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## Students On Board

Trustee role offers leadership experience

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# Putting Students First

Our Board of Trustees, Senior Administrators and I always reflect on a fundamental precept when contemplating a major investment for the University. This primary principle is best expressed as a question, “Will this (building, program, technology, etc.) serve the best interests of our students?” Examples of such initiatives during the past six years include starting a college of pharmacy in 2009 and, in the fall of 2013, we will launch our College of Dental Medicine. We have constructed new research and classroom facilities, residence halls and, next fall, the Harold Alfond Forum, which will provide our students a top-flight competitive sports, recreational, and academic facility. Throughout this period classrooms have been updated with the most current technology, a wireless backbone was installed throughout both campuses, and a Teaching and Learning Center was established to assist faculty in developing new pedagogical skills for use in electronic or distance learning technology.

Academics are of paramount importance, but cannot be the only way in which we invest in our students. We foster students’ holistic development by providing co-curricular experiences that enhance their intellectual, personal, and social development. For example, students must be fluent and dexterous global citizens, so UNE offers our students the opportunity to study away at no additional cost in Seville, Spain, and soon in Tangiers, Morocco. We are delighted to be starting a women’s hockey team this fall in the fastest-growing sport in NCAA intercollegiate competition. Our Arts@UNE programs offer students a wide variety of opportunities to participate in or observe professional caliber performing and visual arts programming. Many of these events have direct connection to academic courses.

All of the above are “outcome” examples of how the leadership of the University is committed in its fiduciary responsibilities toward putting students first.

The cover story for this issue details the critical role that student representatives play on our Board of Trustees. These are not symbolic posts; rather, our student trustees have complete voting rights as trustees, and fully participate in deliberations and decisions about major University initiatives. Student



President Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D.

trustees from both our Biddeford and Portland campuses are elected by their peers through a ballot process. To enter the election a student must submit 50 peer signatures nominating them as a candidate for “Student Trustee.” When elected, their term in office lasts for a full academic year. Only five percent of colleges and universities have a system where students are elected as fully participating Trustees or Directors.

My experience working with our past and current student trustees has been wholly positive. Each has fully engaged their responsibilities and articulated the student “voice” in Board meetings with maturity and a perspective that represented the “best interest of their peers.” Each student trustee regularly presents a report to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees that is later summarized in the committee chair’s report to the full Board. During full Board meetings, Student Trustees are frequently called upon by the Chair or other Trustees to offer their perspective on proposals or decisions that reach the floor. This level of participation is accompanied by the expectation that Student Trustees share the same responsibilities of all Board members. They must digest large volumes of information, prepare written summaries of their perspectives and enter meetings prepared to cogently articulate their student view regarding major projects and initiatives that are in review. Indeed, our current and past Student Trustees have contributed to the “student first” ethic of UNE administrative decision making.

I have been most proud of our Student Trustees. I trust that this issue will allow you to become more aware of their valuable contributions to our daily work here at UNE.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Ripich".

Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D. | President





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*UNE Board members confer at a recent meeting: Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Goolden, Vice Chair Mark Doiron, and students Brandon Hotham and Alexandra Malinowski.*



### UNE's Board Gives

# Voice and Votes to Student Representatives

By Susan Pierter

**A**s a student at UNE's College of Pharmacy, Alexandra Malinowski is focused on her extensive studies that will lead to a doctoral degree in 2014. But it's her service on the Board as a Student Trustee that has given her the perspective of the broader community, and an appreciation for all that goes into making the University what it is today, and how it will grow in the future.

"From finance to global affairs, and facilities to long-range planning ... I have seen firsthand the multi-faceted dynamics of the University," said Malinowski, a representative for the Portland Campus for the 2011-2012 academic year. And she has found that her voice, and her vote, count.

"The Board has displayed sincere interest in our opinions and thoughts concerning decisions which affect student life," she added.

The role of Student Trustees, who are full voting members, includes attending Board meetings as well as additional meetings for committee assignments, reviewing projects



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— **Brandon Hotham '12**, UNE Student Trustee

and policies, and weighing in with the student perspective, being careful to consider the needs and futures of all UNE students in all colleges as well as the institution as a whole.

“The perspective of our Student Trustees is valuable to our Board, and ultimately to the University as a whole,” said UNE Board Chair Mike Morel. “We are fortunate that we have students willing to take the time to serve and represent the best interests of the student body in addition to completing the workload of their classes. I really enjoy working with them; they remind me why I am here in this capacity.”

Brandon Hotham has served as the Student Trustee this past year representing the Biddeford Campus. Graduating in May with a bachelor’s degree from the College of Arts and Sciences, his plans include graduate school.

“I applied to be on the Board because I care about UNE,” said Hotham. “UNE has given so much to me as a student, I

saw being on the Board as a way to give back. It’s easy as a student to get stuck in your own program, or your own college. This experience allowed me to see the workings of all of UNE ... truly giving me an aerial view of the University’s day-to-day functions.”

His goal as a Trustee is to strengthen connections between college student populations and increasing student awareness of the important role of the Board of Trustees.

“While I think my goal is a lofty one, I do feel we have made progress,” said Hotham, who has valued input from the Representative Council – a committee consisting of the two current Student Trustees along with selected leaders of the three UNE student government organizations.

“Not only does the regular meeting of this group assist me in making sure I have the most synthesized student perspective that I can, it also allows me to encourage events and programs that are going on

in certain areas of the University to be spread university-wide,” said Hotham, citing that the medical school might be doing something that pre-med majors in the undergraduate population would also find interesting. The collaboration has also created the opportunity for future pre-med and medical students to participate in mentoring relationships.

Tim St. John was an undergraduate student at UNE when he served on the Board during his senior year in 2006-2007. By that time, he had already served three years in student government and was the president of his class all four years.



*Tim St. John '07*

During his Board tenure, he recalls attending regional meetings with UNE’s food vendor, Sodexo, to expand dining options for students, such as hours of operation at “The Hang” on the



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Biddeford Campus, where today you can dine in or pick up food until midnight on Thursdays and Fridays.

He recalls that his year of service on the Board coincided with UNE President Danielle Ripich’s inaugural year on campus.

“When we met, she made it clear that students would be the center of what she would be doing,” recalls St. John. After graduation at UNE, he attended graduate school out-of-state, but was lured back to campus to continue what he had started years ago – advocating for students, but now in his role as UNE’s assistant director of Campus Life.

For her year of service, Malinowski’s goal was to “improve collaborative education and experience in the classroom and in the community between interdisciplinary health professions.” She is confident the University has made progress in this area during her Board tenure.

