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Clockwise from left: English Department student Writing Fellows; a student in the Education Department; a student participating in a Chemistry Department lab

A WEEK REMOVED FROM WELCOMING THE LARGEST CLASS OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

in University of New England history, I thought I might use this space to reflect on how far we have come in the past ten years and on where we are headed, as UNE blossoms into a thriving, modern, global University.

The Class of 2020's arrival underscores just how quickly UNE has grown. Consisting of 820 young men and women, the freshman class handily surpasses the 727 new undergraduates who arrived on campus last fall. It also comprises our most geographically diverse class ever, as its members hail from 32 different U.S. states.

This dramatic enrollment increase comes on the heels of a 2015-2016 academic year in which we graduated more students than at any previous UNE Commencement – 1,747 to be exact – and in which we enrolled a UNE-record 12,245 students across our six colleges. To put in perspective how quickly we have grown, upon my arrival during the 2006-2007 academic year, our three colleges had a combined enrollment of 4,272 students.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of this growth is that our biggest gains are occurring in the College of Arts and Sciences, where we saw a 16 percent year-over-year increase in enrollment. We almost doubled our number of new students in the Marine Sciences and added new ones in many majors, including Biology, Business, Communications and Political Science. The arrival of 557 new students in our College of Arts and Sciences in fall 2016 gives me hope that many of our traditional liberal arts programs have a promising future at UNE. In this issue of UNE Magazine, you will learn more about the value of the arts and sciences to the mission of our University.

All of our new students will have the chance to receive a truly global education during their time at UNE by spending a semester at our Tangier Campus. I am happy to report that 34 students are spending the fall semester in Morocco, where having our own campus enables us to send students abroad at nearly three times the national average. Indeed, we have witnessed a 400 percent increase in UNE students spending a semester abroad since 2010, and last year alone some 105 students spent semesters overseas.

As UNE grows, we remain ever-faithful to providing the highest quality education possible to our students. I hope you are as proud as I am of the remarkable strides our University has made in recent years.

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DANIELLE N. RIPICH, Ph.D. | PRESIDENT



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Susan Hillman, the director of the Center for the Enrichment of Teaching and Learning, works with a student in a science education class.



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THE LIBERAL ARTS AT UNE

by Philip Shelley



Jeanne Hey, dean of UNE's College of Arts and Sciences

Jeanne Hey, Ph.D., the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at UNE, is talking about a recurring conversation she finds herself having whenever she is introduced to new people out in the community.

"I say I'm from UNE, and the first thing they say is, 'Oh my gosh! UNE's going gangbusters! You guys are amazing! What do you do there?' 'I'm the liberal arts dean.' 'UNE has liberal arts? You have an undergraduate program?' 'I'm a political scientist.' 'Really? How can that be?'"

We're discussing what it means to be a liberal arts college at a health sciences university. It is something of a paradox: as UNE's growing reputation for excellence and innovation in the health professions attracts more students to the university, fewer of those students are enrolling in traditional liberal arts and humanities majors, such as English, history, sociology, psychology, the sciences or math. Yet, undeniably, UNE is built on the liberal arts foundation of its predecessor institutions, St. Francis College

and Westbrook College, and on the humanist traditions of osteopathic medicine. Those foundational pedagogical models still inform every aspect of the UNE experience — they are part of our institutional DNA.

That DNA is expressed in both UNE's general education curriculum — the "core" liberal arts courses required for all undergraduates, not only in CAS but in the Westbrook College of Health Professions — and in UNE's top-to-bottom commitment to graduating thoughtful, worldly, well-rounded students.

"Getting a bachelor's degree is more than getting a certificate for becoming a nurse or dental hygienist or anything else," explains Hey. "It's really about being a fully, liberally educated person — a renaissance person, as it were. Our liberal arts curriculum ensures that students who carry a bachelor's degree from the University of New England are strong writers and critical thinkers, have been exposed to ways of thinking different from their own and

have had experience with literature, data analysis, math and science, and the arts."

A liberal arts education produces students who are intellectually nimble life-long learners, a laudable end in itself, but Hey stresses that there is also a practical reason that a liberal arts education is important — employers and graduate schools want it.

"Over and over," says Hey, "in every possible way, whether it's medical schools, dental schools, pharmacy schools, or graduate schools in the sciences, they all tell us, 'Please! Send us people who are problem-solvers, who know how to write, who can think outside the box and ask interesting questions.' Medical schools, for example, tell us, 'We want people who aren't biology majors. We want that history major or that philosophy minor to become a doctor in our medical school.' Because they want the kinds of intellectual approaches and strengths that a liberal arts graduate has."

Hey acknowledges recent attacks on the liberal arts in the popular culture but emphatically refutes the idea that, given the professional demand in “STEM” fields such as engineering and computer science, studying the humanities is impractical — a frilly indulgence most people cannot afford. “You know the old joke, ‘I’m an English major. You want fries with that?’ Well, the data doesn’t bear that out, at all,” says Hey. “People with bachelor’s degrees are very well employed, including in the humanities and social sciences. When you look at all the surveys about what employers want, it’s the same as the



graduate schools: writing, ability to work in teams, critical thinking, understanding different cultures. People call those ‘soft’ skills, but I don’t think they’re soft at all — I think they’re really hard.”

Certainly at UNE, the liberal arts are taught to exceedingly high standards. “We have to keep our eye on rigor,” says Hey. “When you say things like ‘good writing’ and ‘critical thinking skills,’ you have to demonstrate that. It’s not just talk. We assess it, and we demonstrate it. And we promise employers who hire our students that that’s what we’re providing.”

Hey also points out the often overlooked fact that, traditionally, the liberal arts have always included the sciences and mathematics — the S and the M in the STEM curriculum that is so highly touted by today’s legislators and pundits. At UNE’s College of Arts and Sciences, that includes everything from our world-class Marine Sciences program (uniquely located on our ocean-side campus), to our popular Pre-Med tracks, to such hidden gems as our Animal Behavior and Environmental Science majors. And because UNE is a relatively small university, the College of Arts and Sciences also houses all the non-health-related undergraduate professional programs, including education and business.

It’s a tremendous array of programs, and every year new students discover the value and quality of the liberal arts at UNE. While freshmen often

arrive with a laser-like focus on a professional goal, exposure to the core curriculum can ignite an unexplored academic passion, and many students eventually pick up a liberal arts minor or a dual major.

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Much of that intellectual ignition is due to the excellence and devotion of the CAS faculty. “Our faculty are just so dedicated, just top-notch, and I know everybody says that,” smiles Hey. “But time and time again, when we ask graduating students, ‘What made UNE what it is for you?’ they say that it’s the relationships they developed with faculty. The wealth of undergraduate research opportunities is a big part of that. We have so many students presenting at national and international conferences. The kinds of things that sophomores are doing here, others don’t get to do until they’re deep into graduate school. So that’s really extraordinary.”



Left page: Kristin Dechene '16 (Business Administration) gives a presentation for LL Bean.

Above clockwise from left: Adam St. Gelais, program coordinator for Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture and Fisheries, examines sugar kelp harvest; Students band birds for an Environmental Studies class on avian conservation; Student in an Arts course practices the violin.



Above from left: A biology student working in Professor Geoffrey Ganter's lab; An English student conducts research in the Maine Women Writers Collection; A student in an Arts course works on a ceramics project.
Right page: Halie Pruitt '16

Halie Pruitt '16, who graduated this past May with dual CAS degrees (a B.S. in marine science and a B.A. in English), credits the strong relationships she established with faculty mentors as the source of her many impressive academic achievements. "People don't generally come to UNE for the humanities," she acknowledges. "But once you get here and you intern or you take classes with these professors . . . Honestly, I can't explain how important the professors here at UNE have been to my education." Halie reels off an imposing list of projects she completed at UNE under the aegis of attentive English faculty: "Under their tutelage I actually completed a total of five different symposium projects, a directed study, and I'm in the process of writing a book based on that directed study."

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— Halie Pruitt

Although she originally came to UNE to study marine science, Halie is about to enter graduate school with a full scholarship to study English at Northeastern University, just one of several ultra-competitive schools to which she was accepted. "With my education from UNE, which is not a particularly well-known school for

English, I was able to get into Tufts, Columbia, the University of Rochester, the University at Buffalo, Northeastern University and the University of Chicago," says Halie, "and that's thanks to my professors, who were willing to put in the time for me. We have opportunities at UNE that make us competitive and teachers who are willing to go the extra miles to make that happen."

Jessica Meader '17, a Medical Biology major, added a minor in Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) after an eye-opening freshman core class in feminist theory. "I looked forward every day to going to that class," she says. "The material I read was amazing." For Jessica, part of the appeal was the contrast with her pre-med classes and the opportunity to exercise a different part of her brain. "It's a totally different category than biology, which is kind of straightforward," she says. "With WGS, there's not a 'right' answer, and I guess that's what I like about it."

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— Jessica Meader

The flipside of that contrast is a kind of complementarity — things she learns in her WGS classes inform her thinking about medicine and vice versa. "As pre-med students, we have

such science brains," says Jessica. "It's all 'x plus y equals z.' I think for pre-med students it's important to get away from that and see what the world is like. Because it's not just about biology and chemistry and breaking things down into each little element. It's about seeing how people interact — and how to interact with people."

Heartfelt support for this point of view comes directly from Elizabeth Francis-Connelly, Ph.D., the dean of UNE's Westbrook College



of Health Professions. “Our students absolutely have to have that strong foundation in the liberal arts,” says Francis-Connolly. “It makes them much stronger, more effective, more empathetic health care practitioners.”

More to the point, says Francis-Connolly, “I don’t think that the liberal arts is separate from the health care professions. When I have taught mental health occupational therapy in the past, I used first-person narratives so my students could gain an understanding of, and empathize with, their future patients. So these are not separate disciplines — they are all interwoven. I think that’s what makes a really strong education for our students.”

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— Elizabeth Francis-Connolly

On a similar note, one of the things that most excites incoming UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean Jane Carreiro, D.O., about her new position is the opportunity it gives her to expand the connections between the health professions and the liberal arts at UNE.

“There are things that enrich people’s lives, that give their lives meaning, which we can provide when we think of health but we think beyond medications and pharmaceuticals and surgeries,” Carreiro says. “Those things are vital, but we can bring so many other things to patients’ lives when we partner with the undergraduate school. Because we have students in the liberal arts, we have an incredible English department, we have fine arts, we have all these little jewels in the College of Arts and Sciences that we can tap into. I’d really like to take this idea of interprofessional health care teams and expand it so it’s really about all the health care partners, and all the humanities, and all the things that make our lives richer working together, back-and-forth, to help people in underserved areas where they don’t have access to a lot of that stuff.”

This kind of cross-disciplinary endorsement is especially meaningful at a time when the liberal arts are often seen as imperiled, and colleges across the country are struggling to meet shifting patterns of demand. In contrast, at UNE, a culture of widespread institutional support for the liberal arts is starting to translate into rising enrollment numbers. While many schools in New England are experiencing declining enrollments, CAS saw a 16.9 percent increase in its incoming class for the fall of 2016. The most impressive gains were seen in the Biology (57 percent) and Marine Science (85 percent) departments, but many of

the hidden gems among the College’s majors are also drawing attention, with significant enrollment increases in Business, Education, Animal Behavior and Communications.

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He gratefully acknowledges the collective effort involved, saying, “Our commitment to a sound and rigorous liberal arts education for all UNE undergraduates has the 100 percent support and advocacy of the faculty, our administration, our alumni and our board. Because people who have been through it, and who work with our students, appreciate and understand the importance of having that solid liberal arts foundation. The Provost says over and over again, ‘We can’t have a strong university without a strong College of Arts and Sciences.’”



Clockwise from left: Pamela Morgan leads Environmental Studies students in sea-level measurements; Ocean Studies and Marine Affairs students study in the library; An Animal Behavior student measures animal tracks in the snow.



The 7th annual George and Barbara Bush Distinguished Lecture at UNE took place on October 27, 2016, featuring Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D., chief executive officer emeritus of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and former executive publisher of the *Science* family of journals.

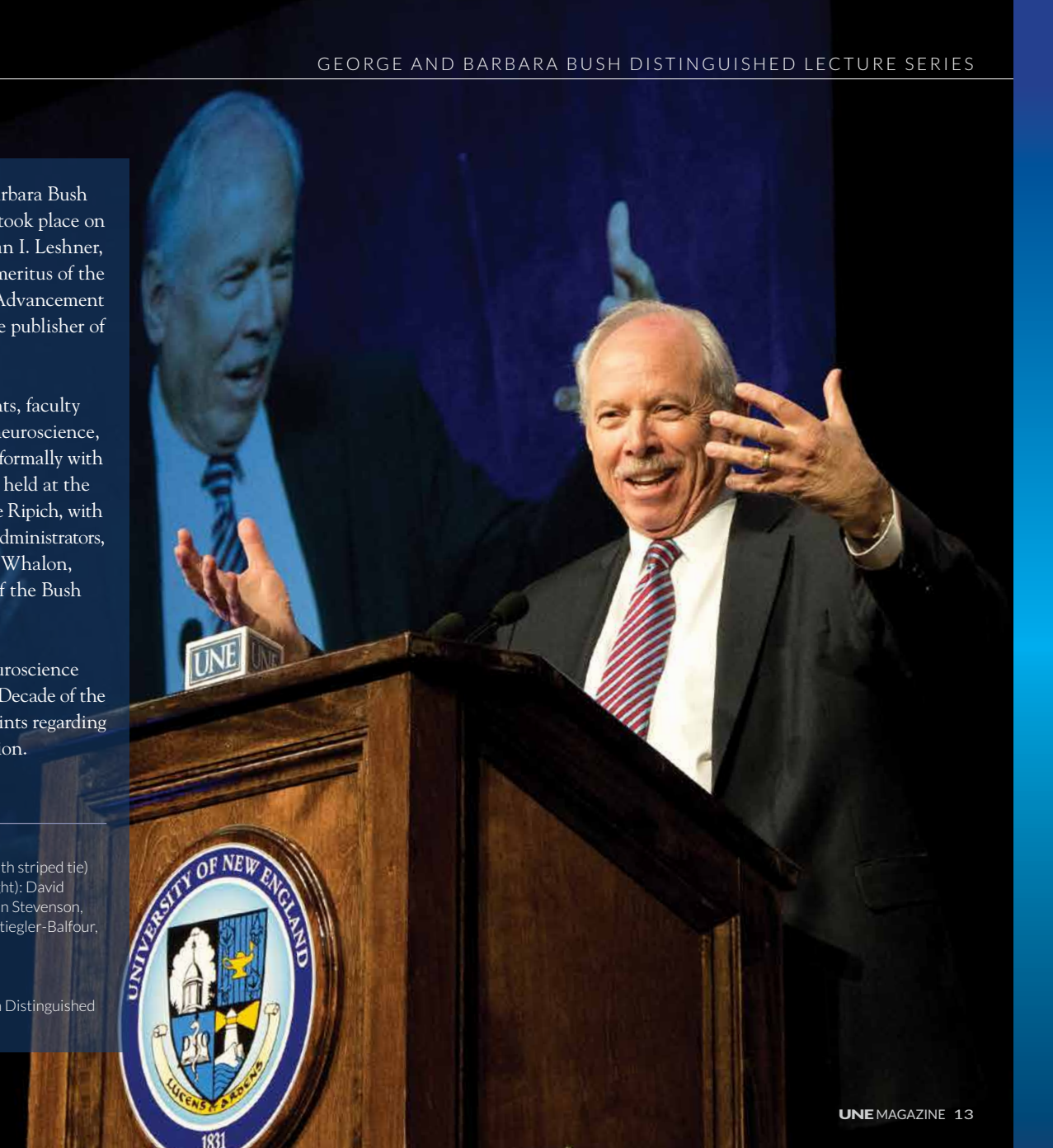
At a reception for UNE students, faculty and researchers in the field of neuroscience, Leshner mingled and chatted informally with guests. A second reception was held at the home of UNE President Danielle Ripich, with friends of UNE, trustees, senior administrators, faculty and Peter and Rosalind Whalon, longtime generous supporters of the Bush Lecture series.

