Saulter
Westbrook Junior College
February 13, 2017

1951

Anne Farnsworth Bailey
Westbrook Junior College
February 15, 2017

1952

Sylvia Kuraner Meriwether
Westbrook Junior College
October 4, 2014

1953

Angela Vangeli Fox
Westbrook Junior College
December 29, 2016

1955

Eleanor Tiedemann Betts
Westbrook Junior College
October 31, 2016

Judith Willard Beausoliel
Westbrook Junior College
November 10, 2016

1958

Jayne Parker Conger
Westbrook Junior College
July 25, 2016

Brendan J. Crosby, Sr.
St. Francis College
July 27, 2016

1959

Patricia Pym Johnston
Westbrook Junior College
February 25, 2017

1960

Melida Wienants Collins
Westbrook Junior College
December 1, 2014

Joan L. Best Cole
Westbrook Junior College
October 23, 2016

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Peggy Luke Welles Miner
Westbrook Junior College
January 1, 2017

1961

Betsy Roughgarden Patterson
Westbrook Junior College
April 12, 2016

1962

William C. "Mique" Murray
St. Francis College
October 23, 2016

Robert J. Corcoran
St. Francis College
February 23, 2017

1964

Sandra Baird Nason
Westbrook Junior College
November 12, 2016

Richard N. Guignard
St. Francis College
December 1, 2016

1965

William Farnan
St. Francis College
November 4, 2016

1966

Charles S. Welch
St. Francis College
November 13, 2016

1980

Ellen Freese Levine
Westbrook College
October 19, 2016

Elizabeth Hennessey MacPherson
Westbrook College
December 18, 2016

1982

Susan Dermanoogian Galli
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February 5, 2017

1985

Judith Allen Smith
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October 27, 2016

1987

Robert Cash
Westbrook College
November 15, 2016

1993

Wanda Axelson Johnson, M.S.W.
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December 18, 2014

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Deborah Morton Society
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1996

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1999

Christie Ann James, D.O.
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2004

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2005

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January 22, 2017

2007

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Professional Studies
October 13, 2016

2011

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College of Arts and Sciences
January 1, 2017

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John L. Bove
April 4, 2017

Mason Philip Smith
November 25, 2016

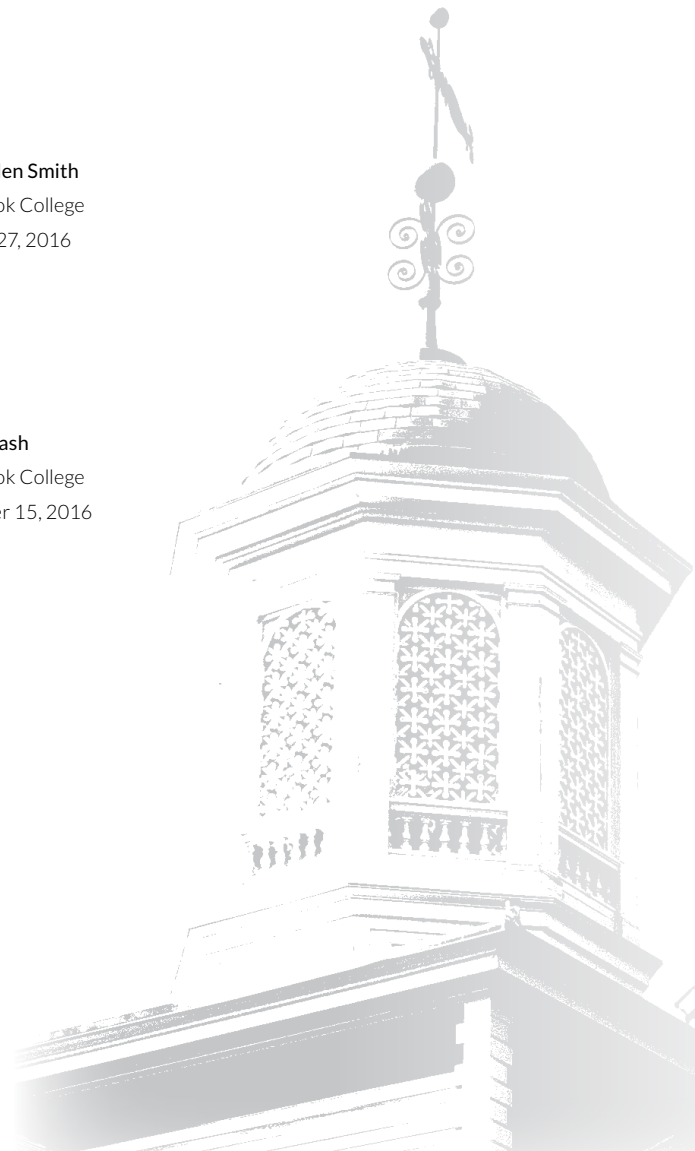
Dahlov Ipcar
February 10, 2017

Richard C. Schuck, Jr.
December 16, 2016

John Whitney Payson
October 16, 2016

Henry Amie Tartre
December 2, 2016

John R. Farquharson
January 13, 2017



The fourth annual UNE Brain Fair, presented by UNE's Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences, welcomed more than 400 attendees to explore a variety of exhibits and activities designed to teach visitors of all ages about memory, the senses, addiction, brain injuries and neurological disorders. Exhibits included microscope viewings, optical illusions, virtual reality displays, cow eyeball and sheep brain dissections, and games that test the power of the brain. There was also free ice-skating and protective helmet giveaways.