She offered an example of College of Pharmacy students working with physician assistant students of the Westbrook College of Health Professions in the Clinical Simulation Lab on the Portland Campus. Recently, while pharmacy students assessed the simulator “patient’s” medication compliance and suggested alternative or adjunct therapies, physician assistant students performed the “patient’s” physical examination.

In another example of interprofessional health education from this past year, she said that second year pharmacy students were assisted by nursing students in learning the skill of properly obtaining vital signs from a patient. This included reading the patient’s pulse as well as systolic and diastolic blood pressure readings.

And on a busy Saturday in February at the Maine Mall in South Portland, UNE College of Pharmacy students along with students in the Westbrook College of Health Professions’ Dental Hygiene program spent their day off from classes raising awareness of healthy lifestyles.

“These collaborations are becoming contagious on the Portland Campus,” said Malinowski.

Based on the accomplishments of Student Trustees, enthusiasm is contagious as well. ■

## A Closer Look 2012 Student Trustees

### Brandon Hotham '12 Biddeford Campus |

Brandon Hotham is a well-known leader on the Biddeford Campus. A member of the undergraduate Class of 2012, Brandon is double majoring in Psychology and English and Language Studies. He was selected and has served as a Resident Advisor (RA) for two years, and as a film maker/web designer for the Department of English and Language Studies. He has been an actor and production worker for the UNE Players, an Undergraduate Student Government representative, an Orientation Leader and Editor-In-Chief of the Nor’easter News, UNE’S student newspaper. He is a Dean’s List student who has received numerous awards.

### Alexandra Malinowski '14 Portland Campus |

Alexandra Malinowski, member of the Class of 2014 in the College of Pharmacy, graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Biology and Chemistry. She has worked at Children’s Hospital Boston as a Sterile Products and Investigational Drug Specialty Technician and is a nationally certified Pharmacy Technician. During her undergraduate years she served as a Training Coordinator for Walgreens Corporation. Alex wasted no time in assuming leadership roles at UNE including that of Class Treasurer on the Executive Board of the College of Pharmacy Class of 2014 and co-chairing the “Generation Rx” program of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists.

For more information on UNE’s Student Trustees, visit [une.edu/studentlife/trustee](http://une.edu/studentlife/trustee)

## Student Trustees Through the Years

1999-2000	Mark Morris	2004-2005	Ruth Ness and Alisha Cowles	2008-2009	Tyler Raymond and Amanda Alboth
2000-2001	Mark Surprenant	2005-2006	Blake Wylie and Meghan Rosenberg	2009-2010	Michael Campinell and Jenna Fucetola
2001-2002	Tammy Tuminelli	2006-2007	Tim St. John and Owen Lennon	2010-2011	John Johnson, Jr. and Emily Bourret
2002-2003	Meghan Conti	2007-2008	Ryan Smith and Melissa Osborn	2011-2012	Brandon Hotham and Alexandra Malinowski
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# Excellence Across the Generations

By Kathleen Taggersell



*UNECOM students and their parents (left to right), Elita DeFeo with her father Guy; Adam O'Brien with his father Charles; Kendra Albert with her mother Marie; Dominic Roto, Jr., with his father Dominic; and Lisa Grady (her father Michael is missing from photo).*

outing the notable accomplishments of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and its graduates is nothing new at UNE. But this year there is a particularly significant “first.” The 34th entering class at the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine welcomed five students whose parents also walked the halls of Stella Maris. Now all actively involved, practicing DOs, the parents have passed on their passion for service, commitment to osteopathic medicine, and the legacy of excellence that is UNECOM. The Class of 2015 student-parent pairs include:

- **Kendra Albert**, whose mother Marie Albert is a graduate of the Class of 1986 and a UNECOM Alumni Association board member;
- **Elita DeFeo**, the daughter of Guy DeFeo, Class of 1987 and UNE Assistant Dean of Clinical Education;
- **Lisa Grady**, the daughter of Michael Grady, Class of 1982;
- **Adam O'Brien**, the son of Charles O'Brien, Class of 1986; and
- **Dominic Roto, Jr.**, the son of Dominic Roto, Sr., Class of 1989.

We spoke with two of the students, who generously shared their unique perspectives about attending UNECOM and some of the influences that guided them here.

Surprisingly, neither Kendra Albert nor Adam O'Brien had medical school as an intended career path. Says Kendra, “As a child and even up until my second year in college, I was adamant that I did not want to be a physician.” She saw the long hours her mother worked, yet also saw how much she valued her vocation: “She said there was nothing more fulfilling for her than being able to provide for her family while also forming relationships with patients, constantly having new puzzles, and learning new things each and every day.”

Kendra considered lab sciences, teaching sciences, research – even becoming a ski bum – but nothing intrigued her like the challenge and continual learning that being a physician offers.

Adam's path was also fairly unconventional. While he was always fascinated with the field of medicine, he received his bachelor's degree in economics and administration. Adam dabbled in the ski industry of Colorado, worked on



*The UNE College of Osteopathic  
Medicine Class of 2015*



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— Adam O’Brien ‘15

the waters of Casco Bay in Portland as a boat captain, had a brief stint in campaign politics and worked in the credit card and finance industry. He says, “Wanting to get back into the field of medicine, I spent time volunteering in the O.R. at Maine Medical Center and used this experience to solidify my aspirations for medicine and to refocus my efforts on pursuing a medical education. I have a few friends who are recent graduates of UNECOM, and with their guidance and encouragement, I completed a post-bac program and ventured into the application process.”

An affinity for the osteopathic philosophy together with a love for Maine drew them both to UNECOM. Says Kendra, “When I decided to go to medical school, there was only ever one that I

considered going to...UNECOM.” Adam shared that he was obviously familiar with the college through his father’s affiliation, but he came to value it even more through his own research: “After a few campus visits I quickly appreciated how well UNECOM aligned with my personality, learning style and basic philosophical approach to medicine and patient care.” Both intend to practice in Maine after they graduate, to maintain the roots they have here and serve the people of the state they love. Kendra, a recipient of the Doctors for Maine’s Future scholarship, says, “This amazing gift came with no strings attached, and it didn’t need to because I have always pictured myself settling down in Maine.”

When it was founded in 1978, UNECOM had 36 first-year students,

and 12 faculty members. Today, the College has nearly 500 students and more than 250 faculty members and is recognized nationally for its programs in primary care, geriatrics, and rural medicine.