The well-received lecture, “Neuroscience and Society: Progress Since the Decade of the Brain,” covered many salient points regarding the science behind drug addiction.

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 Bush Lecturer Alan Leshner (center, with striped tie) flanked by UNE faculty (from left to right): David Mokler, Ian Meng, Julie Peterson, Glenn Stevenson, Tamara King, Edward Bilsky, Jennifer Stiegler-Balfour, Zachary Olson and Michael Burman

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 UNE’s 2016 George and Barbara Bush Distinguished Lecturer, Alan Leshner



CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

A GIFT TO THE UNE ART GALLERY HONORS A PROFESSOR'S LEGACY

BY CLAIRE HAMMEN



Judy Glickman Lauder and Leonard Lauder have made a generous gift to the UNE Art Gallery that will fulfill two of Glickman Lauder's long-standing wishes: to honor a beloved professor and to allow access to the gallery for all people. The Lauders' gift names in perpetuity the "Stephen K. Halpert Photographic Collection at UNE" in recognition of Professor Emeritus Stephen Halpert's long-term commitment to the university as a faculty member and curator and for his scholarly attention to the creation and expansion of this treasured collection. A portion of the gift will fund an endowment to preserve and grow the photography collection. The remainder of the gift will fund the installation of a much-needed elevator that will enable all visitors to explore the building in its entirety. Since the UNE Art Gallery opened in 1977, the upper and lower galleries have been reachable only by stairs.

The University of New England has had a long and valued association with Judy Glickman Lauder and her late husband, Albert Glickman, who originated the annual President's Circle Dinner when he was a Westbrook College trustee and who was a long time friend of Halpert. Glickman Lauder has been an advisor and supporter of the UNE Art Gallery since 1998. Her photographs have been part of many exhibitions, including

a 2012 solo show *Upon Reflection – Photographs by Judy Ellis Glickman*, the 2013 exhibition *Maine Women Pioneers III*, and UNE Art Gallery Director Anne Zill's *Women on War*, which traveled to nine different venues around the country. Within the last year, two exhibitions, *A Tale of Three Cities* and *Portraits of the Artist*, both curated by Halpert, featured Glickman Lauder's photographs. UNE is proud to have in its permanent collection two works from her Holocaust series and two of her Great Diamond Island photographs.

The daughter of Irving Bennett Ellis, an accomplished West Coast photographer, Glickman Lauder has had a passion for photography in her blood her whole life. Often a subject of her father's photographs, she, herself, began to study the art form in the 1970s, first at the Maine Photographic Workshop in Rockport (now the Maine Media Workshop) and later at UCLA, the Anderson Ranch Arts Center and the Maine College of Art. Glickman Lauder and her husband are avid collectors of photography. "Steve Halpert's contributions to the gallery and to the arts in our community have been remarkable. It is with deep gratitude and admiration that Leonard and I honor him in this way," said Glickman Lauder. "The absence of

an elevator has been a challenge for the gallery since its inception. This gift will help meet ADA standards that will allow all people, regardless of mobility issues, the opportunity to experience the beauty of art on all three floors of the building."

After graduating from Brown University and obtaining a master's degree from Harvard University, Stephen Halpert began teaching English at Westbrook College in 1964, where he immediately started curating exhibitions in the basement of Alexander Hall. Over the span of more than 50 years, he has organized nearly 100 shows, featuring the works of well-known artists and up-and-coming talent. He has acquired for UNE approximately 200 photographs by professional photographers involving a highly



selective process, judging artistic quality, technical merit, importance of the artist and relationship to other works within the collection. "This extraordinary gift from Judy Glickman Lauder and Leonard Lauder will be wonderful for the UNE Art Gallery, for the University, for Portland and for photography. Not only does it make the gallery, itself, more accessible, but it enables us to grow and enhance an already significant collection. Artists and patrons will certainly be grateful, as we are at the University," said Halpert.

"This gift is especially meaningful given Judy's and Steve's friendship and long history with the UNE Art Gallery as champions of the

photographic arts in Maine. What a wonderful opportunity to build on our photography collection, provide a better experience for our students and visitors, and celebrate the unique and enduring legacies that Judy and Steve have each brought to UNE," said President Danielle Ripich.

CAPTIONS

Left page: Leonard Lauder (left) and Judy Glickman Lauder

Above: Steve Halpert in the UNE Art Gallery

Left: "Night, Havana, Cuba" 2003 (gelatin silver print) by Judy Glickman Lauder



"Wave Phenomena" by Kim Bernard, hanging in the Ketchum Library on UNE's Biddeford Campus

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE MAKES WAVES AT UNE

BY PHILIP SHELLEY

"When you drop two drips of water into a calm pool, each drip is a 'point source' of kinetic energy. The impact of the drips causes ripples, which are waves, which are vibrations moving through the water. This is how sound travels as well, in waves; it's just that you can see it with water. So, as these ripples from the two drips spread out, they intersect, and intersection of the waves creates what are called 'interference patterns.'"

No, you haven't accidentally wandered into a physics lecture. The speaker is actually Kim Bernard, M.F.A., the inaugural artist in UNE's new Artist-in-Residence program, and she is explaining some of the science that provides the central inspiration for her current work. "I'm fascinated by these patterns right now, and how energy moves through water," says Bernard.

All of Bernard's work explores movement, the result of a conscious decision she made about a decade ago. "At the same time as I am a visual artist, I am also a dancer, I have done martial arts, I am a yoga practitioner," explains Bernard. "So movement is a really important part of my life, as is visual art." Bernard translates that importance into art by creating kinetic sculpture: while so much sculpture is static, Bernard's work is designed to move.



"I am creating these sculptures where a wave travels through the material," says Bernard. "The viewer starts the wave, and then the wave

The viewer is actually the point source, and through the viewer's movements you can see different effects radiating through the sculpture." — Kim Bernard

ripples through the material of the sculpture in a visual way. So the viewer is actually the point source, and through the viewer's movements — big and small — you can see different effects radiating through the sculpture."

Originally from New Hampshire, Bernard studied art at Parsons School of Design in New York before receiving her M.F.A. from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She moved to Maine in 1988. Today, the Rockland

resident exhibits regularly across New England and attracts national attention and funding for her work, including a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. No stranger to academic institutions, Bernard teaches at the Maine College of Art (MECA) in Portland and just finished up a prestigious 18-month stint as artist-in-residence in the physics department at Harvard University.

“I had access to the physics department’s resources, people, equipment,” says Bernard. “I had a studio space, and I had an open-studio policy where students, faculty and staff could all come into my space at any time and see

what I was working on. I would keep sketches and work-in-progress sitting out to spark dialogue with people who visited the studio because I would often get ideas from the discussions I had with visitors.”

As Bernard envisions it, being an artist-in-residence is a reciprocal arrangement. “I’m looking to collaborate with anyone and everyone in the UNE community,” she says. “It’s not a top-down delivery. I’m looking to share what I know but also to learn from the people I work and collaborate with who have knowledge, experience and expertise that I do not have. It’s an exchange.” On the one hand, says Bernard, “I come in

with a comfort and skill in the arts but also a curiosity and an interest in the world.” On the other hand, she says, “People, students for example, may come to my studio with a wealth of information and a completely different knowledge base. So I learn just as much being here as an artist-in-residence as I hope the students will learn from me.”

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Inspiration can strike from unexpected sources, so Bernard often approaches collaborators in an open-ended way. “I might just say to a physics student, ‘I want to know what your great ideas are about making something physics-related into art,’” she says. “I don’t know what the students know, but they’ve probably looked at something in the world of physics and thought, ‘Well that’s cool. That could be a piece of art.’ I want to know about that!”

Another collaborative tactic of Bernard’s involves presenting problems for physics students and faculty to solve in the construction of her kinetic sculptures. Bernard does not always have the physics or engineering knowledge necessary to execute some of her more ambitious concepts.



Left page: “Dodecahedron” (encaustic on panel), part of Bernard’s *FIZIKS* series exhibited at UNE January 16-April 4, 2016

Above from left: Bernard addresses a photography class; one of Bernard’s weekly “Art Invasion” installations, created in collaboration with students on the Biddeford Campus compass



“I have sculptural ideas that are kinetic where I need to have a physicist give input,” says Bernard. “So I present my problem to them and say, ‘This is what I want to do, but I’m not sure how to do it or if it will work. Can you work with me on making this happen?’”

Because her work so deftly bridges the division between science and the arts, Bernard is the ideal candidate to kick off the new artist-in-residence initiative at UNE, a university often described as a health sciences institution with a liberal arts foundation.

Stephen Burt, M.F.A., the chair of the Creative and Fine Arts department at UNE, sees the artist-in-residence program as a tremendous opportunity to expand the footprint for the arts at UNE. “Already, I’m feeling optimistic about

“The arts are essential to everything, because they are the foundation for communication and the conveyance of ideas.”

— Stephen Burt

this whole enterprise because there’s so much interest,” he says. Burt also confirms that the Artist-in-Residence program will be ongoing, saying, “Each year we’re going to invite another

artist for a one-semester residency, probably in the fall. The president has set aside funds for at least five years’ investment in this idea.”

For Burt, the time is right to implement a program like this. “I think that UNE is at a point where we have to bridge these constructed divisions — which I don’t think really count for much, when it comes right down to it,” he says. “So much of the work that scientists do requires graphic design and artistic viewpoints to get their ideas across. Try to imagine studying anatomy without scientific illustration, and you’d be hard put to learn the material that you need to know. But we sort of separate these things and say, ‘Oh, that’s the sciences, and this is the arts’... Well the arts are essential to everything, because they are the foundation for communication and the conveyance of ideas. Whether it’s writing clearly about a subject or, say, presenting quantitative information in a way that’s intelligible to fellow researchers — all that stuff is essential to any discipline, but specifically to the sciences. Most scientists I know are very supportive of what we do here.”

As artist-in-residence, Bernard has a studio in a well-travelled area just off the Windward Café (Windward 103B) on UNE’s Biddeford Campus, with the same open-door policy that worked so well to encourage collaboration during her Harvard residency.

Asked to summarize her mandate at UNE, Bernard says, “What I’ll be doing here is engaging the community — meaning students, staff and faculty — in science-related art projects. This week I’ll be meeting with faculty who have expressed interest in working with me and having me come into their departments and coming up with projects to work on with their students.”

In addition to addressing faculty requests (which have come from across all disciplines and departments), Bernard is also busy drawing up art projects in which she hopes to engage students, including plans to construct a kinetic sculpture out of ocean debris; a multi-disciplinary scheme that involves the application of temporary henna tattoos; and a desire to learn how to surf as part of her ongoing study of the physics of waves.

The bottom line is that the artist-in-residence will be in high demand, extending her influence to virtually every corner of UNE. If it sounds like she’ll be impossible to find at any given time, Bernard says not to worry; she’s got that covered: “I might not always be in my studio, but on the door there’ll be a dry-erase board that says where you can find Kim, the artist-in-residence, today!”

For more information, and to see more examples of Bernard’s work, go to: www.kimbernard.com



Above clockwise from top left: Students use acorns to create an “Art Invasion” squirrel; Bernard applies a henna tattoo on a student’s arm, part of a cross-disciplinary project; “Inner Tube Ball” (recycled bicycle inner tubes), part of Bernard’s FIZIKS series exhibited at UNE January 16–April 4, 2016.



UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY RECEIVES NACDS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The University of New England's College of Pharmacy was awarded a 2016 National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation Scholarship for excellence in education. Chosen from a competitive pool of more than 40 applicants, UNE was one of only six schools to receive an education grant from the NACDS.

The scholarship was developed to provide accredited pharmacy schools with funding for projects designed to improve patient care. Applicants were selected on the basis of the programs offered, with an emphasis on innovative education and patient-centered coursework. The College of Pharmacy was chosen for its plan to address the prescription drug abuse epidemic and its devastating health consequences for patients in Maine. This strategy entails creating a continuing education curriculum for prescribers and pharmacists that increases the appropriate use of the state's Prescription Monitoring Program.

The NACDS Foundation Scholarship Program began in 1997 and has awarded more than \$3.75 million in scholarships for pharmacy education.

Above: Gayle Brazeau, Ph.D., dean of the College of Pharmacy, accepts the NACDS Foundation Scholarship.



UNE AWARDED A \$2.5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO IMPROVE RURAL MAINE HEALTH CARE

In July, UNE was awarded a five-year, \$2.5 million federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to partner with Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC) to transform the primary care workforce in rural and underserved Maine and improve health outcomes.

Over the course of the grant, a total of 255 UNE medical, physician assistant and pharmacy students will train together at PCHC, learning the skills needed for exemplary interprofessional, team-based care, plus complementary skills such as oral health knowledge, health literacy, and shared decision making with patients. UNE faculty will work onsite with 30 PCHC clinicians, preparing them to become clinical faculty for these new proficiencies.

"By building a pipeline between UNE and PCHC, the grant will also expand upon UNE's long history of providing health professionals across the state, especially to rural and underserved Maine," said Dora Anne Mills, M.D., M.P.H., UNE's vice president for Clinical Affairs, director of the Center for Excellence in Health Innovation, and the grant's principal investigator and chief author.

Above: UNE Rural Health Immersion students and faculty pose with legislators John Martin and Judy Paradis at the "America's First Mile" marker, designating the beginning (or end) of U.S. Route 1 in Fort Kent, Maine.



DEAN JEANNE HEY SHARES POLITICAL EXPERTISE ON WGME AFTER TRUMP CAMPAIGN RALLY

UNE College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jeanne Hey was interviewed live on WGME after Donald Trump's August 4, 2016, campaign rally in Portland, Maine. Hey was asked about Trump's claims that he could win all four of Maine's electoral votes.

"There is very little in either Maine's voting history or the current polling or the demographics of the state that would suggest he has a good chance of taking all four electoral votes," Hey said.

Before coming to UNE, Hey served as the director of International Studies and professor of political science at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. A graduate of Bucknell University, she earned a Ph.D. in political science from The Ohio State University.

Above from left: Jeanne Hey is interviewed live on WGME.



DENTAL STUDENTS FUNDRAISE FOR CAMBODIAN CHILDREN

Students from the One World Dental Association, a College of Dental Medicine organization, have completed their first year of philanthropic partnership with the Imagine Cambodia Foundation.

Chaired by Jon Ryder, D.D.S., M.S., dean of the College of Dental Medicine, the Imagine Cambodia Foundation provides financial, medical, emotional and educational support to impoverished, handicapped and abandoned children in Cambodia. Theary Leng, president of the organization, also assisted with the planning and execution of UNE's fundraising activities.

Through their efforts, the One World Dental Association students have worked to promote cultural interactions and unity at the campus-community level, while delivering hope and improving lives on a global level. Speaking about the group's accomplishments, Riddhi Daftary (CDM, '17) stated, "Our contribution will help provide a lifeline for kids across the globe."

Rebecca Filan (CDM, '17) continued, "In the coming year, we are looking forward to putting together fundraising events that impact populations here in Maine and beyond."

Above: UNE student and faculty members of the One World Dental Association with Theary Leng, president of Imagine Cambodia



"BELLS RING OUT AGAIN" FOR RENOVATED UNE ICON, ALUMNI HALL

On June 9, the University of New England celebrated the reopening of the Portland Campus' historic Alumni Hall building — 182 years to the day after it first opened in 1834.

The structure, which was the sole building on campus when UNE's predecessor Westbrook Seminary was established, has been renovated several times over the years. This most recent renovation began approximately fifteen months ago.

Originally referred to simply as "the Seminary Building," the Federal-style, two-story brick building was renamed Alumni Hall when it reopened after its first renovation, which was made possible by financial contributions from alumni. The tradition has endured, as once again, Westbrook alumni have been responsible for funding most of the current effort.

UNE President Danielle Ripich expressed deep gratitude to all who contributed to the project. "The doors of Alumni Hall have been closed since 2004," she said. "We are sincerely grateful to the former students of Westbrook College and Westbrook Junior College who have given so generously to keep a major piece of the university's history alive. I am extremely proud to proclaim that the bell of Alumni Hall will ring out again."