Chris Rizzo, a UNE associate clinical professor and certified athletic trainer, delivered a talk called, "Concussion: Advances in Recognition and Management." The Brain Fair also included a community discussion about marijuana and the adolescent brain, covering proposed and current marijuana legislation and the research around marijuana use in young people.

Ian Meng, Ph.D., director of the Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences, explained that the goals of the event include educating the public about brain health and getting more young people interested in neuroscience. "The brain is not something that's so complicated and something that we could never understand," he said, "Who wouldn't want to grow up to be a neuroscientist? To me, it's like space exploration."





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A young fairgoer contemplates her own DNA (extracted after she spit into the test tube) in the "Extract Your Own DNA" activity, which was led by Nichelle Gray and Jamie Vaughn from UNE's Behavior and Genotyping Core.

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UNE Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences (CEN) volunteers Sebastien Sannajust and Alyssa Diaz (both staff members) lead a group of Brain Fair attendees in a human-to-human interface, which uses muscle impulses from one individual to control the movement of another individual's arm.

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A young Brain Fair participant experiences the "Virtual Reality of Macular Degeneration," an activity that was led by UNE staff member Barbara Swartzlander and created by Marilyn Gugliucci.

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Michael Lawrence, from UNE's Motion Analysis lab, talks about impulses generated by muscles and how they travel to your brain.



IN THE COMMUNITY

LAX-4-LIFE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF GIVING

BY PHILIP SHELLEY



When members of the University of New England’s men’s and women’s lacrosse teams visited the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital last September, it marked the 10th anniversary of the Lax-4-Life Fall Invitational — an annual charity lacrosse tournament, hosted by UNE, that has raised over \$25,000 since its inception in 2007.

The event was the brainchild of former UNE lacrosse coach Jon Hunt. At the time, his young cousin Ellie Hope Havdra (who recently turned 13) was receiving treatment at the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital. Jon and his wife Jessica had the idea to raise money for the world-class children’s facility, which is part of the Maine Medical Center in Portland, by hosting regional lacrosse teams in an annual fall tournament. Participating teams each pay a \$250 entry fee, and donations from the public are collected at the gate. Additional funds are raised through sales of t-shirts, refreshments and raffle tickets.

When Hunt left UNE in 2012, new (and current) men’s lacrosse coach Charles Burch decided to follow the model of the popular Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic (a charity football game of high school all-stars) and began taking groups of players to the Barbara Bush Children’s

hospital to visit with the young patients. To Burch, the visits are doubly significant. “The children have a great time interacting with our players,” he says, “but it’s equally important for our players to recognize the true purpose of our tournament and get to know some of the amazing children the money we raise will go towards helping.”

The women’s team came on board three years ago. As coach Susan Estabrook explains, it was something that had been in the works for awhile. “Before Jon left UNE, he and I had started talking about making Lax-4-Life a two-day event, one day for the men’s tournament and one day for the women,” she says. “It was something I very much wanted to do, and Charlie was more than happy to have us continue on that path. It’s a lot of fun, and there’s a great cooperative spirit.”

At the hospital, the players entertain the kids by reading to them, talking, and just hanging out — and of course, by engaging them in some friendly athletic competition. “We bring a portable cornhole game with us, and the children go up against our players,” say Burch. “That’s always a big highlight.”

Saying goodbye at the end of the visit can be difficult because of the bonds formed between

players and patients. “The women’s team has an honorary team member, Cammy Richards, who has battled cancer and two liver transplants,” says Estabrook. “Knowing that Cammy spent so much time at children’s hospitals both in Maine and Boston instantly gave our players a personal connection with the patients.” This year the players had an additional personal connection — one of the patients was Josh Leblond, the younger brother of Nicholas Leblond (Athletic Training, ’17), a trainer who works closely with the men’s team.

“Seeing the children smile and laugh was truly a special privilege,” says Wyatt Ehrhardt (Medical Biology, ’17), a defensive player on the men’s team. “It definitely made me feel that we were making a positive contribution to these children’s lives.”

Anna Stowell (Elementary Education, ’20), who plays attack on the women’s team, says, “Not all kids get to grow up participating in sports like I did, so I think it is important for me and my team to help bring the joy that I find in athletics to kids in alternative ways because all kids deserve to have fun.”

At ten years and counting, the Lax-4-Life Fall Invitational is bigger than ever, raising more



money each successive year. For the past three years, officials have donated their game fee to the pool, and this year, local youth programs in Saco, Biddeford and Kennebunk have contributed, helping to make Lax-4-Life a true community event.