Over the years the UNE campus – and the medical school along with it – have experienced phenomenal growth, including the construction of the Alfond Center for Health Sciences and the Pickus Center for Biomedical Research. Kendra and Adam said that today’s more interactive, team-based approach to learning is a change from their parents’ more traditional lecture-based format. But they also noted a supportive sense of community that transcends the generations. Says Adam, “Whether it is preparation for a block of exams or coming together for a local charity fundraiser, the lines between the class years quickly blur and the school truly takes on the character of a community, and this includes the faculty.”

What these two members of the class of 2015 also share is a passion for “passing it on.” Kendra helped organize a health care policy symposium for the Family Medicine Club during her first semester. She currently serves as secretary for the Integrative Medicine Club, and was named treasurer for the 2012-2013 Student Academy of American Osteopathy (SAAO). Adam is a Student Government Association representative and a vice-president for the Anesthesia Club. This past holiday season, he spearheaded a fundraiser to buy gift cards for the housekeeping and cafe staff in the Alfond Center. ■

To contribute to the Doctor’s for Maine’s Future Scholarship fund, contact Scott Marchildon at (207) 221-4230 or [smarchildon@une.edu](mailto:smarchildon@une.edu).



# Making the most of the UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

By Susan Pierter

**P**erri Fine '12 was the only one among her close friends who decided to go to college outside of the New York City area where she was raised.

With an interest in marine biology, she was looking for “a nice setting” and the urban schools she toured had “a lot of concrete.”

So when she received a UNE postcard with a fish on it, she was hooked.

“It was the only out-of-state school I visited,” said Perri, who will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in marine biology. And she has taken full advantage of the nice setting that attracted her to Maine in the first place – from the mountains to the sea.

She has enjoyed hikes in Baxter State Park — home to Katahdin, the state of Maine’s highest peak — and climbing rocks nearby on the campus at a bird sanctuary in Biddeford Pool. She’s also taken advantage of UNE’s location at the mouth of the Saco River to conduct research with other students.

In the spring of 2010 during her sophomore year, she took the initiative to inquire about a work study position at UNE’s Marine Animal Rehabilitation Center (MARC). When her schedule didn’t match up with opportunities at MARC she was referred to Shaun Gill, the manager at the University’s Marine Science Center where she was offered a hands-on work study position assisting with research facility operations and maintaining oceanographic instrumentation. That’s when one thing led to another.



*Hiking Baxter State Park's South Turner Mountain is only one peak Perri Fine '12 reached in her time at UNE.*

## STUDENT PROFILE



*Perri Fine '12 with MSC Manager Shaun Gill and Ryan Knotek '12 in the lab reinstalling o-ring seals that keep instruments water-tight ...*

She applied for an internship the following summer at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove near Bar Harbor, Maine. Her experience in the Marine Science Center helped make her eligible for the internship, but it was her work as a resident advisor at UNE that sealed the deal.

"They were looking for someone who could also be a resident advisor during the summer internship," said Fine, who had served in that capacity her junior year for 12 students at UNE's new

Sokokis Hall on the Biddeford Campus. In her senior year, she was a resident advisor to 50 students at East Hall, also on the Biddeford Campus.

During her summer internship at the Mount Desert Lab, she helped build artificial wombs for "pups" of spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) used in research. On her return to UNE that fall, her work study manager learned about her experience and connected her with James Sulikowski, an associate professor in marine sciences at UNE whose research includes determining the habitat, depth and movement patterns of the spiny dogfish. Fine has helped students involved in research with Sulikowski build the artificial wombs.

In addition to her research in Maine, she has also taken advantage of a biology course at UNE that brings students to Belize, Central America during winter break each year to study one of the largest coral reef systems in the world.

What has Fine learned about her experience at UNE?



*... in Belize for a January "lab" session ... and below with other undergraduate students during water sampling on the Saco River.*



"Be open to getting involved," said Fine. "Seek out leadership opportunities and volunteer for things that interest you." Her involvement with the student newspaper, most recently as photo editor, and involvement as a student orientation leader and resident advisor have made campus life more enjoyable.

And what are her plans after graduation?

"I definitely plan to go to graduate school at some point," said Fine. But for now, she just plans to enjoy the view. ■

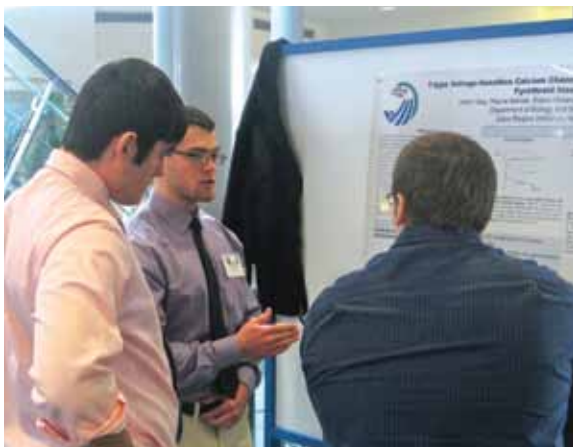


# NURDS Flock to UNE



By Kathleen Taggersell

MORE THAN 180 STUDENTS FROM 38 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST GATHERED AT UNE'S BIDDEFORD CAMPUS MARCH 10-11 TO ATTEND THE LARGEST UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE NORTH OF BOSTON.



*The Northeast Undergraduate Research Development Symposium brought students from all across the northeast to UNE to share their research.*

The 4th Annual Northeast Undergraduate Research Development Symposium – or NURDS – is funded in part by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This year's event attracted students from New Haven to Nova Scotia, including 19 students from UNE.

Through talks and poster presentations, students shared their research in the natural and social sciences, in disciplines such as ecology, evolution, genetics/molecular biology, psychology, oceanography, marine biology, physics, medical biology, and chemistry.

Many students are preparing their research for submission to publications, and the symposium provided a venue to refine their research, presentation and networking skills.

UNE undergraduate medical biology student Casey Toombs '12 has helped organize the symposium for three years, and has presented twice. She says, "By presenting my research in front of other undergraduates at NURDS, I have gained very useful feedback to help me prepare for my Honors thesis. I am also better prepared to speak about my research in front of important doctors and professors for medical school interviews to achieve my goal of becoming a physician."



**UNE students are encouraged to pursue active research as part of their academic education.** At left is Cassidy Peterson '13, a marine biology and mathematics major, preparing a baby shark nursery tank.