Above: The newly restored Alumni Hall bell tower



UNE'S MAKERSPACE FEATURED ON WCSH'S "207"

UNE's Makerspace, an innovative campus resource that serves as a laboratory for creation and building, was featured on WCSH's program "207" on May 16, 2016. The segment showcased student projects, such as a remotely operated vehicle designed to be used as an underwater drone. Explained the drone's creator, senior Matt Scheuer, "I grew up fishing and diving, and I needed something to check out dive sites before I went in."

The students' creations are designed with retail in mind. Scheuer said that while similar underwater drones often sell for more than \$10,000, he intends to market his for about \$1,500.

Bill Seretta, instructor of two courses that utilize the space, noted how quickly the idea of the Makerspace has taken off and said he hopes that within a year, the university can look at expanding the Makerspace from 1,000 square feet to 5,000 square feet. "We're just booked in this spot. It went from nothing to madness in a short period of time," he stated.

Above: Matt Scheuer explains his project to UNE President Danielle Ripich during her recent visit to the Makerspace. Scheuer was one of the students whose creations were highlighted on a recent episode of WCSH's "207" program.



PRESIDENT DANIELLE RIPICH HONORED BY MAINEBIZ AS BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

UNE President Danielle Ripich, was honored by the Maine business publication *Mainebiz* as a Business Leader of the Year in the nonprofit category at a reception held at the Portland Country Club on May 5, 2016.

Ripich was recognized for the international prominence that she has brought to UNE in the past decade through the addition of the university's College of Pharmacy, College of Dental Medicine, Oral Health Center and a new campus in Tangier, Morocco. The award also acknowledged her accomplishments in buoying the university's student population by 70 percent and increasing its operating surplus by \$127 million.

"She has set the pace for other universities," said *Mainebiz* editor Peter Van Allen, who presented Ripich with the award.

Upon accepting the award, Ripich credited the university's accomplishments to a board of trustees and a senior leadership team who support bold initiatives and who foster the vision central to UNE's success. "You have to have a vision," said Ripich, "and at UNE . . . we call it 'the deep water strategy.' We sail for the blue waters. We go after things."

Above: UNE President Danielle Ripich and MaineBiz editor Peter Van Allen



MEDIA OUTLETS SPOTLIGHT UNE'S FIRST ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE

UNE's first annual Day of Service, held April 9, was prominently featured in the news on WMTW Channel 8, was reported on by WGME Channel 13 news, and was highlighted by the *Journal Tribune*.

Event leaders coordinated scores of UNE students, faculty and staff at the Campus Center before dispersing them to 26 different volunteer sites in the Biddeford-Saco-Kennebunk area.

Sam McReynolds, Ph.D., professor and chair in the Department of Society, Culture and Languages and academic coordinator of the Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement; Theo Dunfey, director of community programs at UNE; and senior Sarah Hoover, an Applied Social and Cultural Studies major, were interviewed on live television several times throughout the morning prior to the event's kick off.

When asked by a WMTW reporter why she became involved in the UNE Day of Service, Hoover replied, "We have lots of different citizenship courses that are local and global, and we have lots of different community service organizations and clubs that are around campus, but we didn't have a day solely committed to just helping our community. So I decided to take on the project. I think it really encompasses UNE's mission."

Above: Matthew Organ (left) and Charlie Misenti perform spring clean-up at Clifford Park in Biddeford.



GEOFFREY BOVE PUBLISHES ARTICLE, RECEIVES GRANT

Geoffrey Bove, D.C., Ph.D., professor in UNE's Department of Biomedical Sciences in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, has published a research article in the *Journal of the Neurological Sciences* in collaboration with Mary Barbe, Ph.D., of Temple University School of Medicine. Bove and Barbe have also received a nearly \$2.4 million grant from the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health to continue their research.

In their research, the team used an animal model of carpal tunnel syndrome and cumulative trauma disorders to study the effectiveness of manual therapy in preventing the fibrosis and reduced function that occur as a consequence of overuse.

The study found that manual therapy applied in the early stages of the injury reduced inflammatory changes and fibrosis in the injured limb, and injured animals that received manual therapy were in less discomfort than injured animals that received no manual therapy.

Above: Geoffrey Bove



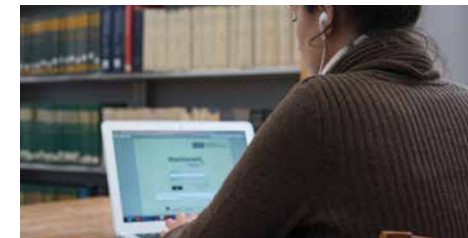
BRISTOL SEAFOOD DONATES \$10K TO MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH AT UNE

On June 8, 2016, Bristol Seafood, a leading seafood processor and distributor in Southern Maine, announced that its partners made a \$10,000 gift to the Center for Excellence in the Marine Sciences at the University of New England.

"We are pleased to have an opportunity to support the Center for Excellence in the Marine Sciences as it continues to help its students in the areas of ocean studies, marine conservation and restoration, marine entrepreneurship, and sustainable aquaculture and fisheries," said Peter Handy, president and CEO at Bristol.

"We are so grateful for this gift from Bristol and its partners," said Barry Costa-Pierce, Ph.D., Henry L. and Grace Doherty Professor of Marine Sciences and director of the Center for Excellence in the Marine Sciences at UNE. "These funds will be instrumental in helping our talented faculty, staff and students continue the research that will expand the marine economy both in Maine and around the globe."

Above: Fish tanks inside the UNE Marine Science Center



UNE'S PROGRAMS RANKED AMONG BEST ONLINE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

UNE's College of Graduate and Professional Studies and Westbrook College of Health Professions have been ranked among the best schools offering online programs for the Master of Social Work, Master of Public Health and Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degrees, according to *Affordable Colleges Online*.

Affordable Colleges Online provides reviews and rankings of top online colleges, universities and degree programs with the best combination of academic rigor, flexibility, support and affordability. Universities were scored based on the number of programs available, academic and career counseling services, job placement for graduates, and a calculation of the university's overall value.

"As prospective and current students select an institution to continue their graduate, online education, we know that return on investment is incredibly important to them," said Martha Wilson, Ph.D., dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and associate provost for Online Learning. "We are proud of the value that the programs at UNE Online hold for our graduates. This accolade reinforces the quality and rigor that we commit to in every offering within the online college, and we are proud to be recognized."

Above: UNE Online student logs in.



UNE HOSTS MEETING, PANEL DISCUSSION ON OPIOID CRISIS

On Thursday, May 19, 2016, UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine's Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition (CHCC) hosted "Collaboration and Action to Address Substance Abuse and the Opioid Crisis," a meeting and panel discussion about this public health crisis affecting people in York County and across the state.

Edward Bilsky, Ph.D., UNE vice president of Research and Scholarship, delivered the keynote address, explaining the neuroscience behind opioids and the relationship of the opioid system to chronic pain and addiction. The talk also addressed the stigma around those diseases and the need for prevention strategies and early access to treatment.

Bilsky's keynote address was followed by a lively discussion among City of Biddeford Mayor Alan Casavant, City of Saco Administrator Kevin Sutherland, Saco Chief of Police Bradley Paul, William Paterson of the Maine Opiate Collaborative, Kennebunk Police Chief Robert Mackenzie, Jim Godbout of the Rotary Club, Debora Erickson-Irons of the York District Public Health Council and Matthew Braun of Young People in Recovery. The panelists discussed the need for collaboration in combatting the opioid crisis and engaged in spirited dialogue with the audience about the steps needed to tackle this problem as a community.

Above: CHCC Director Sarah Breul

NOR'EASTER NEWS

BY CURT SMYTH

NEW WOMEN'S RUGBY VARSITY PROGRAM MAKES 'SCRUM'-PTIOUS HOME DEBUT

A sun-splashed Saturday in September was the backdrop for the inaugural women's rugby home match versus Harvard University, one of the world's most recognizable institutions of higher learning, whose athletics program is steeped in history and tradition.

A club program since 2012, the Nor'easters rugby squad made the speedy transition to an inter-collegiate varsity program for the 2016 season and made an impressive debut with a resounding 68-10 road triumph over Molloy College on Long Island in their initial contest. Before making the move to a varsity program, the Nor'easters enjoyed their share of success at the club level, winning the 2015 New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) Championship to earn a bid to the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) National Playoffs. UNE ended the 2015 club season ranked 16th in the nation.

The festivities on the morning of September 17 prior to the match with Harvard were befitting of a program's inaugural home match versus such an esteemed opponent. The University hosted a cookout and reception for the campus

community, as well as friends and neighbors of UNE. President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D., spoke at the event, as did head coach Ashley Potvin and assistant coach Patty Williams, who provided the guests with a primer on the sport of rugby.

Before the match began, President Ripich presided over the ceremonial first scrum between the two squads. Once the match was underway, a national women's rugby record crowd of more than 400 spectators were treated to some fast-paced and hard-hitting action. In addition to the standing-room-only crowd, the match was live-streamed to more than 200 viewers and covered by two local newspapers and a television station.

According to UNE Vice President of Student Engagement and Director of Athletics Jack McDonald, the day was a success in so many ways.

"Harvard coming to the University of New England for the first time elevated our inaugural varsity women's rugby game to a historic milestone for the entire UNE campus community," McDonald said. "Nor'easter Nation set a national attendance record for women's rugby, as well as impressed the team and coaches at Harvard. I could not be more grateful to all on campus who assisted in making this day a life-long memory for all who played and attended."



Above: Members of the new UNE women's varsity rugby team square off against their Harvard counterparts.
Right page: UNE President Danielle Ripich presides over the ceremonial first scrum.



Coach Potvin was equally impressed, saying, "Having such a big-name school like Harvard come to UNE for our home opening varsity match was exactly what we were looking for as a team. We learned so much from our experienced opponents and were thrilled with the events and fantastic coverage our team received. It was a great way to generate interest in our sport and an all-around great day for the rugby and the UNE community."

On October 14, the University of New England inducted its 12th Athletics Hall of Fame class and unveiled a new display for its Athletics Hall of Fame in the Harold Alfond Forum. The class is comprised of five individuals and one team: UNE President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D.; Karol L'Heureux, former director of Athletics and current women's volleyball coach; the 1964-65 St. Francis College men's soccer team; and former student-athletes Ron McCarthy '95, Christine Grillon WC '96 and Sean Melnick '02.

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Sean Melnick '02

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Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016 in front of the new Hall of Fame display



CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

HONORING A DEDICATED COACH WHO CHANGED LIVES

BY AMY HAILE



Paging through St. Francis College (SFC) and early University of New England yearbooks, one would probably describe Jim Beaudry as a jack-of-all-trades coach and administrator. In addition to being the school's athletic director, Beaudry can be seen in almost every sports team photo over his 21-year tenure, during which he served as coach for golf, soccer, cross country, hockey and basketball. If there was a vacancy in his coaching staff, Beaudry was there to fill it.

However, that description, alone, would minimize the lasting and defining impact Jim Beaudry had, and continues to have, on the students and alumni of St. Francis and UNE. Alumni routinely describe him as a father figure and as the reason they either came to college or stayed in college. Beaudry didn't use aggressive coaching tactics to drive his athletes. Instead, he held his student-athletes to high standards based on mutual respect, and because of that, he earned their loyalty.

"Coach Beaudry was an outstanding role model of gentlemanly behavior," said Peter Chavonelle '65. "As I grew as a coach and a person, his words inspired me throughout my life. For this, I am grateful."

Beaudry continues to be a force in the lives of his former students and athletes and keeps in touch with them through calls, letters and visits when they come to town. He describes the UNE-SFC Alumni Weekend as his third favorite family holiday after Christmas and Thanksgiving. As one of UNE's biggest fans, he still makes a difference on the sidelines. "No words can describe how much I loved seeing Coach Beaudry in the stands for our basketball games," said Kelly Coleman '15, a women's basketball standout who is currently pursuing her doctorate in physical therapy at UNE. "He was a fixture: same seat on the bleachers along the baseline, game in and game out. His support, words of advice and high fives after the games meant more to me than he'll ever know."

It is Beaudry's profound influence on the St. Francis and UNE community that moved Jack Cloonan '71 and Tim Lenehan '71 to spearhead a fundraising effort to endow the James A. Beaudry Scholarship Fund, in celebration of their 45th Reunion, with a class gift of \$25,000. As they were trying to think of what would inspire and rally their class together, naming a scholarship for Jim Beaudry became the obvious answer.

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— Peter Chavonelle

"Whenever a group of us are together, stories about Mr. Beaudry always come up, how he 'saved my life' or 'pointed me in the right direction,'" says Lenehan. "He taught students to respect each other, to respect the game and, most importantly, to respect and appreciate what they had at SFC." Cloonan agrees: "Coach Beaudry inspired student athletes on and off the field. He continues to inspire all who meet him. He truly is a member of the greatest generation."

Cloonan and Lenehan started with their own classmates to reach the initial \$25,000. However, as news of the scholarship traveled, more alumni have asked to participate, wanting to donate in honor of the man who had given them so much. The goal for the fund is now \$50,000, and Cloonan and Lenehan are confident it will



continue to grow. When asked to describe his feelings about the scholarship, Beaudry was a bit overwhelmed. "My family and I feel quite honored and pleased," he said.

"Jim Beaudry has made a significant difference in the lives of generations of students," said President Danielle Ripich. "A scholarship that will live on forever in his name that supports the students he loves is the best way to honor his legacy at St. Francis College and UNE."

CAPTIONS

Left page: Jim Beaudry

Above: Jim Cloonan '71 (left) and Tim Lenehan '71 (right) flank beloved coach Jim Beaudry (center).

The UNE-SFC Alumni Weekend was held October 14-15 on UNE's Biddeford Campus. Nearly 400 alumni and guests enjoyed sunny weather and fall foliage, as well as the cookout, tours and athletics games. Reunion classes hosted special events, including a reception with President Danielle Ripich for the 50th Reunion and a dinner honoring Jim Beaudry and celebrating the creation of the James A. Beaudry Scholarship hosted by the Class of 1971. Nicholas Fagnoli '66 received the Alumni Achievement Award; Jim Norwood '66 and Bob Occhialini '66 received Alumni Service Awards; Patrick MacConnell '01, MSOT '02 received the Young Alumni Award; and Ted DiPadova was recognized as an Honorary Alumnus.

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Georgette Sutton HA '02 and Patrick Kirby '66 share a laugh at the reception at the President's House.

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Amy Luginbuhl '11, Rick Forest '70, Samantha Herard-Barrette '11, Ashley D. Scibisz '11 and John McDonald '66 love hanging out together on the banks of the Saco!

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Kathleen Oskandy MacConnell '00, MSOT '01 and Young Alumni Award winner Patrick MacConnell '01, MSOT '02 with President Danielle Ripich

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Jim McGrath '66 and the Class of 1966 at their graduation 50 years ago





Welcome SFC Class of 1966



CLASS OF 1966
 Front Row, Left to Right: Alvin A. Mariani, Terry C. Pellegrini, Robert T. Freeman.
 First Row: Joseph P. Coughlin, Louis J. George, Mark B. Ducharme, John A. Brady, Jr., Brendan J. Healy, Angelo N. Fergoli, Jr., James E. Melanson, James R. O'Brien, Frank J. Bonomo, Anthony T. Trainor, James L. Pierce, Kenneth DesSantos, Ronald A. Ryan, Peter F. Call, Richard J. Heister, Arthur M. Bowler, Donald E. Quibetto, Edward J. Doucis, Raymond D. Deane.
 Second Row: Joseph J. Savoini, Edward T. Burke, Thomas J. Friel, Charles J. Barrett, Albert O. Crotessa, John R. MacDonald, Jr., Edward J. Cervo, Jr., Diego L. Elvick, Joseph J. Abrigo, Ronald A. Houde, William J. Jerram, Richard R. DiVicino, Robert R. DeChialini.
 Third Row: Matthew J. Sabino, Joseph N. Sekera, David L. Phillips, P. Michael Ballargeon, George S. Meslia, James F. Coughlin, Jr., Fred M. Holcombe, Michael P. Donohue, William J. Watson, George J. MacDonald, Charles R. Vandeventer, Thomas L. MacDonogh, Dominick F. Jerome, Joseph M. Austin, Joseph H. Anderson.
 Fourth Row: Norbert J. Pinard, Roger M. Normand, Gaetano F. Santa Lucia, Paul A. Bartlewski, James P. Bagroschi, Matthew R. Kozlowski, Peter F. Grice, Brian L. Flauki, Patrick Kirby, Thomas L. Moriarty, James H. McGrath, George B. Rost, James C. Norwood, Jr., James J. Hayes, Paul E. Bergeron, Charles S. Welch, Edward L. Moreno.