Concludes women’s captain Kasey Rubenstein (Sports Management, ’17), “I think it’s awesome that both the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams have been committed to hosting Lax-4-Life every fall. It’s easy to forget how lucky we are to have the opportunity and ability to play the

sport we love, and it’s something I think we take for granted sometimes. Lax-4-Life really demonstrates how we can use our ability to play to help these extremely brave kids who can’t.”

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Left page: Wyatt Ehrhardt ’17 spends some time with a patient at the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital.

Above: Men’s players (L to R): Cam Russell ’18, Sam MacKenzie ’20, Wyatt Ehrhardt ’17, Tom Luttrell ’18, David Pearson ’17; Women’s Players: Front row (L to R): Sydney Cooke ’19, Anna Stowell ’20; Back row (L to R): Olivia Carpenter ’19, Kasey Rubenstein ’17, Abby Rusling Flynn ’20

FIRST PERSON

A TRUE “EUREKA” MOMENT

BY SRINIDI MOHAN



Srinidi Mohan, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy whose discovery of a molecular marker for one of the most aggressive types of breast cancer made national news in 2016. We sat down with Mohan to talk about his path to this major finding and how his work could revolutionize early detection.

After finishing my doctoral degree, I got the opportunity to work as a post-doctoral researcher under the mentorship of Dr. Ho-Leung Fung, a world-renowned researcher in the field of nitric oxide. It excited me. I vividly remember the day when Dr. Fung told me, “Nitric oxide will keep you busy for decades.”

On the face of it, nitric oxide is a simple gaseous molecule that works as a blood thinner. Interestingly, while nitric oxide plays a role in the function of several metabolic pathways, the production of nitric oxide itself is metabolically regulated. So, when I came to UNE, I continued my research focus on nitric oxide metabolism, looking into various metabolic pathways.

It was an interesting puzzle to unravel. But at a certain point I said to myself, “All right, I have found all these pathways, but what is the ultimate goal behind it?” I understood the metabolic processes, and now I wanted to put that research to work in pre-clinical and clinical applications.

People had been using nitric oxide in one form or another to treat cancer. But in some cancers it helps, and in some cancers it does not help. It can actually be harmful. It is a double-edged sword. So what’s happening there? This kindled my interest.

While breast cancer consists of many subtypes, it can be divided into two distinct groups: estrogen-negative (ER-) and estrogen-positive (ER+) tumors. Between these two types, ER- is considered more aggressive, more difficult to treat, has greater ethnic disparity, worse prognosis, and almost twice the risk of mortality compared to ER+ tumors. Intriguingly, nitric oxide exhibited its “double-edged” characteristics with these two subtypes: high levels favored ER+ patient recovery but were harmful to ER- patient survival.

Almost all of us are familiar with Newton’s third law: “For every action, there is always an equal and opposite reaction.” This basic concept inspired me to investigate whether an increase in tumor nitric oxide level could favor any metabolic factor to efflux from the tumor and, if so, whether such effluence would have a cancer subtype-specific selectivity.

Let me explain what I mean: If something goes in, something has to come out. The substance that is shunted out is the one effluxed. We

know what is going in, which is the substrate for producing the nitric oxide. So, when that happens, what substance is being shunted out?

Since I was familiar with the nitric oxide metabolic pathway, I was able to narrow it down as to which molecule would logically get itself shunted out. It took my lab two years of exploratory studies, but we finally identified a reduction in the level of a specific nitric oxide metabolic factor in ER- patient blood. The molecule is called NOHA, a hydroxyl form of an amino acid. That is the molecule we are now working on, which is the marker for ER- breast cancer.

Finding NOHA was a true “eureka” moment, but it took my lab a few more months to validate it as a novel prognostic marker that would offer good sensitivity, ethnic selectivity and the capability to monitor disease progression from its early stages. All of this can be measured through a needle-prick amount of blood, making the overall diagnostic approach simple and relatively non-invasive.

Before it can be made widely available, a simple blood-test kit needs to go through a clinical trial and FDA approval and other regulatory processes. I am currently working on simplifying the testing



method, and a Maine-based company called Maine Biotechnology service is helping me scale-up production of a specific reagent substance. That is our ultimate goal: to make the test as quick, easy and accessible as possible.

UNE’s Office of Research and Scholarship and the College of Pharmacy have each provided \$10,000 and supported the patent filing process. UNE has been a tremendous help — and not only monetarily. I know my research. I know my science. But when it comes to the world of patent applications, product development, and trying to network and build the commercialization piece, I am grateful for the institutional support. In fact, I am grateful and humbled by the support of countless people at UNE and beyond who have

been integral to this current success through their continuing guidance and encouragement. The Office of Communications has also helped me a lot in the process, raising public awareness, which is important.

It’s all very exciting, but my true happiness will come when this reaches the public at the end. Now comes my responsibility to deliver. That’s my ultimate goal, and that’s where I am moving toward.

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Left page: Srinidi Mohan, Ph.D., in his office on the Portland Campus, holds a blood plasma extraction kit, which is used to collect blood samples for testing.

Above: Srinidi Mohan works with cells inside the lab’s culture hood, which provides an uncontaminated environment.

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