Markus Frederich, Ph.D., UNE associate professor of marine sciences, is the principal investigator of the NSF grant that funds NURDS, as well as faculty advisor for the event. He stated, "At UNE, our students are encouraged to pursue active research as part of their academic education. The NURDS conference models a real scientific conference with talks and poster sessions, moderators and even hands-on workshops. The students become real scientists, presenting their work, which often is truly innovative science, in front of their peers. The funding from the National Science Foundation allows us to make this a larger regional event, and some universities sent their students for the fourth year to present at NURDS."

Michael Grace, Ph.D., associate professor at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL, shared fascinating insights about his research with undergraduates in the 2012 key-

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— Markus Frederich, Ph.D.

note address titled, "Some Like it Hot! The Infrared Vision in Pit Vipers and Pythons."

Keynote speakers at previous NURDS conferences include Peggy Maher, aerospace education specialist at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and Dr. Jeffrey Osborn, former president of the National Council of Undergraduate Research.

In just four years, the NURDS conference has evolved along with its students. Sara Young, a UNE marine biology graduate in the class of 2011, is

now completing her master's degree in marine mammal science at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. As an undergrad at UNE, she participated in the NURDS conference twice, including an award-winning presentation on a comparative diet study of California and Steller sea lions in 2010. She says, "It was a great atmosphere to learn about conference presentation skills, which I needed. I just put these skills to work at the UK Student Marine Mammal Chapter Conference, where I spoke about my current work on grey seal dive behavior." ■



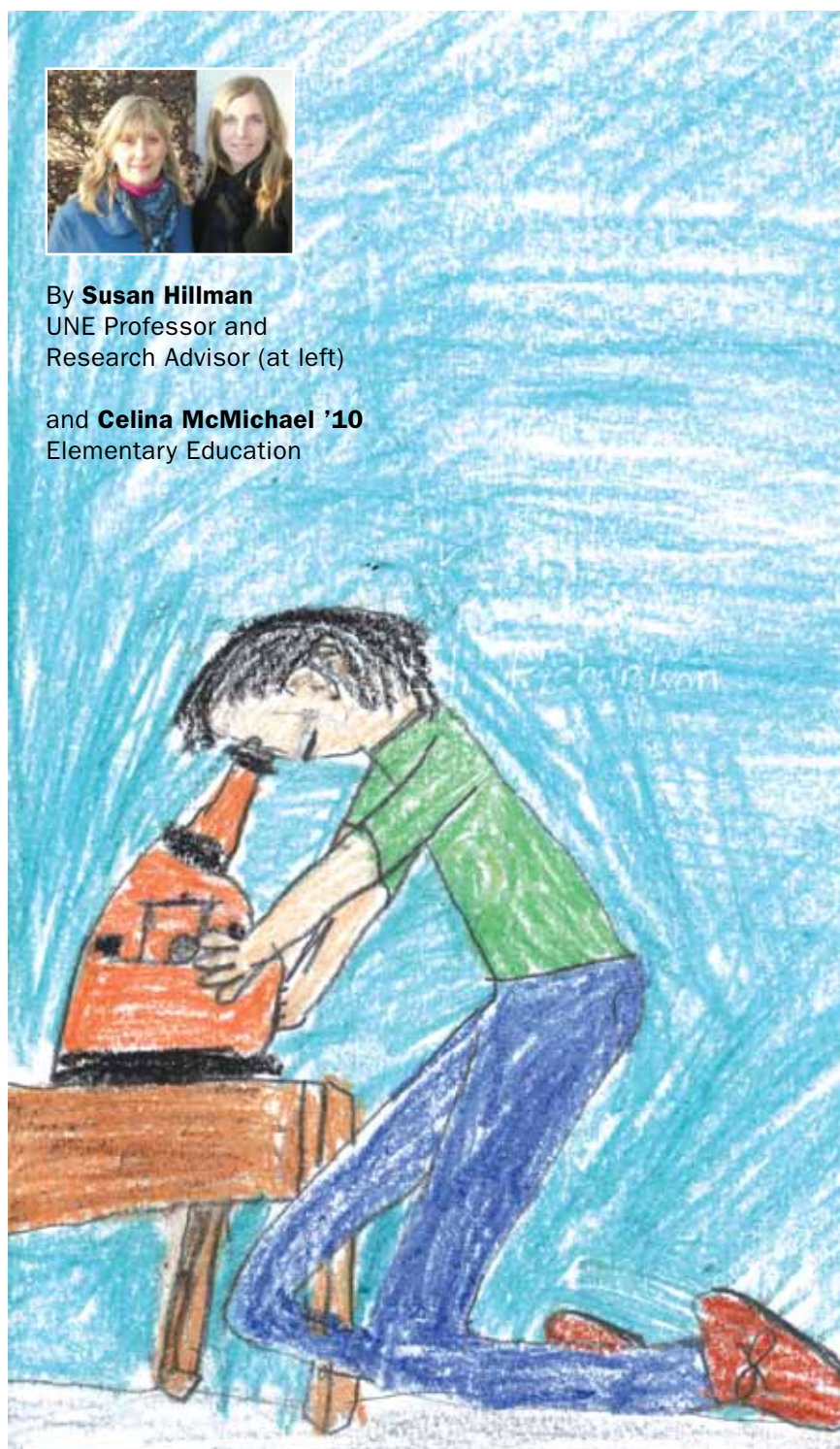
*In our ongoing commitment to highlight UNE research developments, we share the following article from the Department of Education.*

## The Impact of a Summer Literacy Program on Children's Perceptions of Scientists



By **Susan Hillman**  
UNE Professor and  
Research Advisor (at left)

and **Celina McMichael '10**  
Elementary Education



As teachers how can we ensure our students will not limit themselves due to hidden stereotypes? How can we ensure that our students will not dismiss opportunities due to misconceptions of an occupation? As teachers how do we encourage students to pursue hidden potential they may not realize they hold?

Science, in particular, has been a field where substantial documentation has been made of the many misconceptions prevalent in children in terms of scientific concepts and the lack of basic science literacy.

Moreover, research that began over 25 years ago has shown that children can hold particular stereotypes of scientists. Given these concerns, a study was developed to explore whether stereotypes of who is a scientist continue to be present today in children, and, if yes, whether these stereotypical perceptions can be broadened by using children's literature and the library as a venue from which to actualize change.

This project operated in collaboration with a local library in southern Maine. Upon signing up for the six-week summer reading program, parents and children, five or older, were given the option to participate in the research study. If the child and parent/guardian both consented, the child was provided a quiet space and asked to draw a scientist and write what a scientist does using the Draw-a-Scientist Test (DAST).

What does a scientist do?  
Makes stuff. They help people.  
Scientists work. They tell stuff  
Scientists can do anything, like  
make breakfast.