CLASS

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CLASS NOTES EDITOR: AMY HAILE
PLEASE LIMIT SUBMISSIONS
TO 75 WORDS OR LESS.
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FOR LENGTH AND CLARITY.

1939

Bella Rolnick Cowan writes, "My class of 1939 is probably the oldest of Westbrook College. **Wilma Additon Bradford** and I were the only alumna at our 75th reunion. I'll be 97 in October 2016 — I still do everything I've always done. I ran a business in Saco until I was 89 and miss seeing lots of people. My car has 210,000 miles! I do have a two-word motto: 'Force yourself!'"

1941

Antoinette Cassavola Going writes, "I am doing well (as can be expected of a 95-year-old!) and am still living independently with friends and family still in the area. I regret I was unable to attend the Class of '41 75th reunion in June, but still have fond memories of our 70th reunion and seeing a few of my classmates! When driving by Westbrook College, it is amazing how the campus has expanded — but still a beautiful campus with new buildings. Best wishes to my fellow alumni of '41!"

1943

Leah Kaatz Cohen writes, "I have completely lost touch with classmates

of 1941–1943. I have no idea who is still around. I am well and have children and grandchildren in the area."

Marion Johnson Jenkins writes, "Moved from Cape Cod and am now living in Stuart, Florida. Been living here for thirty years but return to the Cape for summer visits. Have four daughters and 17 grandchildren counting eight great-grandchildren. Before moving I worked at Bourne Junior High and enjoyed working around young students. Enjoying life and visits from family, this is a great community to retire, many activities to help keep us 'young.' Am thankful for my health, 93 and still with it! Am happy to hear how the school has grown into a University. Wish the best for years ahead."

Marie Beatteay Patrick writes, "I spent one very happy year at Westbrook as a required year for my entrance to Chamberlin in Boston. Canada was at war which made me interesting to the other students, but I remember the Sunday morning in my room — the first room at the top of the stairs in Hersey Hall — when word came that the Japanese had bombed the USA, which was not at war. I had a wonderful year, was class president, sang in the church choir, travelled with the choir and became friends with many young

women. I am now 92 and recently sold my home and car and moved into a retirement home, and memories like this are wonderful. I have wonderful memories of Portland, Westbrook and a number of great women. Thank you!"

1944

Eleanor Deering Jessum writes, "My grandson, Ryan, moved to Orlando from Pennsylvania for an advancement in his company. He has three children and of course the grandparents can't be far away so, therefore, my son has a second house in Orlando, Florida. I have six great-grandchildren now. As to my life: I am busy trying to finish building my house which I started in 1975. Also busy landscaping in summer, board member of snow sports of Pennsylvania which is gathering the history of winter sports in Pennsylvania and also a Hall of Fame (into which I was inducted in 2006). I tried to resign, I feel they need a younger person but they refused my resignation saying I was the only one who remembered everything. I am lucky to have total recall on events and corrections. I don't bother with dates. In 2012 I had three bypasses and it has given me a new release on life. I keep marking places as though I'll live forever. God bless you all!"

Ursula Ulpts Sanks writes, "Thank you and may God bless."

1946

Lydia Backer LaFleur writes, "I have a blog on which I put postings about my experiences in aging called: 'Still Upright (Sort of).' [stillupright.wordpress.com] I have very happy memories of my two years at Westbrook Junior College."

1947

My eight grandchildren who have been 'my life.'

Verna O'Brien Bent writes, "Life is good. I trained as a Med. Tech. at the Mary Hitchcock Hospital and worked there three years and for one year as assistant to the Biochemistry professor at Dartmouth Medical School. I married John Bent in 1952. We have three daughters. My husband died an early death at age 51 — a sudden-death heart attack. I have lived on my own since. Still closely involved with my

three daughters and the eight grandchildren they provided for me. I turned 89 years old in April, so I am now working on my 90th. I am reasonably healthy, so... we will see! Regards to the classmates."

Arietta Kempton Van Arsdale writes, "Still in my home of 34 years. My husband Jim died in 2005. Since his death, I have played bridge twice a week, and am active in the Red Mill Museum. I have five grandchildren in their late 20s and early 30s. They are scattered around the country."

1949

Betty Mayo Ten Eyck writes, "We were up in Maine several weeks ago with our oldest son 'Sandy,' aka John Caspole, Jr. We had my former husband (John Sr.) and me along with my daughter-in-law Linda. We visited many places, Portland, Camden, and best of all, Camp Tanglewood! What wonderful memories I have. John and I were reunited two years ago and both of us are doing well."

Jane Lewis Gleason writes, "Hi gals, hope all is well with our great '49ers. We did not have our usual spring mini-reunion but will do it in September,

so stay tuned. Always fun to gather here in Portland for lunch and perhaps visit the newly renovated Alumni Hall on campus! I became a great-grandma this year — a real cutie born to my daughter's (**Amy Gleason Henkes '80**) son and his wife. They are living in Stoney Brook, Long Island where he has a professorship. I had a total knee replacement in May with complications, but am getting back to normal now — no fun! Our sad class news is that we lost **Ardeth Meserve Harmon** ('Sunny') in May — she was our President for many years and loved Westbrook. Happy Fall and see you soon! Hugs!"

Margaret Smith Goode writes, "In June I was able to share in the excitement of the reopening celebration of Alumni Hall! You wouldn't believe this is the same red brick building that in our time was used for chapel services, Masque and Candle performances, classrooms, science labs, typing rooms and in the basement, a Day Student lounge. The restoration of the building is breathtaking and represents the architectural style of 1834, the year it was built. The interior now includes an attractive study lounge, updated classrooms and administrative offices. It is a real jewel and I hope you will all have the opportunity to see it for yourselves. You won't be disappointed! I continue to enjoy retirement and the

opportunity to reconnect with friends and activities I had neglected when I was working. Thankfully, my children are all doing well. Several of the grandchildren are now approaching adulthood. My oldest granddaughter graduated college last year and is now a teacher in Framingham, Massachusetts. Three other grands are in college, all in New England which is a plus. I'm looking forward to next week when we will all gather for our annual week's vacation in Maine. Sadly I need to report the death of two classmates who have died in recent months. **Anna Biggs Pierce** ('Biggsie') died June 24, 2016. Although we hadn't seen Biggsie in recent years, she once served as a class officer and attended several reunions. Biggsie and her husband Dave had been living in Fall River, Massachusetts and formerly in Barrington, Rhode Island. **Ardeth Meserve Harmon** ('Sunny') died May 26, 2016. Sunny was a loyal and active member of the class of 1949 from graduation day until the day she died. She served as class president for several years and I don't believe she missed a single class reunion. We miss you Sunny and will continue to miss you especially as we gather at reunions and mini-reunions in the future."

Norma Sorli Gormley writes, "In May, **Phyllis Galanto Hawkes** came to Burlington and we enjoyed lunch at Legal Seafood. It was good to catch up on news of our families. I am thankful to be spending another summer at Franklin Pierce Lake in New Hampshire."

Caroline Chapman Hills writes, "I have just gotten back from a wonderful two weeks in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where I stayed with my youngest daughter and enjoyed having time with her two granddaughters (two and four years old — my two great-granddaughters). I also visited my son and daughter-in-law and their son and daughter-in-law and their three girls (my great-granddaughters, ages ten, four, and a baby just a little over one year. I am so blessed to have so many wonderful children and their spouses. I am doing well and still volunteering at the nearby hospital one day a week. Hope this finds you all well and able too."

Martha Coe Ritchie writes, "Summer is family time at the old homestead. What a beautiful summer it has been, and as exhausting as it may be, I welcome the accidental convergence of all four of my girls with their offspring. We've discovered the simplicity of not planning. I look forward to a class or two at USM this fall. They always offer a number of

subjects I know nothing about! Also, I'll be back to playing bridge — someday I may learn how to bid. In the meantime, I'll muddle along."

1951

Beverly Finney Aker writes, "My life remains very comfortable. I do a lot of knitting of shawls for church and work on elections. My grandchildren are active and I enjoy them. I have six great-grandchildren but they live in Michigan. Good luck to all. I was the only attendee at our 65th reunion. I missed you ladies!"

Shirley Powell Prouty writes, "I lost my husband on the eve of our 63rd wedding anniversary, the same man who came to see me almost every weekend at WJC. We had a wonderful life together. Our family of four here on Cape Cod, Massachusetts all seem successful in their chosen fields — a banquet chef, accountant and photographer, a percussionist in NYC, and a chef like his dad. I am very proud of each and their accomplishments. I am also very proud of the book I wrote finding its way to three copies in the Smithsonian and one in the Maine Women's Writers Collection."

1952

Berdine Tracy McCord writes, "I'm still in touch with **Marion Merritt Buchmann '52**, **Mary Stroud Redman '52** and **Phyllis Hitchcock Pawson '52**. I'm enjoying some day trips and recently saw Samson at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania."

1953

Barbara Laird Fales writes, "Still going strong, active and in 'pretty' good shape for the shape I'm in. Best wishes to all in the class of '53!"



Luisa Kreis writes, "I'm currently involved with doing over my kitchen. Since I love doing over houses (this is my eighth one and my last) this is still a labor of love for me. Still painting, with an exhibit at the Essex Art Association, and always involved with volunteer work, the Beach Club and the Essex Yacht Club. My three daughters all live

in Virginia. One is involved with Historic Preservation, one places foreign students in local schools and one is an emergency room doctor. I have five grandchildren. We just came back from Ottawa, Canada to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of my great-great-great-grandfather, whose name was Nicholas Sparks. He came from Ireland as a poor emigrant and was so successful that he ended up buying all of downtown Ottawa. 120 descendants showed up, with one from as far away as Australia. Bagpipers and Mounties galore and I met so many of my cousins for the first time. Ottawa is such a beautiful city."

1957

Linda Armstrong Sirois writes, "My husband, Rod and I moved to this Erickson Retirement Community in Hingham in 2008 to be closer to our daughter and son-in-law who live in Medford, Massachusetts. Rod was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2008 while we were living in Bow, New Hampshire. Rod passed away peacefully on June 13, 2016. It's been a long journey and long goodbye. A celebration of Rod's life was held on July 9, 2016. I was with Rod every day!"

1958

Barbara Jean Snider writes, "Still live in the High Desert of Southern California — I love it! Have a wonderful companion and we enjoy our zoo: horse, mammoth donkey, two dogs, and three cats. I love my precious granddaughters, Makena, 18, and Peyton, 18 months. I visit Texas as much as I can. Thankful for good health and good friends."

1960



Members of the Class of 1960 gather in Newburyport, Massachusetts for lunch. L to R: **Gertrude DeRice DiFilippo**, **Judith A. Spurr**, **Elizabeth Clarke Flaherty**, **Priscilla Morrison McGarry**, **Sheila Taylor Jones**, **Barbara Banks Pittcairn**, **Nancy R. Foster**, **Martha Herald Banfield**, **Cynthia Janis Northgraves**, **Gail Bonzagni Marmaer**.

Joan E. Landers writes, "Not much to report here as much hasn't changed. Unfortunately over the past four years, I've been unable to drive, due to a neurological problem called 'foot drop,' meaning I can't find the brake

pedal with my right foot. Even with that, I have been able to get to Rock & Gem club meetings, with a friend picking me up. Joined Facebook in January 2016. Get to New Jersey two times a year to see my youngest sister and family. My middle sister-in-law comes east from Colorado each year to visit. Perhaps a sisters trip this summer, we'll see."

1961

Edward Bonville writes, "My wife Jean and I have been retired for several years. We are fortunate to be able to spend summers in Maine and winters in Florida where we occasionally meet former SFC classmates **Michael E. Baker '62** and **Daniel F. Keohane '63** and their wives. Since retirement we've been able to visit all of the United States save for Nebraska and Iowa. For a number of years I worked as treasurer of the Northeast Harbor Library and as a member of the scholarship committee. I also served as trustee of the Mt. Desert Island High School."

Marion R. Peterson writes, "My new civil interest is acting as an adversary of our pharmaceutical industry and of the Food and Drug Administration that continually increases their negative control over our health care system. In

this regard, I designed the background for my printed personal checks in hope to educate recipients of some chemical toxins we are all exposed to."

1963

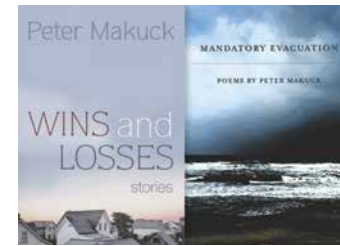


William C. Ayer, MS writes, "I have attached a family photo of our immediate family. On the left is myself, and to my left is my wife, Sharan Ayer. After graduation from St. Francis as the first Biology major, I went on to the University of Maine at Orono, and completed a Master of Science degree in Zoology with a specialty in Fisheries Science. I worked for six years in the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game as a Marine Biologist, and in 1973 moved with Sharan and our son, Christopher to New Brunswick, Canada, where I began work as an Environmental Manager in a brand new Department of the Environment. Sharan, Christopher and I are now all dual citizens of the US and Canada. I married Sharan in 1966

in Rumford, Maine, Sharan's home town. I worked until 2002 with the N.B. Department of the Environment when I retired. Sharan followed up a degree from Ohio University in Speech Therapy in 1964, with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Intervention from the University of New Brunswick in 1992. Sharan retired from her work with non-profit socially oriented agencies in 2003. From 1963 to 1994, I served in the Armed Forces of the United States, originally as a member of the Maine Army National Guard, and I retired in 1994 as a full Commander in the United States Coast Guard Reserve. I completed my military service career as the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Reserve Forces at Coast Guard Group Southwest Harbor, overseeing units from Rockland to Eastport, Maine. Chris studied music, specifically the clarinet, at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Music, followed by a Master's Degree in Music from the New England Conservatory in Boston. Chris completed his studies in music with a Doctoral Degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1995. He has taught at Eastern New Mexico State University, and is now a full professor at Stephen F. Austin

University in Texas. His wife Kae, has degrees from Universities in Japan in piano, and recently completed a Doctoral degree at the University of Texas. She now teaches in the Music Department at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. They perform frequently all over the world and have a professional duo, "Duo Karudan". Mia is in the center of the photo. In June she graduated from Midway High School in Waco. Sharan and I have also celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Sharan and I are both presently active in our community in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Mia has been accepted to study at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana in the fall."

Daniel F. Keohane writes, "It is difficult to believe but I am getting ready for my 15th year as a member of the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement (HILR). Regretfully I am no longer teaching due to my wife Anne's illness, but I will be taking courses on Mao and Genghis Khan this coming semester. Love that history! Anne and I are also in the planning stage for our 55th Wedding Anniversary next year, with the current plan to take our kids and grandkids on an Alaskan Cruise!"



Peter L. Makuck writes, "*Mandatory Evacuation* is my sixth volume of poems and will be released by my longtime publishers BOA Editions, Ltd. Interestingly, BOA was founded by Alfred M. Poulin, Jr. '60, who also taught at St. Francis for a number of years. My second book is *Wins and Losses*, my fourth collection of short stories, and will be published by Syracuse University Press. Having two books come out in one year is a first for me, and a bit crazy, but I didn't plan it that way!"

Bette Jane Swett Thibeault writes, "I am pleased to report that I am still employed with my Fit For Excellence Business, working with clients in many modalities of care, along with some Personal Training clients. After 15 years, I became certified again by Irlen Boston to do Irlen Screening for the perceptual brain issue which keeps many adults from reading and deal with many other physical issues to try to perform at their best. I am considered a Senior Irlen

Screeener, most appropriate for the age I find myself. My grandchildren are gifts, offering many events to attend, games to play, and conversations that keep me up-to-date for this young generation. My children, likewise, are well and happy, another gift to be grateful about these days. I am planning another trip for 2016 or 2018 to Cuba. I thought it would be an exciting adventure, similar to my first 1968 journey in Europe for three months! Lastly, I attended the President's Gala for the re-opening of Alumni Hall, where I had blood taken from the Med Tech students, and played duets on the piano with friends in the Day Student Lounge. The restoration of this historic building is well worth a trip. It is beautiful, peaceful feeling, a breath of the past that is easily taken in. I hope that my classmates are well and enjoying life as much as I have and do."

1965

Jean Crandlemire Hogan writes, "I have been retired from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for nine years. Enjoying retirement in my home town of Vanceboro, Maine. But I know that we will have to move closer to medical facilities in a while so our property is for sale. Our two sons and

their families live in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Our granddaughter and her daughter live in Bangor, Maine. I visited with **Yvonne Whiting Goodman** in Portland, Oregon on an Eastern Star trip in July 2014."

1966

Priscilla MacLean Madore writes, "I am married with four grown children and eight grandchildren. I enjoy quilting and penny rug applique, walking with friends, and doing aqua fitness at Guest Fitness in Kennebunk. Until five years ago I used my medical secretary training. Great education here at WJC."

Judith Melvin Mick writes, "Mahalo for the great memories. Aloha."

Helen St. Clair Schwartz writes, "Hope everyone enjoyed our Reunion in June. We would love to be there. Marty was diagnosed with brain cancer in August 2014. He is doing well but experiences fatigue. Our three children still live in California, Montana, and Washington, but our son and his family in Washington moved to Wisconsin in June!"

1967

Patricia Kimball Cyr writes, "Jim and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in December of 2017. We have lived in eight states, 13 homes, and have been in Orlando for 12 years now. We have twin girls, who live in Orlando and Destin with our granddaughter Lia, age 11, and Alex, age 9. I retired from dental hygiene years ago when we left for England. Jim was a shoe representative for 4 different companies over 32 years. He has owned a small company here for the last 12 years, retiring next year. We have traveled extensively and are excited Florida State University football fans. Our daughters are FSU alumnae. We return to Maine every few years to see family and friends there. We still love Maine!"

John A. Deering writes, "Congratulations to the SFC Varsity Soccer Team 64-65 to be inducted in to the Varsity Club Hall of Fame 2016! Enjoying retirement from the US Government. Looking forward to 2017, boys. 50th Reunion for the Class of 1967 at SFC (UNE)!!"

Barbara Morris Zelenka writes, "Two years ago I retired and love it. Another big item for me is my new garage and breezeway which connects to my kitchen. I have wanted a garage for many years.

My architect daughter was the designer. Mom passed away a year ago. She never got to meet my last grandchild. Elena was born two weeks after her death.

That gives me seven grandchildren and I adore all of them. When **Andrea Staples Abbott** comes back to Maine each Summer, we make sure we get together."

1968



Joseph J. Valenza, Ph.D. writes, "A British contingent under the leadership of Capt. Dr. Richard Vines landed in 1616 at present day Biddeford Pool. In the course of a reenactment to commemorate the 400th anniversary of that landing, I played the role of Dr. Vines, and was greeted by Coach Beaudry during the local 4th of July celebration."

1969

Lynne Gardner Bradford writes, "I am a very busy 'Mimi' to my six grandchildren. My Mom is 93 and lives in assisted living nearby. Winter in Venice, Florida and love being home on Mount Desert Island playing pickle ball!"

Father John W. Grennon was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was raised in South Hadley. In 1969, Father John received his B.A. in French from St. Francis College. Later he received a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Shortly after he obtained his MAT, Father John started his career as a Financial Assistance Worker (FAW) at the Welfare Office in Springfield. Father John served in this position for 15 years. Due to the large number of Puerto Rican applicants, he thought it would be a worthwhile endeavor to learn Spanish. To that end, he enrolled into the Springfield Technical Community College. Father John made a most significant 'career change' when he entered the Discalced Carmelite Order. His decision to join the Carmelites was affirmed when he had the opportunity to become reacquainted with his long-time friend **Father Paul Fohlin '67, O.C.D.** He had not seen Father Paul in 20 years. What impressed Father John was the

fact that Father Paul was still in love with his vocation. Even more impressive was the fact that Father Paul had entered at a time when most priests and religious were leaving. Father John made his first Simple Vows in May, 1991 — 25 years ago. He then went on to the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. where he received a Master of Divinity (M. Div.). Father John made his Solemn Vows in 1996. Shortly thereafter, Father John was ordained as a transitional deacon. Finally, in 1997 he was ordained a priest. For most of his years as a priest, Father John has been assigned to the Basilica National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Hubertus, Wisconsin. For nine years, Father John served as the provincial delegate to the Secular Discalced Carmelites for the Midwest Region. Although no longer in that capacity, Father John spends much of his time in Shrine Ministry and providing spiritual direction. As far as the secular world is concerned, Father John is technically retired. As a religious, however, he still exercises fully his ministry as a priest and religious. Father John's Commitment to his devotion to Christ is best summed up by one of his brothers who once told him: 'Our retirement party is our Requiem Mass.'

Jennifer Briggs Hargreaves writes, "We have been traveling a lot this past year. My husband is National Vice Commander for the American Legion. We met some great people. Still getting used to retirement and living on the coast of Maine. Would love to hear from the old Melville group, especially **Judith Conway Molt**. Till next year!"



Michael S. Horne writes, "After 42 years as a teacher/coach I retired as the Athletic Director at Mashpee High School in Massachusetts. I was honored to have the football stadium named after me: Michael S. Horne Stadium. I have three grandchildren ages 16, 14, and 10. I live on Cape Cod with my significant other Helen Lentell."

Albert P. Latini writes, "Still fully retired and doing much volunteering at a local hospital gift shop and at the local Catholic Charities office. My health has been fairly good for a 70-year-old body. This year was my 9th anniversary as a prostate cancer survivor and no recurrence has occurred at all. Thanks be to God! Best regards!"

Susan B. Libby writes, "So, there I was, minding my own business, flipping through a luncheon napkin bin at The Christmas Tree Shop's South Portland store when I heard a gal talking with her husband. I knew that voice! It was **Sarah McCue Maloney**. What were the chances? She and Mike live in Clearwater, Florida and visit Maine annually. She hopes to make it to our 50th Reunion which is coming up in three years. **Christine Clark Morrison** retired after 45 years in the nursing profession, 35 years of which she worked at the University of Virginia where she had a grand send-off from family and professional colleagues. Since then, she's found retirement fulfilling and is keeping very busy with family, travel, golf, gardening and horseback riding which is a new skill she's acquired. She plans to keep Charlottesville as her home base while she travels, which frequently includes visits to Cape Cod to see family and classmate **Ann Poskitt Knell**. **Barbara Milhender** and husband Glen Doherty are both happily retired. They spend their days gardening, birding at Parker River Wildlife Refuge and traveling. Barbara spent her work career as a corporate travel agent. This summer, they enjoyed sailing on the Norway Mail Cruise and being above the arctic

circle once again. They built their Newbury home 28 years ago and love living in the country among their owls, hummingbirds, coyotes, turkeys, deer, fisher cats and other visitors. They enjoy hiking and biking around the North Shore of Massachusetts. Barbara's camera is never far away. She is an active volunteer on the 'mail team' at Essex County Green Belt in the Essex, Massachusetts Cox Reservation. She also volunteers for Massachusetts Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center. While they don't have children, they do have one very shy, young black indoor cat. **Ellen Zeldner Bramson** and husband, Mark, will celebrate their 47th anniversary in October. They enjoy life just north of San Diego, California. They live close to the Pacific and appreciate the year-round sunshine and warm weather. They continue their volunteer commitment at the Marine base Camp Pendleton and at the Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms. Ellen, along with four other ladies, created a group called Military Showers of Support (MSOS) who put on baby showers for young Marine Moms, providing each with a large basket of new baby clothing and other necessities. This year, Ellen and the other ladies will help approximately 300 new Marine Moms. Ellen and Mark also

enjoy traveling within the US as well as abroad, having just returned from an extended trip to Iceland. They enjoy scuba diving and will be making their 9th trip to Paulau, Micronesia in 2017. While I have enjoyed my roles as class President and Secretary, I need to step down from responsibilities related to these positions. As I wrote last year in this column, neither job is taxing nor time-consuming. Everything is done electronically; you don't have to travel to Maine or attend any meetings, etc. Please email me at susan.libby5@gmail.com or Codi Riley in the Office of Alumni Advancement at criley@une.edu (207-221-4377) if you are willing to take over the helm of these tasks!"

John W. Little writes, "I am enjoying retirement in the Pacific Northwest. It may rain a lot, but at least I don't have to shovel it. After 27 years in the upper Midwest, I would gladly trade 25 degrees below zero and three feet of snow for 40 degrees and drizzle. I get to use my sailboat all year round. I love to sail in the San Juan Islands and up the inside passage between Seattle's Puget Sound and SE Alaska. The scenery is incredibly beautiful. I extend my warmest regards to all my friends at SFC."



Brian M. Walsh visited with **Joseph F. Adams, Jr.** at Lake St. Catherine in Vermont this July. **William F. Murphy** is still enjoying a motorized life with his dune buggy and motorcycle. He did a 1190-mile three-day trip in California this summer. (He did not mention how long it took to recover.) **James T. Christian** has been laid up after having some repair work on a knee. He is still able to get to the beach behind his home in South Carolina.

1971

Robin Pearson Cogan writes, "Last year, sold the family home and moved to South Carolina during the February blizzard. We return to Massachusetts for the summer to our cottage on Little Neck in Ipswich. Liking this 'snow bird' life. Children are grown: son Jeremy and wife and two granddaughters live in Carlsbad, California, and daughter Katie and husband live in Bedford, New Hampshire with two girls and one boy. Playing golf, painting, boating,

gardening, typical retiree stuff. Have a new puppy — I forgot what those 2 a.m. outings were like, but she is an invigorating addition to our family.”

William J. Colombo and **Mary Devaney Colombo '72, Ed.D.** write, “We’ve lived in Kennebunk almost eight years and love being here in all seasons (with occasional short breaks in the south during the winter). Our son, daughter-in-law, and six-year-old grandson relocated here a few years ago, which made us very happy. We’d both love to hear from classmates via email, phone, Facebook, or LinkedIn.”

Deirdre Donaghue Gilbert writes, “Enjoying two grandsons, six and three, with daughter and son-in-law 18 minutes away. Oldest daughter and fiancé are in Red Hook, New York and my 27-year-old youngest daughter lives and works in Montreal as a dual citizen. Not ready to retire yet! Working for the Department of Public Health in Connecticut, licensing and investigating complaints with Methadone Clinics, Substance Abuse and Mental Illness. With the horrific exacerbation of heroin abuse across all socio-economic groups, my days fly by and I still have much to contribute. Thanks to Westbrook College for my educational beginning.”

Holly Bishop Howland writes, “Our 45th reunion was held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 on a beautiful day that was celebrated by many of us from our class. Our own **Shelley Weinrieb Amster '71, '73** received the Tower Award for Alumni Achievement. What an honor it was to see our own classmate receive this high award. Many of us toured the renovated Alumni Hall and I had a delicious lunch in the cafeteria. The college provided afternoon lectures and spa treatments, as well as tours of the campus. Believe me when I say it is an incredible change since we graduated. We had a wonderful lobster dinner and plenty of dancing that night on campus. Many of us stayed in a local motel and gathered for breakfast the next morning before we headed our separate ways. The turnout included about 16 of us but I heard from many who were unable to attend. **Peg Mueller-Shore '71, '73** has decided to pass the gavel on to our new President, **Joanna Bourque Koharian**. Shelley and **Anita Woolley Nickulas** will be reunion chairs. Class agent will be **Linda Foster Blomquist** along with **Janice Leach McKay**. **Holly Bishop Howland** will continue to be class secretary. **Penelope Canfield Jessop** has accepted a role with the Alumni Board of Directors. There are a few of

us who get together several times a year. Included are, **Joan Gibson Aseltine** who is now a grandmother of two boys and loves babysitting a few days a week. She and husband, Rick, sold their house in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts and are now living in New London, New Hampshire. Now that **Sherilyn N. Higgins** in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and **Sharon Goodell Anderson** in Brockton, Massachusetts are both retired, they have found traveling together great fun. They have been to Australia and South Africa and all over the US. **Tina Segalla Grant** lives in Brookfield, Connecticut and is now retired from her years in Guidance and Counseling. She left Choate-Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut in 2015. She and Larry are able to travel to Florida several times a year to see their daughter, Missy. In early Augusta, Tina, Sheri, and Sharon were able to come for a few days up to my cottage on Damariscotta Lake in Jefferson, Maine. We invited Linda Foster Blomquist and Penny Jessop for the day for a mini-reunion since they both live nearby. Great fun and many laughs! Linda is enjoying her new grandson and Penny just retired from teaching which may be a big adjustment come September. Mark and I do our best to spend every weekend on the

lake in Maine from mid-April to mid-October. I am still working in a dental office in Hampden, Massachusetts four days a week. Mark is manager of the Renovation Division at McCormick Allum Co. in Springfield, Massachusetts. Both our sons, Mark and Michael work there as well. Daughter Melanie is at Riverbend Medical in Springfield as a Business/Referral agent. There is finally going to be a wedding next spring for our son Mark who will be married up in Maine. Our 50th reunion is just a few years away, so plan now!!”

Penelope Canfield Jessop writes, “I’ve just wrapped up 25 fabulous years with public school first graders, and am about to begin a monthly program at our local library as ‘The Nature Lady.’ The concept of retirement hasn’t set in, as there are so many projects I want to take on, now that I have a flexible schedule. It was wonderful to reconnect with so many old friends at our reunion, and I look forward to working with the Westbrook College Alumni Board of Directors.”

George M. Kudlacik writes, “I retired July 1st as Director of Corporate Sales for FedEx after 41 years in transportation. Looking forward to the Betye Dyjak Memorial Golf outing in September as well as our 45th alumni reunion in October. We became grandparents on

July 29th with Alison and Chris (Madeline Leigh) and 2nd time July 31st with Michael and Devon (Benjamin Asher). It’s been quite the summer.”

1972

Valerie Rawson Alfano writes, “I reconnected with my roommate **Denise Hill Smart** this past winter. Had a blast catching up. We’re still hoping to reconnect with **Anne Wegener Brunner** and Kim Schomann. Busy with retirement, traveling, taking care of my mom who is 92 and doing well. My daughter Beverly had a baby girl in April. Love staying connected on Facebook with **Elaine Halberg Hall '71.**”

Hope E. Creighton writes, “Still working two days a week in Camden. Doing photography as a fun hobby and looking forward to going to Machias Seal Island in July to Photograph the nesting puffins! Hello to all my old ‘Brookie’ friends.”

1975

Joseph Stanton writes, “I’m still working in call center management, married 38+ years with four kids and three granddaughters ages 12, 9, and 8 months old. We’ve lived in Weymouth, Massachusetts for the last 30 years.

I’ve been a hospice volunteer for the last eight years.”

1976

Susan McKeough writes, “I loved St. Francis College with all my heart. I was blessed to teach for over 30 plus years. St. Francis brought so much joy to my life and my family.”

1977

Christine Blakely Albertelli, RDH writes, “I’m still working three days a week and enjoy my dental hygiene profession. I’ve been in the same group in the town I grew up in for 36 years. My patients are like family. I have two grown sons that are married and I have a granddaughter and grandson, ages two and four. I babysit one day a week — they are our greatest joy. I see Jodi Cameron Welch '77 and Gail Daxter Trudell regularly. Life is good and hope it is as well for my former classmates.”