No additional prompts were given. If they could not write, they dictated to the librarian or to the primary researcher. Crayons including a range of special flesh-colored crayons and pencils were available.

Nineteen children participated in this pre-test, completing a drawing and writing or dictating to a prompt asking what a scientist does. Six weeks of inquiry-based science activities were offered. Each activity involved a scientist when feasible and began with an introduction of what science is, what scientists do, or where they work. Furthermore, emphasis was placed on how. Finally, children were encouraged to read two non-fiction and two fiction science trade books throughout the summer reading program. As part of a grant to augment this summer research project, UNE donated 30 new science trade books to the library.

Attendance was voluntary and ranged from 12 to 16 children each week. Of those weekly numbers, one to five were participants in the study. A special evening activity in which local scientists displayed and carried out experiments with the children drew 35 participants, five of whom were participants in the study. Following the six-week program, children who completed the pre-test were asked to return to the library to submit a second drawing of what a scientist looks like and a description of what scientists do using the DAST.

Most perceptions of the nine children did not change. For instance, if the participants drew scientists with lab coats in the pre-test, they did so in the post-test. Of particular interest, though, is the fact that boys drew male scientists and the girls drew female scientists in both pre- and post-tests.

A few shifts in perceptions were noted in the drawings or the descriptions,



including all three who drew scientists with eyeglasses in the pre-test did not draw scientists with eyeglasses in the post-test. Four out of nine who did not draw test tubes in the pre-test added a test tube to their post-drawing. Race was difficult to distinguish even with the flesh colored crayons that were available. It appears that a darker shade of skin is present in two post-tests when none was present in the pre-test.

A discussion of results must be limited to trends due to the low sample size and the lack of control in applying the treatment.

In general, the nine-matched subjects showed stability in their perceptions. Some shifts were found in having more detail in their drawings, such as test tubes, and a slight increase in non-tradi-

tional settings or roles being reflected. Whether the summer reading program influenced these changes cannot be determined.

When examining all pre- and post-test sample results beyond the nine-matched participants, significant findings were found by age with lab coats being present in the pre-test and by gender in males and females depicting scientists as having the same gender as they in both the pre-test and post-test. It is difficult to conclude whether this last result is developmental in that children are drawing their own gender as an egocentric response or if they truly believe scientists can be and are of their gender. More research is needed especially in surveying whether older children continue this pattern or if at some point there is a shift.





Dan Brazeau

## Founding Director Named for Genomics Lab

THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH and Scholarship has announced that Dan Brazeau has been appointed as the founding director of UNE's Genomics, Analytics and Proteomics core. The genesis of this core facility came out of funding from the Maine Technology Asset Fund and UNE's College of Pharmacy.

Brazeau will oversee operations while building internal and external partnerships to maximize the use of these resources. His primary appointment will be in the Office of Research and Scholarship. He brings over 13 years of experience directing academic multiuser core facilities at the University at Buffalo's Pharmaceutical Genetics Laboratory and the University of Florida's Genetic Analysis Laboratory.



## Pharmacy Practice Faculty Members Earn Board Certification

**UNE'S DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE** has announced that seven new faculty members have achieved Board Certification through the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, recognized as the highest specialized training, knowledge and skills in pharmacy.

The faculty members who have recently achieved the distinction of Board Certification are:

### **Ambulatory Care**

Dr. Lisa Pagnucco  
Dr. Erin Koepf  
Dr. Paige Parsons

### **Pharmacotherapy**

Dr. Andrea Deschambeault  
Dr. Leslie Ochs

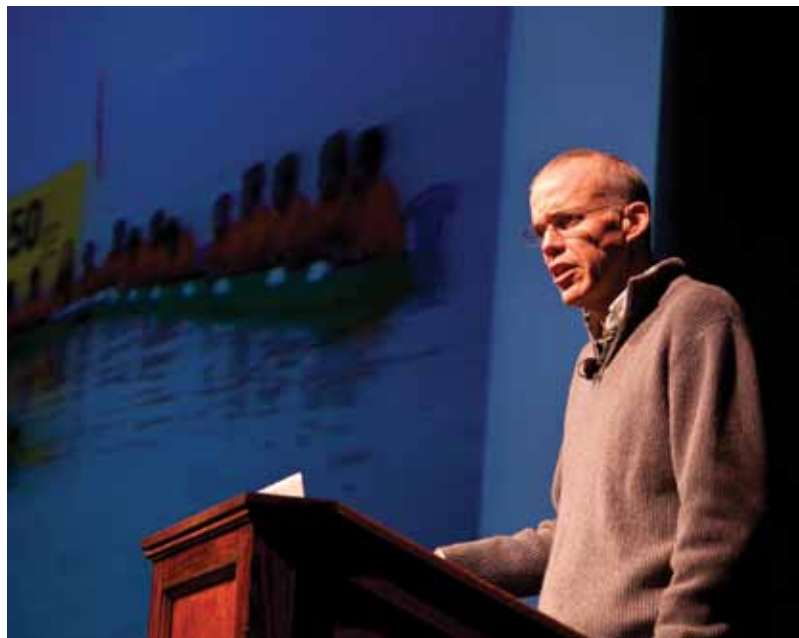
### **Psychiatry Pharmacy**

Dr. Devon Sherwood

### **Nutrition Support**

Dr. David Romerill

With this new cohort of Board Certified faculty, the Department of Pharmacy Practice at UNE now has 15 faculty Board Certifications in total including the disciplines of oncology, toxicology, pharmacotherapy, nutrition, ambulatory care, and psychiatric pharmacotherapy.



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## Center for Global Humanities Hosts Two Mid-Year Blockbusters

UNE'S CENTER FOR GLOBAL HUMANITIES PACKED THE 1,000-SEAT WESTBROOK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TWICE DURING THE 2011–2012 SCHOOL YEAR.

### NOAM CHOMSKY

In December, MIT's Noam Chomsky spoke for 75 minutes on the topic "Arab Spring, American Winter," reflecting on the irony that while the people of the Middle East are demanding the right to good education, health and employment, Americans – battered by an economic system that eludes most people's grasp – seem to be resigned to a future without such rights.

"U.S. policy has to change," said Chomsky. "There's a growing gap between public will and public policy."

Chomsky has written and lectured widely on linguistics, philosophy, intellectual history, contemporary issues, international affairs and U.S. foreign policy. He joined the MIT staff in 1955 and in 1961 was appointed full professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (now the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy). From 1966 to 1976 he held the Ferrari P. Ward Professorship of Modern Languages and Linguistics. In 1976 he was appointed Institute Professor, a position he holds today.