Carol Kynbel Graziano, RN writes, “This Spring my sisters and I headed to North Carolina to celebrate our stepmother’s 89th birthday. It was a great celebration and she said it was her best birthday ever as we showered her with chocolates, breakfast at her favorite restaurant in Hendersonville, and supper at the Outback! This May, my daughter, Darcie graduated from the U of Hartford with her Masters in Nursing, this August my granddaughter is off to Mount St. Mary’s college to begin her studies for nursing! I am planning to go back to North Carolina to visit and celebrate my Dad’s 89th birthday. I continue to work at St. Mary’s Hospital in Connecticut; working on a monitored medical floor. This September, Rick and I will be celebrating our 37th wedding anniversary with a long weekend at the beach!”

Laurie Hall Thompson writes, “Hi everyone! Since I last wrote a note, I have gotten married. George and I will be married two years in March. I would love to hear from **Janet Lewis Fairfield, Anne LeBlanc Gerrish**, and **Margaret Sewall**

Ciriello. My daughter Diane is also married. I am enjoying retirement. We are very much involved with our church.”

1979

Catherine Bowes Bierwith writes, “As I write this I am about to celebrate my 60th birthday! Life is great. I am blessed with beautiful twin adult young men, now 23, who are just starting their careers and making their way. Cameron rowed for Syracuse and graduated in May 2015. Hayden, fluent in Mandarin graduated in December, 2015 from the University of San Diego. They have the best hearts of any two young men I know. I am in residential real estate in the San Francisco area. I am lucky to travel extensively — this year already: Sydney, Positano, and Bali. Winter is skiing in the Tahoe area. My dear friend, **Rosannen Nappi O’Brion** and I are lucky enough to see each other about once a year. This September she and Mark will come our way for a week. I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying every minute possible with loved ones as time passes so very quickly. Hugs to all!”



Lauree Neville Kiley writes, "Jay and I shared a wonderful vacation with our daughter Kerry and her boyfriend Brian, who live in Denver, aboard the Anam Cara to Montauk, New York and Block Island for a week in June. We had great weather and finished the trip with a 2nd in a club race at the end of the week!"

1981



Virginia Ruggles Corocran writes, "Hello Everyone! All who attended our 35th Reunion at Westbrook College had a fantastic time. From the opening parade and awards ceremony, to exploring the campus and the newly opened Alumni Hall and enjoying lunch in the cafeteria,

a grand time was had by all. After moving away from Massachusetts almost 20 years ago, it was a real treat for me to see Portland and the Old Port and I explored the Maine and New Hampshire coastline on my drive back to the Manchester, New Hampshire Airport. I hadn't been back to Maine in over 30 years and it was every bit as beautiful as I remember! For those of you who use Facebook, the Class of 1981 has a Facebook page located at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/113068737367002/>. It's been fun to connect with former classmates on Facebook and catch up with each other on what is going on and all other sorts of fun things. Please join our group and feel free to post photos on our Westbrook College Class of 1981 webpage or connect with old friends and exchange pleasantries on their individual Facebook pages. Attendees for the 35th Reunion of the Class of 1981 included: **Mary Ellen Quinn Widberg, RDH, Michelle Carbone Dumont, Virginia Ruggles Corcoran, Diane Collins Fields '81, '85, Joanna Kaserman Mooney, Kimberly Noble Hubbard, Karen White Redman, Gina A. Stivaletti, and Jane Heintzelman Boucher.** Also spotted on campus, but not in our class photo was **Lynne Ralph Gushee.** Other class news: **Shirley Marean Cole** and her husband Ray are

currently enjoying one of their 'bucket list' items — a two-week adventure to Alaska. They met up with her parents in Calgary for the Stampede and then went onto Alaska, where they picked up their partners in crime — Rick and Kim. **Wanda Lopes McElroy** and her husband Rick, recently enjoyed a trip from San Diego back home to Marshfield and Cape Cod, where they had a great time catching up with family and friends. **Kimberly Noble Hubbard** and her husband John recently took a long wonderful trip to the United Kingdom and enjoyed visiting family and friends and traveling all around the UK and visiting lots of wonderful historic sites and pubs. They managed to get in some good fishing and took a team train from Wymondham, Terrington, Norwich, Thetford, and Burnham Market. As for myself, I've been retired for a few years and truly enjoy spending time outdoors and I'm learning a great deal about Florida gardening — quite different than New England! I am fortunate to be able to take numerous trips up to Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, all throughout the year, to visit my 90+-year-old Dad and my brother and we always have a wonderful visit and get a lot accomplished! I'm so lucky to be able to travel back to my childhood home, where my Dad still resides. One

last note: On our WC 'Class of 1981' Facebook page, I have posted several documents: an email directory of our classmates, a list of our WC classmates with no email addresses, a list of our 17 'missing' classmates and a complete address list of all known classmates. Please send along any updates! That's it for this newsletter. Please stay in touch and send along any news that you would like to share with your classmates in the next newsletter. My email address is: vbrc@comcast.net and I live in Englewood, Florida."

Diane Collins Field '81, '85 writes, "Greetings, it was fun to catch up with many folks during our Westbrook College reunion weekend in June. We recently purchased a home in Harpswell, Maine and will be moving there in the late fall. We love the mid-coast area and we are looking forward to a new community to get involved in. We are fortunate that our children and grandchildren are all in the general area. Now that we are in the retirement phase, we can spend more time with family and do some traveling. I look forward to hearing news from all the Brookies."



Brenda Ann Nolan writes, "After college, I spent many years in Boston working as a dental hygienist. Spent time traveling, sailing to Bermuda and flying to Europe. I now live at Beacon Brook Health Center due to my MS. I would love to hear from fellow classmates. My address is: BBHS 89 Weid Dr Naugatuck, CT 06770 or e-mail: mewsette@aol.com"

1983

John Martin Downey, D.O., owner and medical director of the Royal Pain Center in Augusta GA, has been appointed by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal to serve on the 16-member Georgia Composite Medical Board. The board is responsible for licensure, medical policies, and disciplinary decisions and other activities involving the practitioners of the healing arts in the State of Georgia. Dr. Downey is a Physical Medicine and Pain Management specialist. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976, with degrees in Physical Therapy and

Biology. After practicing physical therapy and athletic training at the college level for three years, he attended University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating in 1983. He joined the US Army during his medical schooling, competed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He completed his 12-year military career in 1991 at Fort Gordon in Augusta Georgia, achieving the rank of Major. He is Board Certified in Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation, Pain Management, and Electrodiagnosis. While attending the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Downey was a member of the varsity football and varsity lacrosse programs. He remains an avid athlete, and continues to challenge his patients, friends, and colleagues to undertake his '150 pull-ups per day' challenge.

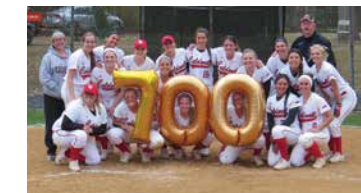
Major Walter W. Pletch writes, "I recently retired from a long career with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Last duty station was Camp Spann, Afghanistan and am now back in the Atlanta, Georgia area."

1985

Lucille Folino, D.O. '87 and I have recently built a new home in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. I am still working at Meritus Urgent Care in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Mark is retired from his PM&R practice. Would love to hear from classmates at lucyfolino@aol.com"

Mary B. Henriques writes, "I am a freelance copywriter specializing in aviation, travel and food; an artisan — weaving Nantucket baskets, chair caning; artisanal baker of macarons, breaks and elite customer service provider in aviation and high-end retailing."

1986



Dean R. Johnson, Caldwell University head softball coach, earned his 700th career win with the Cougars. Johnson has coached the Cougars for the past 22 years, and has been named CACC Coach of the Year eight times.

1989



Kelly J. Corvelo writes, "After UNE, I worked for a couple of years with youths committed to DYS/DSS. Attended and graduated from law school. Was home with my two children, Bryan (15) and Amanda (11) for many, many years. October 1, 2015, I finally went out on my own and opened a practice outside of the home in Worcester, Massachusetts. Business is beginning to take off! Fun for me is running (if you want to call it that), beach trips, shopping, DIY projects around the house and family. Plan to visit UNE this Fall at home-coming as I haven't been in years!"

Russell A. Schilling, D.O. writes, "Family medicine is alive and well on the Eastern Shore of Maryland! We continue to grow our practice and have opened a second office in St. Michael since affiliating with Anne Arundel Medical Group. Wife Janet and I are still running a B&B in St. Michael, renovating the circa-1799 house continuously, sailing fast and competitively on Miles River weekly, and growing a too-big vegetable garden. Still going to camp in Waterford every summer! Greetings to old classmates and instructors!"

1991

Lauren Whitehouse Chikowski writes, "I can't believe that 25 years have passed already! I am practicing dental hygiene full time at Chestnut Hill Dental in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. I have been there 13 years. I would love to hear from my Westbrook dental hygiene classmates! My husband Bob and I live in Braintree, Massachusetts."

Claire Marianna Galin, D.O. writes, "I am currently the assistant dean for osteopathic integration and the OMM Department chair at BCOM, the new D.O. school in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I wish everyone in UNE COM 1991 a happy 25th anniversary and extend an

invitation to anyone who might be interested in coming out and joining our faculty here in sunny, southern New Mexico."

1993

April Chepovsky-Gold writes, "I am pleased and proud to be an alumni of the University of New England. I have been an RN since 1993. While I was a head nurse in Santa Barbara, California at the largest hospital between L.A. and San Francisco, I ended up doing a great deal of patient advocacy in my role in terms of looking at the admissions and case management issues. I entered law school in 2001 and went to one of the top programs in the country for trial advocacy as part of my training. I have worked with attorneys in defending medical malpractice claims and also in civil litigation cases involving personal injury and tort claims. I will be teaching medical malpractice courses to professionals in the near future as part of my work. I also started a company, Global Job Hunt in 2012 to assist veterans and people in need of securing jobs. The focus of my company has been to deal with skills shortage issues in different parts of the globe. My work was given commendation by former Texas Secretary of State, Jack Rains."

1995



Douglas Peterson, D.O. was promoted to captain in the US Navy Medical Corps in June 2016.

1997

Joseph Webb McKellar writes, "I am now working as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at mid-State Health in Plymouth and Bristol, New Hampshire and I enjoy co-leading a Karate Dojo in the evenings."

1999

Darrell L. Caron, MSW writes, "After graduating in 1999, I was promoted to 1LT in the US Army Medical Service Corp, promoted to Captain in 2014 and then volunteered for deployment to Iraq in 2005-2006. I served as a Behavioral Health Officer serving with soldiers on the frontline, awarded the Combat Action Badge in May 2005

after surviving a series of rocket attacks. In 2010 I was promoted to Major and assigned as a Company Commander of the 182nd Medical Company. I completed my M.B.A. and M.S. in Organizational Leadership in 2008. In 2015 I retired from the Army after 23 years. I currently work as a Divisional HR Manager in Boston, Massachusetts."

Melissa Lynn Malone-Soutuyo writes, "I am currently working for Sanofi-Genzyme in the multiple sclerosis business unit. I just completed my reign as Mrs. Maine International 2015, supporting the MS community. I am living in Portland with my husband and 10-year-old son."

Patricia E. Murray, D.O. writes, "I am now certified in Functional Medicine and am one of approximately 500 practitioners in the US to be certified in Root Cause Medicine for chronic diseases."

2001



Allison Beth Marandino, M.S.P.T. writes, "I graduated from the 2001 Master of Physical Therapy Program. Michael Sheldon was my student advisor. Since that time, I have practiced and lived in Florida, Illinois, Texas, Connecticut and Massachusetts. I have practiced in Skilled Nursing Facilities, inpatient hospitals, acute care hospital, Home Care PT, Outpatient hospital and outpatient private practice. I have also been fortunate to be a traveling Physical Therapist from 2005-2006 and 2008-2010. I received a Healthcare Traveler of the Year Award in 2006 from Onward Healthcare. In 2013 I went back to get my Doctorate in P.T. from Mass General Hospital (MGH) Institute of Healthcare Professionals and graduated in December of 2014.

I currently am the clinic manager of a private practice outpatient clinic in Newton, Massachusetts called Back on Track Physical Therapy. I am a Certified Clinical Instructor through APTA, Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through NSCA, and Certified Kinesiotherapy Practitioner through KTAI. I am one of the few PTs in my area who also treats Vestibular disorders such as BPPV. I was recently married in December 2015 to Bowman Hallagan and we currently live in Charlestown, Massachusetts."



Jennifer L. McAleer writes, "I live in Southern California with my wife Stephanie and our newborn son Selwyn, born in February 2016. We have four dogs and a cat, keeping our home busy and full of love. I work as the Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, which is the job I've been working towards my entire career in health care compliance! We enjoy time together, going to the beach, hosting game nights with friends,

traveling, and enjoying delicious food. We are looking forward to a trip to Maine in August, and visiting with friends and family who will be able to meet our son, while relaxing at the family camp in Poland Springs. I wish my classmates well and look forward to reading our 15-year updates."



Nancy Silva Mullins '01, M.S.P.T. '02 writes, "This has been a very exciting year for my family. In January, my case study was approved by the APTA and I achieved the CAPP-Pelvic certificate. In April, I was promoted to Supervisor of Clinical Specialties for Northwell Health, New York's largest health system. In addition to overseeing the Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation program, I also manage the Lymphedema/Oncology program and Pediatrics program. But of all my achievements, I am most happy to announce that my husband John and I are expecting our second child in October! Our daughter, Kate (three years old), is eager to be a big sister!"

Anne M. Sirois, M.S.W. writes, "I love Social Work and appreciate my experiences with fellow students and professors. And now I share these experiences with my clients."

2002



Edward C. Chao, D.O. writes, "I recently received two grants, one from the UCSD Clinical and Translational Research Institute and the other from the UCSD Academy of Clinician Scholars for a multidisciplinary pilot clinical study on a new means to test blood glucose. Our daughters, Hannah, four, and Kayla, one, keep my wife Sarah and I on our toes! Please send an e-mail, would love to catch up!"

Cheryl L. Lang, M.S.Ed. '02, '10 writes, "I just keep coming back for more! I am an '02 graduate from UNE with a Master's Degree in middle-level education, and a '10 graduate from UNE with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. I've just returned to UNE for the 3rd time. This time I am going for my doctoral degree in Transformational Leadership in Education. I am excited to be a returning alumni!"

Megan O'Connor Phelan '02, M.S.Ed. '16 writes, "I am currently teaching at Germantown Elementary School, which my two children attend — Connor, 11 years old, and Dionis, 7 years old. In the summer months, our family enjoys spending time at our summer home in Rockland, Maine and on Nantucket. This spring I graduated with a Master's in Literacy from UNE."

2003

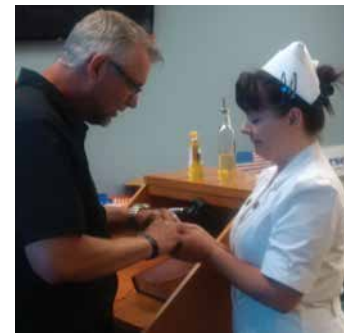
Jill G. Brown, M.S.W. writes, "I am providing outpatient counseling devices to adults at Arbour Counseling in Worcester, Massachusetts. I completed DBT training from Behavioral Tech in Seattle, Washington in 2004. I provide DBT treatment as well as facilitate DBT groups."

Jason E. Cohen, D.O. writes, "I recently moved back to New England with my wife and our four kids to become Chief Medical Officer for Boston MedFlight and work clinically as an intensivist at Brigham and Women's Hospital."

2005

Robert Crissman, M.S.Ed. writes, "Since graduating with a Master's in Education in 2005, I have been working for the same school district for the past 15 years. I was the former director of the Pride of Binghamton Marching Patriots and was the director when the band received its highest evaluative score (91.5) in the New York State Field Band Conference. I have continued as the Classroom Music Teacher at East Middle School in the Binghamton City School District, located in Binghamton, New York. I teach not only classroom music, but am the director of an alternative percussion group called SMASH that plays on everything from 55 Gallon drums to pringle cans, to the kitchen sink in order to produce highly syncopated percussion sounds. I am also the director of the East Middle School Tech Crew and teach middle school students how to operate digital sound and lighting equipment in our newly

renovated, state-of-the-art facility and East Middle School. I recently became the union representative for the building and received the Conrad Stearns Award of Merit for my continued service to the Binghamton City School District. I play with the Binghamton Community Orchestra in my spare time. I am happily married and have three children. My oldest, Ruth, is going to the College of Saint Rose for Music Education and will be in her Sophomore year this coming school year. My middle, Austin, will be attending Herkimer Community College for Digital Film Making. My youngest, Tara, will continue as a 10th grader in her high school."



Cecelia E. Garritt writes, "The picture attached is from May 6, 2016 and is of the Nurse's Prayer."

Rebekah Staples, M.S.Ed. writes, "I am married and have four beautiful children. Returning to a tenured position as a music teacher after a two-year maternity leave. Looking forward to continuing my career as an educator while raising my four children."

2006



Kelsi Gagne '06, M.S.O.T. '07 writes, "I recently received my doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Nova Southern University. I also recently got married in Portland, Maine and had a little baby girl named Hadley Lynn on June 1, 2016."



Bernadette Kozak, R.D.H. '06, '07 writes, "Since graduation, life has been fast-paced with the opening of my independent dental hygiene practice in 2010. We have grown to almost 2000 patients. My education at UNE has enabled me to fulfill my dreams and goals that continue to grow. On a personal level of life, my husband and I just passed our 32nd wedding anniversary. His support of my time in school, and the endless hours to create a successful business has been endless. I hope all my hygiene peers love their career as much as I do."

2007

Jara K. Johnson, D.O. went on to complete both a pediatric residency and a subsequent fellowship in developmental-behavioral pediatrics at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. She completed an additional fellowship in Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND), as well as a Master's Degree in Public Health, both at the University in the Rochester Regional Health System in 2013, where she continues to practice. She is board-certified in both General Pediatrics and Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics.

Rebecca D. Lansky, D.O. writes, "I am one of the cofounders of the Massachusetts Concussion Center in Hadley, Massachusetts. We open October 4. It will be one of the first concussion centers where manual therapy will be done on every patient. Our clinic will offer truly integrative care."

2009

Capt Christopher Renaud, D.O. writes, "I recently separated from the US Army with rank of Major. My family and I recently moved from Ft. Knox, Kentucky to Farmington, Maine where I took a staff anesthesiologist position at Franklin Memorial Hospital. We also have a new daughter in the family, born March 6, 2016."

2010



Benjamin J. Boh, D.O. writes, "**Rebecca D. Wood, M.S.W. '08** 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 DHMC. We bought some old farm land here on the New Hampshire/Vermont border and are excited to expand our farm. Hello to all of our classmates!"



Anna P. Hecker and **Thomas Hinman '11** were married on July 16th at Dexter's Inn in Sunapee, New Hampshire.

2011

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy C. Beaulac write, "Our **daughter, Holly J. Beaulac**, is now working towards her Ph.D. in Neuroscience at The University of Rochester. She worked for Professors Willis, Cau and Bove for 2.5 years and the experience really helped her to continue in her field."

2013



Richard T. Agbortoko, Pharm.D. writes, "Well there's been a few updates in my life since I walked across that graduation stage May 17, 2013. September 3, 2014: I got promoted to pharmacy manager at Walgreens on Marginal Way here in Portland. June 13, 2015: I got engaged to my beautiful girlfriend and fellow alum of the College of Pharmacy, **Breanna A. Curran, Pharm.D.** We were married on September 10, 2016 at Shady Lane Farms in New Gloucester, Maine."

Kelli L. Godfrey, M.S.W. writes, "I have been accepted to the Social Work Ph.D. program and will begin in the Fall of 2016 and plan to concentrate research on issues related to the military."

Adrienne M. McCallister, D.O. writes, "I finished my residency in June 2013 and have been hired at Berkshire Medical Center. I will be moving to the Berkshires to start my full time Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine practice in mid-August."



Daniel Mickool, PRh, M.S. '13, Ed.D. '17, Director of Continuing Education for the UNE College of Pharmacy, has been selected by peer review to present 'A discussion and review of building a collaborative practice in order to optimize patient outcomes and teach learners inter professional communication skills' at the All Together Better Health VIII conference in Oxford, United Kingdom.

2015



Aubrie I. Pillsbury writes, "I got married on May 31st 2016 in Disney World to long-time partner Collin Doughter. We dated long distance for years while we were in school and finally got to tie the knot after six years of being together. We recently moved to South Florida to begin our life as a married couple."

2016



Crystal D. Sessoms writes, "After recently graduating on May 21, 2016, and completing the CAGS program in Advanced Educational Leadership, I recently started my new position as Associate Principal at Ithaca High School in Ithaca, New York. My experiences as a full-time UNE Online CAGS student was great. The professors, web tools, and class cohorts contributed to the positive experience that I had as a UNE student."



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IN MEMORIAM

1941

Anne Flint Ramsdell
Westbrook Junior College
June 27, 2016

Winifred Kling Zink
Westbrook Junior College
September 10, 2016

1943

Jane Shannon Sullivan
Westbrook Junior College
April 28, 2016

1944

Janet LoBello Balicki
Westbrook Junior College
September 30, 2016

Barbara Hirst Black
Westbrook Junior College
July 28, 2016

Jean Denison Higgins
Westbrook Junior College
September 17, 2016

Marjorie Marte
Westbrook Junior College
June 20, 2016

1945

Mary Knowles Carroll
Westbrook Junior College
May 27, 2016

1946

Phyllis Osgood Alexander
Westbrook Junior College
June 13, 2016

Alice Henderson O’Roark
Westbrook Junior College
August 27, 2015

Gloria Mattatall Palazzo
Westbrook Junior College
July 7, 2016

Jane Corbin Webber
Westbrook Junior College
April 27, 2016

Eileen Packer Wise
Westbrook Junior College
April 19, 2016

1947

June Noring Durost
Westbrook Junior College
May 1, 2016

Nancy Miller Reynolds
Westbrook Junior College
May 1, 2016

Frances Cole Warren
Westbrook Junior College
July 12, 2016

1948

Marjorie MacLeod Faunce
Westbrook Junior College
April 25, 2016

Merrilyn Fish Baskin Hugo
Westbrook Junior College
May 27, 2016

Alma Dunklee Mankowsky
Westbrook Junior College
July 13, 2016

1949

Dorothy Pruyn Graeff
Westbrook Junior College
June 9, 2016

Marsylvia Lawson Greene
Westbrook Junior College
February 29, 2016

**Ardeth “Sunny” Meserve
Browne Harmon**
Westbrook Junior College
May 26, 2016

Anna Biggs Pierce
Westbrook Junior College
June 24, 2016

1950

Barbara Rochford Creed
Westbrook Junior College
April 25, 2016

Priscilla Parsons Finger
Westbrook Junior College
June 19, 2016

Carolyn Thompson Lemont
Westbrook Junior College
April 5, 2016

Lurley Paula Miller
Westbrook Junior College
May 9, 2016

Virginia Beckley Taintor
Westbrook Junior College
March 25, 2016

1951

Joanne Page Fortier
Westbrook Junior College
August 2, 2016

Barbara McClintock Hill
Westbrook Junior College
July 2, 2016

Nancy Perham Morison-Playle
Westbrook Junior College
March 18, 2016

Barbara Maddocks Ridley
Westbrook Junior College
September 18, 2016

1953

Lillian Curtis Little
Westbrook Junior College
May 21, 2016

1955

Virginia Gray Chretien
Westbrook Junior College
April 7, 2016

1956

Judith A. Thebold Westerman
Westbrook Junior College
January 14, 2016

1957

Raymond G. Cote
St. Francis College
August 18, 2016

Judith Margaret Henry
Westbrook Junior College
July 24, 2016

1960

Sheila Espey Sypek
Westbrook Junior College
May 13, 2016



IN MEMORIAM

1961

Donna Anderson Coombs
Westbrook Junior College
April 23, 2016

Susan Downes Lawton
Westbrook Junior College
April 29, 2016

1962

Julie McCarthy
Westbrook Junior College
March 8, 2016

1964

William J. Marrah
St. Francis College
August 13, 2016

Henry E. St. Pierre
St. Francis College
May 28, 2016

1965

Eugene L. Connelly, Sr.
St. Francis College
May 26, 2016

1966

Albert O. Croteau
St. Francis College
June 17, 2014

John J. O'Neil
St. Francis College
June 21, 2015

1968

Margaret Ann Miller Wenninger
Westbrook Junior College
July 31, 2016

1969

Lynn Clayton McMackin
Westbrook Junior College
June 5, 2010

1970

Thomas N. Pullia
St. Francis College
July 9, 2016

1971

Peg Mueller-Shore
Westbrook College
September 26, 2016

Donald A. Spadola
St. Francis College
November 29, 2007

David C. Turro
St. Francis College
May 12, 2004

1972

David F. Violette
St. Francis College
July 15, 2016

1973

Kevin J. Dennehy
St. Francis College
August 20, 2016

1974

Paul B. Demers
St. Francis College
May 17, 2016

1976

John Peter Moriarty
St. Francis College
April 23, 2016

1977

William F. Caswell, Jr.
Westbrook College
September 8, 2016

1979

Cynthia Palmer Heisler
Westbrook College
August 31, 2016

1984

Amy Dawn Rehfield, D.O.
College of Osteopathic Medicine
July 5, 2016

David Michael Sheein
University of New England
March 8, 2014

1985

Jane Crook Barron
Westbrook College
December 15, 2016

1992

Irwin August, D.O.
College of Osteopathic Medicine
July 19, 2016

1997

Joseph A. Traverso, Jr., MSED
University of New England
October 8, 2016

2004

Jule Vander Mark, PA
Westbrook College of
Health Professions
September 30, 2016

2010

Sherry Anne Lapointe, MSOT
Westbrook College of
Health Professions
September 30, 2016

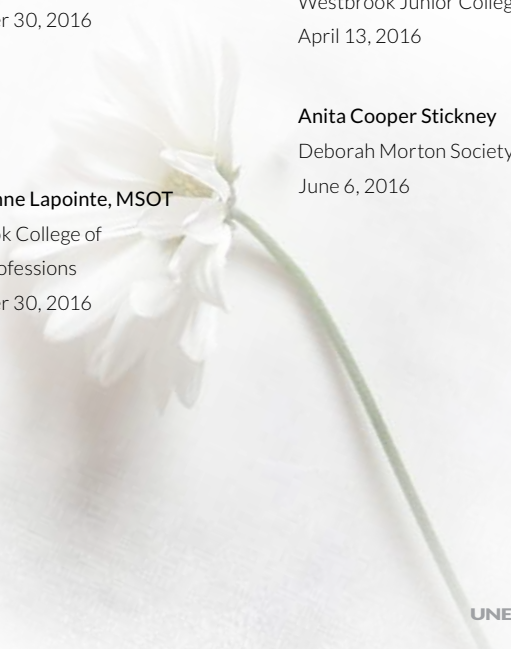
FRIENDS

David L. Anderson
Westbrook College
June 29, 2016

Douglas H. Kay, Ph.D.
College of Pharmacy
June 19, 2016

Richard Huston Roberts
Westbrook Junior College
April 13, 2016

Anita Cooper Stickney
Deborah Morton Society
June 6, 2016



Remembering RICHARD ROBERTS

BY AMY HAILE



The University of New England has lost one of its most treasured former faculty members. Professor Emeritus Richard Roberts HA '86 died on April 13, 2016, at the age of 83. As a member of the faculty from 1958 to 2001, Richard made a lasting impact on generations of Westbrook College and then UNE students. While Roberts' music classes were the stuff of legend, even non-musical students were able to experience Richard's teaching excellence in his core curriculum Western Civilization class.

Roberts was recognized as an Honorary Alumnus in 1986. His ties to UNE and Westbrook precede his joining the faculty; his grandmother, Minnie Huston Roberts, was a member of the Westbrook Seminary Class of 1901, and his father, Gardner Roberts, graduated from Westbrook Seminary in 1923/1924.

A well-known, talented concert pianist and music historian, Roberts graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from the Julliard School. He presented solo recitals throughout New England and was a former member of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. His annual concerts at Westbrook and UNE were not only breathtaking for their display of virtuosity but were also renowned for the hours Roberts devoted to

researching the composer, the music and the history, making each concert a holistic experience for the mind and the senses.

"He was a much loved professor during my tenure at Westbrook," recalled Ann Butterworth '77, '81, summing up the feelings of the entire UNE community. "When I think of Alumni Hall, I always think of him and his concerts."

CAPTIONS

Left: Richard Roberts leans on a piano in his classroom in Alumni Hall (now the Detmer Room), 1970s.

Right page Richard Roberts through the years, clockwise from top left: In his office, 1980s; a publicity shot from the 2000s; at the blackboard, 1970s; soon after his arrival at Westbrook, late 1950s; in formal dress at piano (photo from a concert poster), 1960s



CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

MARINE SCIENCE FACILITY RENAMED FOR ARTHUR GIRARD

BY BILL CHANCE



Art Girard grew up exploring the tide pools and coastline of Saco Bay, developing a deep appreciation for its uniquely dynamic marine ecosystem and for the marine life and coastal lifestyles it supports. Now, he spends time at a summer home there and has enjoyed watching the growth at the neighboring University of New England's Biddeford Campus. "Just seeing how it was growing, it was fabulous," said Girard. "There was a lot of electricity here, and I just wanted to be a part of it."

Girard's desire for responsible marine stewardship, especially in his beloved Saco Bay, inevitably led him to UNE's marine science programs. In 2015, Girard and his family generously showed their appreciation for the work being done in UNE's Marine Sciences department by donating Ram Island to the university — making UNE one of the few universities that can boast of having their own island. The relatively unspoiled environment of the off-shore island in the Saco Bay — teeming with marine life — has proven to be an invaluable resource for students and researchers at UNE's Marine Science Center, located just two miles away at the mouth of the Saco River on UNE's Biddeford Campus. Having such a facility on campus — with a flow-through seawater system that supplies classrooms, labs

and large pools for study and research on a myriad of marine animals and organisms — is something unique on the east coast.

So when Girard announced he was making another donation, this time, one of the largest philanthropic commitments in the University's history, UNE knew there was only one way to show its appreciation. That is why, at a dedication ceremony on September 15, 2016, UNE honored Girard by renaming the Marine Science facility the *Arthur P. Girard Marine Science Center*. The UNE community joined the Girard family as the new name was revealed in block letters on the front of the building. "I'm a kid from Hell's Kitchen in New York City that used to sell shopping bags," said Girard. "When you see your name on a university building, it's unbelievable."

"Art and his family have become dear friends to the university, and we are proud to honor him in this way," said UNE President Danielle Ripich. "The ocean has been an important metaphor for me throughout my time at UNE, and I can't think of anyone I'd rather have on board with me than Art Girard as we sail for the deep waters."



Left page: Art Girard speaks at the dedication ceremony.

Above clockwise from upper left: Girard regards the new building marquee; Art and Fran Girard with UNE President Danielle Ripich; Ram Island in the Saco Bay, donated to UNE by the Girard Family in 2015.

During the College of Osteopathic Medicine's Reunion and CME Weekend, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate the contributions of outgoing UNE COM Dean Doug Wood at the Founders and Alumni Celebration Reception. President Ripich thanked both Doug and Janet Wood for their dedication to the University, and Ryan Smith '00, president of the UNE COM Alumni Association, awarded Wood honorary alumnus status.

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Ryan Smith, D.O. '00, Alumni Association president, presents Wood with his Honorary Alumnus certificate.

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Provost Jim Koelbl, Janet Wood, Dr. Doug Wood, and President Ripich



TRANSITIONS

ASSOCIATE DEAN PAULETTE ST. OURS RETIRES AFTER 46 YEARS

BY JEANNE HEY



In 1970, amidst national tumult and cultural upheaval, St. Francis College hired an unassuming math instructor who would bring nearly half a century of stability, dedication and spectacular leadership to St. Francis and UNE. This past September, Paulette St. Ours' colleagues, former students and family joined the College of Arts and Sciences to celebrate her 46 years of service as a math professor, department chair, associate dean and acting dean.

Paulette is among the few who can claim to be present at so many of UNE's decisive historical moments, including the creation of the University of New England, the merger with Westbrook College and the transition from only one academic college to our current six. She worked all five of those decades in Decary Hall, serving nine university presidents and 17 deans!