### BILL MCKIBBEN / The Climate Fight

In January, the Center hosted a lecture on, "Local And Global: Notes from the Frontlines of the Climate Fight" by Bill McKibben, scholar in residence in environmental sciences at Middlebury College and founder of the grassroots climate campaign 350.org, which has coordinated 15,000 rallies in 189 countries since 2009.

For McKibben's presentation, the Center worked with the Maine Humanities Council to stream the event live to libraries in Lewiston, Belfast, Houlton, Bangor and Portland. People were encouraged to read McKibben's book, *Earth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet* ahead of time, and scholars were paid a stipend to facilitate discussions following the event.

*Time Magazine* called McKibben "the planet's best green journalist" and the *Boston Globe* said in 2010 that he was "probably the country's most important environmentalist." UNE's Center for Global Humanities is a public forum designed to introduce students and members of the public to the exploration of the great issues facing humanity today, according to the Center's Director Anouar Majid.



## Interprofessional Education Collaborative

# TENTH ANNUAL INTERPROFESSIONAL Spring Symposium

**UNE CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNUAL** Interprofessional Spring Symposium on April 5 collaborating with the Michael T. Goulet Traumatic Brain Injury and Epilepsy Foundation, bringing together graduate students in all of UNE's health professions to explore neuroscience discoveries and clinical practice. The daylong event was held on the Biddeford and Portland campuses.



*Michael Goulet  
1989–2010*

The symposium was organized around a case study on Michael Goulet who endured a traumatic brain injury as a result of a snowmobile injury on February 15, 2003. He underwent brain surgery, and survived. Recovery included weeks in a coma, months of intensive rehabilitation, and years of further medical care. Subsequent to his recovery Michael developed a seizure disorder, and at the age of 13 he suffered from his first Grand Mal seizure two years post recovery. He had daily episodes of seizure activity from then on, despite continued care and medical treatment. In October 2010, Michael passed away from complications from his last Grand Mal seizure.

Michael Goulet's father, Brad Goulet, mother, Lynda LeBlanc and sister, Danielle Goulet participated in a roundtable discussion during the symposium. The panel also included David B. Seder, MD, Director of Neurocritical Care at Maine Medical Center, Dr. Howard M Kunin, DPSY; PSYD New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, and Noel Poirer, RN, of the Intensive Care Unit at Maine Medical Center.

The panel was moderated by UNE Associate Provost for Research and Scholarship Edward Bilsky who also delivered the keynote address on "Coordinated Brain Care: How Neuroscience Discoveries and International Practices Can Improve Patient and Population Health."

**During the symposium, students participated in breakout sessions led by internal and external experts:**

### **What's Public Health Got To Do With It?**

Dora Mills, MD, MPH, FAAP

### **Blood Brain Barrier Dysfunction in Migraine**

Colin Willis, Ph.D.

### **When Neuroscience Comes Home: Translating Science to Caregiving and Daily Routine**

Tesha Imperati, Director of Programs and Services, Connecticut Family Support Network and Karen Zrenda, Family Resource Program Coordinator, Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital

### **The Science of Caring: How Neuroscience Research Inspires Hope for Recovering Mothers and Their Infants**

Jennifer Morton, DNP, MPH, RN and Shelley Cohen Konrad, Ph.D., LCSW

### **Health Care Benefits of Walking Meditation Using the Labyrinth**

Cally Gurley, MLIS, Joe Wolfberg, M.S., Karen L. Houseknecht, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

### **Clear Window of Opportunity: Neuroplasticity in Infancy and Early Childhood**

Eileen Ricci, PT, DPT, M.S., PCS

### **The HBO Addiction Project – Selected Case Studies**

Christian Teter, PharmD, BCPP

### **Sensory Modulation Challenges in Veterans with PTSD and/or TBI**

Judith G. Kimball, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA

### **Your Brain on ART**

Artist Brady Nickerson



**The 5th Annual Paul D. Merrill Business Ethics Lecture**, hosted by UNE's Business and Communications Department, was held on April 12 and featured Diana B. Henriques, author of the best-selling *The Wizard of Lies: Bernie Madoff and the Death of Trust*. She is a contributing writer for *The New York Times*, where she has worked since 1989.

*At left, featured speaker Diana B. Henriques*

## Eight-day “Lab” in Belize Celebrates 10th Year



**THE BEAUTIFULLY RUGGED COAST** of southern Maine is an ideal place for the study of marine science, drawing students from across the country for access to diverse marine life and coastal habitats within a short walk or van ride from the UNE campus. There are, however, parts of the marine world that students need to travel farther afield to experience first-hand, such as the ecosystems of a tropical coral reef.

And that’s what hundreds of students have done in the past 10 years through a “coral biology” class offered by Associate Professor Jeri Fox. The course begins in the fall, and during the students’ winter break is relocated for an eight-day “lab” in Belize, Central America – home to one of the largest coral reef systems in the world.

In preparation for total immersion (figuratively and literally) into the coral world, students spend the prior semester learning the biology, taxonomy, ecology and geology of corals. Co-leaders Leah Bymers and Tim Arienti prepare them for the field portion of the course with pool sessions before leaving campus.

During their time in Belize, students are in the water every day experiencing live corals in their natural setting, identifying as many different species as possible. Although the course largely emphasizes the biology of the corals, attention is also paid to the whole ecosystem.

The first few trips into the water are from shore and everyone gets a little time to adjust their snorkel gear and get comfortable with currents and depths. After this initial introduction, students travel to a variety of snorkel spots by boat. The excursions are varied so students get to see many different microecosystems and different kinds of reef.

## Add Verb Founder Recognized

**UNE’S ADD VERB** Productions Founder and Program Director Cathy Plourde was awarded the Hardy Girls Healthy Women’s “co-creator award” as part of Girls Rock Weekend March 30-April 1 – a three day celebration of girls’ voices, leadership, and activism held in Augusta and Waterville.

The co-creator award is given annually to a Maine woman whose work is advancing the Hardy Girls’ vision that all girls and women experience equality, independence, and safety in their everyday lives.

“Cathy Plourde is a singular talent, with a keen sense of how to develop safe spaces for youth and open people’s hearts and minds. As a writer, director and producer, she has devoted her life to creating more inclusive communities and scaffolding youth activism,” said Hardy Girls Founder Lyn Mikel Brown.

Add Verb is a nonprofit program of UNE’s Westbrook College of Health Professions, providing health and wellness education through theater performances that address complex social and medical issues such as bullying, eating disorders, domestic violence, and sexual assault.



*Cathy Plourde introduces an interprofessional group of UNE students in health professions to “The Thin Line,” an Add Verb performance about breaking the silence around eating disorders.*



## Maine's First Accredited Masters of Public Health Degree

UNE has announced that its Masters of Public Health Program has received accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health – making UNE's program the first accredited in the state of Maine.



"We are pleased to offer the only accredited MPH program in Maine," said UNE President Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D.

"We see this program as a critical piece of our investment in the health of our state, and with the ability for students to obtain this degree through a flexible interactive online experience, public health graduate education is now available across Maine."

"We are fortunate to have world class faculty teaching for us, offering courses ranging from foundational public health courses, health policy and management, public health emergency preparedness to environmental health. Our focus is on providing the public health skill sets needed in the work force of today as well as of tomorrow," said Tim Ford, Ph.D.,

Dean of Graduate Studies, who is leading the program. "Now that we are fully accredited, we expect to greatly expand enrollment, especially since employers and schools often require degrees from accredited institutions."

"An MPH is considered one of the most marketable degrees, since health care providers are increasingly being required to use public health skills to care for their patients," said Dora Anne Mills, MD, MPH, UNE's vice president for Clinical Affairs. "As the largest educator of health care providers in Maine, we at UNE are excited to be offering this degree to many health professional students while they are on campus as well as working health professionals across Maine and the globe."

All students graduating from UNE's new College of Dental Medicine, scheduled to open in the fall of 2013, will also receive an advanced certificate in public health.

The Graduate Programs in Public Health within the College of Graduate Studies at UNE currently offer an online certificate program and an online MPH degree program in both full and part-time formats. These online programs offer dynamic multimedia curricula with expert public health practitioners, researchers and educators. The MPH includes an integrated public health practicum that provides students with the opportunity to work in public health settings and network with the public health work force prior to graduation.



**The 25th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** was held at UNE in a series of events in January and February. In the photo, students who served as part of the planning committee created original spoken word written pieces, workshop materials, and developed their performance collaborative. The UNE community celebrates a long history of commemorating Dr. King's life and legacy – UNE's Biddeford Campus was one of only a few sites in Maine he visited in May 1964 as part of a civil rights symposium.

*(Photo courtesy of Kathlene Pangilinan and Khaliunna "Haku" Namkhainyambuu)*



## Maine Gov. Paul LePage Visits UNE, Meets With Doctors for Maine's Future Scholars

**ESTABLISHED BY THE** Finance Authority of Maine in 2009, the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program assists students matriculating in a Maine-based medical school with the cost of medical education by providing a tuition subsidy of \$25,000 annually.

Designed to address Maine's acute shortage of primary care physicians and the high cost of medical education, the scholarship is awarded competitively at the time of matriculation to students who have a substantial connection to the state of Maine and have indicated a strong intention of entering one of the primary care fields.

On March 5, 2012, UNE President Danielle N. Ripich welcomed Maine Governor Paul LePage for a visit to UNE's Biddeford Campus. Gov. LePage met with UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs Marc B. Hahn, as well as with Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship students. Standing in the atrium of the Alford Center for the Health Sciences, Gov. LePage advised the medical students, "I hope you stay in Maine after you graduate. We need your talent!"

U.S. News & World Report recently recognized UNE's College of Osteopathic Medicine as fifth in the nation for schools that have graduates entering primary care residency training programs, and its geriatrics program earned top-20 honors, ranked 16th.

### UNE'S DOCTORS FOR MAINE'S FUTURE:

*Students in their white coats above are:*

Brittany Bolduc  
Thomas Duff  
Shaila DeLea  
Elisa M. Diaz  
Deidre Reigel  
Ashley Beaulieu  
Jennifer DeRoy  
Aimee J. Guy  
Lisa H. Carpenter  
Andrew Ferrara

Also joining them in the photo are Maine Governor Paul LePage (sixth from left), and at far right UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean Marc B. Hahn and UNE President Danielle Ripich.





## Labyrinth: A New Gathering Place on the Portland Campus

**BEHIND THE UNE ART GALLERY** on the Portland Campus, there's a maze of sorts. Well actually, it's a labyrinth. What's the difference?, you may ask.

A maze presents many choices of paths and direction; whereas a labyrinth has only a single, non-branching path leading to the center and is not designed to be difficult to navigate. It is also considered an ancient meditative tool that has been in existence for thousands of years.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors are invited to find a sense of balance and oneness by walking the path created with nature, art, creativity and peace.

Landscape Architect Ethan Stebbins built the labyrinth last fall with support from many members of the UNE community.

## Also at the UNE Art Gallery:



### Rebecca Goodale's Lullaby for Maine

*Through June 16*

*Lullaby for Maine* is an exhibition of artist books by Rebecca Goodale, with images and texts about Maine's rare flora and fauna. Each book in this exhibition is made with a particular purpose. Some books are about a single species, some are seasonal narratives, and others are about interrelated species or habitat. The books are poetic interpretations of various subjects portrayed on pages that are filled with color and pattern originating from Goodale's background in textile design.



## State to Partner with UNE Program to Combat Elder Financial Abuse

*"It is critical that we combine strong enforcement actions to punish investment criminals with effective education and prevention."*

**Judith M. Shaw**  
Maine Securities  
Administrator

**WITH NEW MEDICAL** research showing that more than a third of Americans over the age of 71 having mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or Alzheimer's disease that make them particularly susceptible to investment swindles and other financial abuse, Maine Securities Administrator Judith M. Shaw announced in December that Maine is joining a national Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation (EIFFE) prevention program.

UNE's Maine Geriatric Education Center is working with the state on this unprecedented effort to educate an estimated 200 Maine medical professionals about how to spot an older patient who may be particularly vulnerable to investment fraud and financial exploitation and then to refer these at-risk patients to state securities regulators and adult services professionals for assistance.

"With the senior population in Maine expected to double in the next 15 years, it is critical that we combine strong enforcement actions to punish investment criminals with effective education and prevention," administrator Shaw said. "Regulators know that when it comes to protecting older investors, it is essential to take action before the money is gone."

Special to UNE Magazine

# The Letter: A Voice From Afar

by Jim Pierce, SFC '66

**M**aine blueberries are undersized when compared to others, but they sure are oversized to the palate. And when folded into a warm pie, they're at their best.

The pie was boxed and when my friends returned to Kennebunk from Delaware in 1998 from the funeral of their 41-year old son, Lt. Daniel P. Thomas, USN (Ret.), I presented it to them as an expression of my respect and appreciation of their loss. I hoped it would provide a bit of sweetness at a difficult time.