The festivities included memories of Paulette's steering of the College of Arts and Sciences through challenging financial times to its present success in boasting its largest first-year class ever. Through it all, she never missed a deadline, lost her temper or failed to perform at anything less than the highest standard she set for herself and others.

It is no exaggeration to say that Paulette's financial-management acumen kept CAS afloat during some very challenging times. She excelled at multi-tasking before the term even entered the American lexicon. A typical day would see her finalizing a course schedule with hundreds of offerings, balancing the college budget, meeting with faculty on grant proposals and putting out the many fires that regularly arise in a dean's office. She is also known for her exceptional record keeping, a skill that, more than once, saved the deans from red-tape nightmares.

Colleagues crowded around the guest of honor to exchange hugs and reminisce. Paulette also received a small trove of gifts from attendees, including 46 red roses from President Ripich and a scrapbook with photos, notes and remembrances. I was grateful for the opportunity to offer a few public remarks indicating how enormous Paulette's metaphorical shoes are to fill.

Paulette then took to the podium to recount a few choice anecdotes and to express her gratitude to UNE for supporting nearly a half-century of her professional life. She got a huge laugh when she dryly recounted the story of one returning graduate who credited her math classes for the analytical thinking skills he needed to forge a

successful career in the military, then sheepishly admitted he had little use for the actual math content. And she earned a hugely deserved (and woefully inadequate) round of applause when she concluded by saying, "UNE has been my second family. I will miss you all. I look forward, however, to the next chapter of my life: enjoying my home, connecting with extended family and friends, and traveling to new destinations. Thank you!"

Jeanne Hey is the dean of UNE's College of Arts and Sciences, where she has had the pleasure of working with Paulette for the past five years.

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Left page: Paulette St. Ours in her office, 2014

Clockwise from top left: St. Ours at her retirement party with 46 red roses (one for each year of service), a gift from President Danielle Ripich; St. Ours with CAS Dean Jeanne Hey; at the 2015 Pork Pie holiday event; receiving an Irish prayer as a retirement gift from Barry Costa-Pierce, chair of UNE's Department of Marine Sciences; receiving an award from UNE President Danielle Ripich at the 2015 Pork Pie event



BEHIND THE SCENES AT UNE

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UNE is pleased and proud to welcome the following new members to our Board of Trustees.

STORY LANDIS, Ph.D.

Dr. Landis is a retired neurobiologist and a former director at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), a branch of the National Institutes of Health. During her nearly two decades at NINDS, she was responsible for running a billion dollar research portfolio for scientific investigators at public and private institutions. Landis is frequently sought out for advice on a variety of neuroscience topics and is renowned for her broad expertise in neuroscience, administration, mentoring and public policy.

Landis' ground-breaking research in the study of neuroplasticity, now recognized as a normal feature of the nervous system, earned her the Ralph W. Gerard Prize in Neuroscience from the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) in 2015. She is also the 2015 recipient of the American Epilepsy Society's Extraordinary Contribution Award. In 2011, Landis received the Parkinson's Action Network's Morris K. Udall Award for Public Service and the Wellesley College Alumnae Achievement Award.



Landis is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Neurological Association. She received her undergraduate degree in biology from Wellesley College and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Freeport, Maine.

**JOHN V. CHANG, D.O.'84, M.Sc.,
FACEP, FAAUCM**

Dr. Chang is a 1984 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) and the current treasurer of the COM Alumni Board of Directors. He previously served on the UNE Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2008 and was also a former member of the COM Admissions Committee. Chang has been a staff physician at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, Massachusetts, for 26 years.

Chang is an executive member on the Massachusetts Medical Society's (MMS) House of Delegates and also serves on the boards of the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine, the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society (MOS) and the New England Osteopathic Association.

In addition to his degree from COM, Chang holds an M.Sc. in electrophysiology and pharmacology from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Jean, reside in Wilmington, Massachusetts.

REGAN GALLAGHER '95, D.O. '99

Dr. Gallagher received her undergraduate degree in medical biology and her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from UNE. Since 2012, she has served as chief of medical staff at Cary Medical Center in Caribou, Maine. Gallagher has been affiliated with the organization since 2008 and has held positions as its vice president of medical staff, chief of medical staff, and physician advisor for case management. Prior to joining Cary Medical Center, she worked as a physician advisor at Executive Health Resources and as an OB/GYN at OB/GYN Specialists of Columbus in Columbus, Georgia.

In 2012, Gallagher was named as an inaugural McAfee Fellow at the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership Dinner. The award is named in honor of Trustee Emeriti Robert E. McAfee, M.D., HON '94, who was the 2012 recipient of



the Hanley Leadership Award. In addition to her degrees from UNE, Gallagher holds an M.B.A. from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst. She and her husband, fellow COM alum and physician Shawn L. Laferriere '95, D.O. '99, reside in Caribou.

CHRIS CLAUDIO

Claudio is CEO and a co-founder of Winxnet, a network design, IT outsourcing and e-business solutions firm based in Portland. Prior to co-founding Winxnet in 1999, he worked as a senior technical consultant and network engineer at Computer Sciences Corporation in Bath.



Claudio serves on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine and for Gorham Savings Bank. He is also a trustee of Maine Medical Center (MMC) and chairs MMC's Annual Fund. Last year he received the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneurial Spirit Award and the City of Portland's Business of the Year Award.

Claudio holds a degree from the University of Maryland College Park and lives with his wife, Alyson, in Yarmouth, Maine.

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Left top to bottom: Story Landis; John V. Chang

Above left to right: Regan Gallagher; Chris Claudio

FIRST PERSON

LIGHTS, CAMERAS...TIGER SHARKS?

BY CAROLYN WHEELER



Carolyn Wheeler graduated with honors from UNE after earning a B.S. in marine science. She is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, where her upcoming research will investigate the effects of climate change on the growth and development of two small tropical shark species. While at UNE, Wheeler's advisor and mentor was James Sulikowski, Ph.D., a marine biologist whose groundbreaking research (and the widespread media coverage it attracts) has earned him the nickname "Dr. Shark." Wheeler's work with Sulikowski culminated in a featured appearance on an episode of the Discovery Channel's highly rated "Shark Week" series, which aired this past June. We asked Wheeler to tell us what it was like to practice science in front of the cameras, to see herself on television and what it means to have such an immensely popular public platform for her research.

In the northern Bahamas there is a shallow sand flat that, on any given day, has a select few boats on anchor bobbing in the waves. To many, this area would appear desolate, with no land visible in any direction. However, for others, this is one of the most special places in the world. Under the surface lie rare, pristine coral reefs teeming with thousands of tropical fish. But that is not the main reason anyone visits. The main reason is that this area,

nicknamed Tiger Beach, is home to one of the world's largest concentrations of tiger sharks. Each year, avid shark divers and some of the world's foremost photographers and filmmakers visit this incredible place to experience and document these awe-inspiring creatures.

My first journey to Tiger Beach was in 2013. I had just started my junior year at the University of New England when I was offered the chance to join a Tiger Beach expedition with researchers from the University of Miami. Divers and researchers over the years had noticed that Tiger Beach is dominated by large female tiger sharks, which begged the question, "Is this area specific to pregnant females?" That's where I came in. My role on that trip was to collect data on reproductive biology through blood samples and the use of a water-resistant veterinary-grade ultrasound. That initial visit was wildly successful, yielding dozens of ultrasound videos capturing tiger shark pups wriggling in their 14-foot mothers' bellies. This led to two more expeditions to complete the study and publish these findings, which had never been documented before.

Then, in the fall of 2015, I got the call. We were heading back to Tiger Beach. Only this time it was not just to collect data but to film a science-based episode for *Discovery Channel's*

wildly popular "Shark Week." I was beyond excited to see my colleagues, and of course, the beautiful tiger sharks. Joining me for the first time on one of these expeditions was my advisor and mentor of five years, Dr. James Sulikowski. I started working in James' lab on the very first week of my first year as an undergraduate student at the University of New England, where his lab is based. Throughout my time in the lab I learned more than I could have ever expected, and I attribute all of the successes I've had in my career, thus far, to his trusting guidance. This trip was a rare opportunity to pull James away from his busy schedule and show him Tiger Beach — this amazing place that holds so much research potential.

Throughout the trip, James and I collected precious data, but we also worked closely with the dedicated film crew to convey our message. So often in media sharks are sensationalized into man-eating, blood-thirsty killers, but everyone on this trip knew that the reality is a different story, and we wanted to show it to the public. The result was a beautifully documented hour-long episode that was aired as the opening episode of "Shark Week" last June. Watching the show air live was surreal. It is extremely gratifying to have a project that I put so much hard work into exposed to a national audience.



The research team had such an interesting and important story, and I'm glad we had the opportunity to share it.

My experiences at Tiger Beach, culminating in the "Shark Week" episode, had a huge positive influence on the future of my career. I had countless conversations with leading expert scientists, photographers and conservationists who are all working towards the same goals as I am: shark conservation and awareness. It is important to reflect that none of this journey would have been possible if it was not for the undying support of my advisor and my alma

mater, the University of New England. Now, starting as a graduate student in this upcoming school year, I have already gained valuable research experience that will guide me into my future research projects and goals. This project expanded my network beyond what I knew even existed, and I am forever grateful to the person and institution that trusted in me to perform this important work.

CAPTIONS

Left page: Carolyn Wheeler '16 gets up close to a Caribbean reef shark. Photo by Jim Abernethy at Scuba-Adventures.com

Above: Wheeler uses an Ibx Pro Portable Ultrasound to examine a tiger shark.

On September 20, 2016, members of the University of New England Deborah Morton Society gathered on the Portland Campus for the society's 55th annual convocation. Established in 1961 to honor and recognize outstanding women with strong ties to Maine who have demonstrated high distinction in their careers, public service or volunteer leadership, the society welcomed three new members at this year's event: Dr. Susan H. Hunter, president of the University of Maine; Gilda E. Nardone, executive director of New Ventures Maine; and Eileen F. Skinner, former president and chief executive officer of Mercy Health System of Maine.

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UNE Trustee and dental student Hillary Creed '18 poses with 2016 Deborah Morton Society Awardee Dr. Susan Hunter in the portrait gallery in Alumni Hall.

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The 2016 Deborah Morton Society Award recipients stand with President Danielle Ripich in front of Alumni Hall. L-R: Dr. Susan Hunter, President Ripich, Eileen Skinner, Gilda Nardone

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Chair of the Moving Forward Campaign committee Dr. Robert McAfee poses with 2016 Deborah Morton Society Awardee Eileen Skinner.

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President Danielle Ripich conferring the Deborah Morton Society Awards on Eileen Skinner, Gilda Nardone and Dr. Susan Hunter





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As of December 1, 2016, there will be six months left in the Year of Opportunity, the final phase of our four-year Moving Forward campaign. We are very close to realizing our \$60 million goal, but even after we reach that mark, the need for student support will continue. A gift of any amount will make a difference, and it is important to note that pledges can be made for multi-year payments, so your gift can keep on giving long after the campaign has officially ended on May 31, 2017. A documented bequest or planned gift from your estate can also benefit future generations of UNE students. If you've never given to UNE, this is the time to add your name to the growing family of participating donors.

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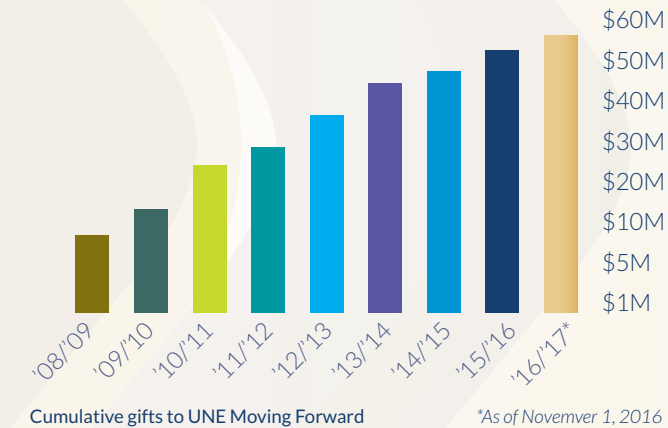
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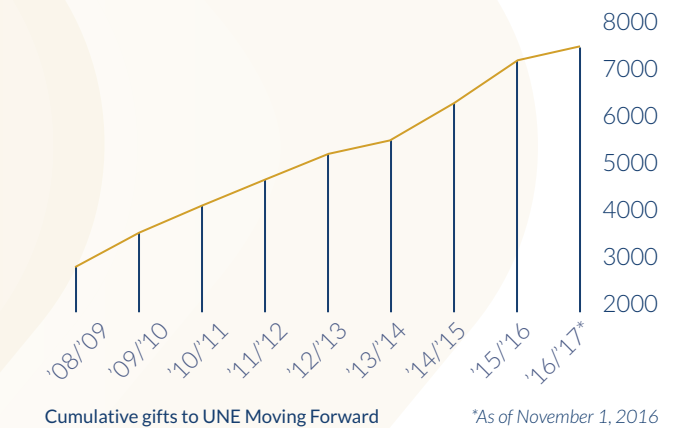
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Name: Jonathan I. Gentry '17
Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona
Major: Medical Biology/Psychology Minor

His UNE Opportunities: During his time at UNE, Jonathan has had the **opportunity** to work as a lab assistant in Tamara King's cancer pain lab, and he also received a grant from UNE's Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for the Study of Pain and Sensory Function (COBRE). The culmination of his research was a presentation on cancer-induced breakthrough bone pain given at the Annual Student Research and Scholarship Symposium in September 2016. Participating in the symposium gave Jonathan the **opportunity** to hone his presentation skills, which he will use in November, when he travels to San Diego to present a paper at the Society for Neuroscience's 2016 Conference.

On the non-academic side of things, Jonathan has seized the **opportunity** to become an active member of several student organizations, including the Pre-Med Club, TEDxUNE and the Neuroscience Club. Last year he was the secretary of the Neuroscience Club, and this year he will serve as president. Additionally, for the past two years, Jonathan has played an active role in UNE's student government and has taken on the role of secretary in the organization this year.

In his words: "Thanks to UNE, I've been able to develop my research and grow as a person. The faculty and staff are extremely talented and knowledgeable, and their teaching styles are unique. There are so many research opportunities that you would have to go out of your way NOT to do research. I am extremely grateful for my UNE education and for the opportunities I've had to immerse myself in extracurricular activities on campus."

Next Steps: Jonathan will obtain his Bachelor of Science in medical biology in 2017 and hopes to attend medical school with the aim of continuing his studies in medicine and the neurosciences.



Name: Nicole Gallagher '17
Hometown: South Portland, Maine
Major: Environmental Science

Currently: Nicole and seven other students were nominated to be Solar Ambassadors for Re-volv, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that helps college students crowdfund for local nonprofits wishing to use solar energy. The team was able to create a partnership with Camp Ketcha, a year-round charitable organization serving southern Maine. Additionally, Nicole is the current community garden coordinator for the UNE Hunger Initiative. She is also working with the Sustainability Office to calculate UNE's greenhouse gas emissions and gather community input to develop the update to UNE's Climate Action Plan.

Her UNE Opportunities: Last spring, Nicole had the **opportunity** to work on UNE's Healing Garden, growing plants from seeds that are native to Maine. She also learned how to calculate recycling rate and influence community norms to foster sustainable behavior in the Environmental Sustainability Lab with Alethea Cariddi, sustainability coordinator for UNE. During the summer, she worked in the Rain Garden, a grant-funded, collaborative environmental service-learning project located on the Biddeford Campus. This fall, under Professor Tom Klak, Nicole is working with The Ecology School in Saco to create sustainable permaculture landscapes for the school's new location.

In her words: "My biggest **opportunity** from UNE was learning that community action and community engagement are possible. UNE has shown me that there are other like-minded people out there who are working toward the same goals, and it has fostered within me a feeling of community support."

Next Steps: After graduating, Nicole plans to attend graduate school to study environmental policy. She wants to eventually participate in the creation of policies that support communities and empower them to engage in more effective, responsible environmental stewardship.





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