From their living room, Lorraine and Pete discussed the funeral that celebrated the life of their son, telling me about Dan's career as a commissioned officer for a dozen years in the U.S. Navy following his graduation from St. Anselm's College, and his action as the combat officer aboard the USS Scott, a guided-missile destroyer in "The Gulf of Sidra" conflict that was brought on by Muammar al-Gaddafi's declared "line of death" policy.

Later, Dan would remain connected as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserves while beginning another career in information technology.

Pete got up from his chair and went to the fireplace mantel and removed a large framed photograph of Dan, his wife and four children. The four kids had wide grins, bright, beautiful blue eyes, and each, arm-over-arm, embraced

each other. I felt a tug at my heart, wondering how these kids would eventually understand the change in their life without a father in their future. When I looked at Lorraine and Pete, I knew they were reading my thoughts as I saw Pete's warm blue-eyes moisten.

"You know," Pete said, "Danny was a big fan of President Bush. Wouldn't it be nice if the kids got a letter from the President."

I said that would be nice.

A bit later, Lorraine and Pete replaced the photo above the fireplace, and we hugged and said so long. That night I wrote a letter to Mr. Bush and the next day visited the golf professional at the Cape Arundel Golf Club where the Bush family plays and asked the pro to deliver the letter to the former President.

"Sure. He writes lots of letters from his office over the garage at Walker's Point," explained Ken Raynor. "I'll give it to him."

A month later, after I had forgotten the note, I received an envelope addressed by hand with the corner card indicating the return address as Walker's Point. I thought it was some kind of fundraising piece as I sliced it open. It was not.

Rather, it was a hand-written thank you note from George

Herbert Walker Bush in which he enclosed a copy of his letter to Danny's widow, Marian and her children. It was one of the most beautiful and touching letters I have ever read. It was very personal, from the "former Commander-in-Chief."

Months passed and a new golfing season opened. In July 1999, I was playing with three friends and as we teed up on No. 11 hole at Cape Arundel we saw a dust cloud from the pair of golf carts blowing along the tenth fairway. It was President Bush "speed-golfing" with his buddies. Our foursome hit off and as we walked up the fairway we agreed to let the speedsters play through, a common golf courtesy.

When the President's golf ball landed five yards from mine, I waited nearby to greet him and to thank him for his letter to Danny's family as I'm sure he had probably forgotten about it.



Walker's Point

Dear Tim -  
I wrote Marian Thomas  
today after reading your letter  
which truly touched my heart -  
Sincerely, G. Bush



“Hey, fellas,” he said with that familiar Texas twang, stretching out his right arm for another handshake. “How’s it going?”

“Nice drive, Mr. Bush,” I said, reciprocating with my right hand.

Our palms met, and I tightly gripped his while trying to tell him thanks for writing a beautiful letter to Marian Thomas in Wilmington whose husband served as a Naval officer and had died of cancer, and I didn’t want to stop shaking his hand until I finished. It lasted more than just a regular handshake.

“Oh, you sent me that note?” he said, the grip now changing polarity as he continued to pump mine.

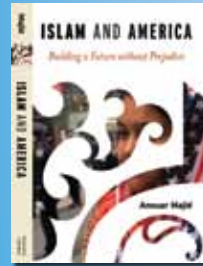
“Yes, sir,” I replied, sensing the handshake had gone on long enough, except I couldn’t release my hand as he too wished to finish his remark.

“I know the significance of that type letter,” he said, “and how important it can be for families grieving. Thanks, Jim, for bringing it to my attention.”

Our hands unclasped.

We each got a chance to express our thoughts to each other while our golfing partners patiently waited. And after Mr. Bush turned around and hit his ball I said “Keep ‘em in the fairways,” and a smile flashed quickly on his face as he said “take care, Jim” and off he went.

For years the Bushes have stopped by Patten’s Berry Farm Stand on North Street around the corner from the golf course to pick up some fruit and vegetables. It would not be surprising if Barbara and George Bush have sat around their family room at Walker’s Point from time to time, sharing a Maine blueberry pie, and discussing life’s highs and lows for certainly they know what Lorraine and Pete have endured. ■



## Islam and America

Anouar Majid, Ph.D.

**Islam and America looks at roots of faith-inspired prejudices and possibilities for peace**

By Dick Buhr

America’s current conflict with Islam is rooted in a long and complicated history.

Christopher Columbus, for example, believed he was predestined to lead “a fifth Crusade” and re-conquer Jerusalem. Cotton Mather, the 17th century Massachusetts clergyman, relished the fact that he was in a country “afar off, in a land, which never had (that I have ever heard of) one Mohametan breathing in it.”

And yet, as President Barak Obama noted in his famous June 4, 2009 Cairo speech, Muslim Morocco was the first country to recognize the independence of the United States.

In his new book *Islam and America: Building a Future without Prejudice*, Anouar Majid, UNE associate provost for global initiatives and director of the Center for Global Humanities, argues that the current animosity between the U.S. and Muslim world should be understood through the often-overlooked history between the two.

Majid traces the genealogy of this conflicted relationship from the Pilgrims to the present, portraying a complicated history of prejudice and missed opportunities, as well as a history of benevolence and fruitful exchange on both sides.

In telling this history, he weaves personal stories with historical narratives to offer a critical view of both cultures and to suggest a path towards future peace.

Majid contends that knowing this history of both conflict and collaboration can help promote the mutual goodwill and appreciation that will be necessary to tackle the challenges facing Islam and America. Majid makes an argument against faith-inspired prejudices and offers suggestions for the future.

He writes: “We all - Americans and Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians - must rediscover the promise of the Enlightenment, whose core revolutionary principles - the banishment of ignorance and prejudice, the elevation of reason over blind faith, the quest for a just society that is fulfilling to all, and the uncompromising dedication to human dignity - were snuffed out too early and prematurely. It will take time to replace pessimism with hope, suspicion with genuine openness, and clashes with alliances; but we are better off starting now than delaying good works to some indefinite time in the future.”



*Danielle (Derosier) Pearson '97  
and former UNE soccer coach  
Doug Biggs at the 2011 UNE  
Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony*



THE BOND BETWEEN  
A COACH AND A COLLEGIATE  
STUDENT-ATHLETE IS  
IN MANY CASES AN  
INSEPARABLE ONE.

# A Bond That *Lasts a Lifetime*

By Curt Smyth

Coaches serve as mentors, counselors, teachers, motivators and more – oftentimes a surrogate “mother” or “father” away from home. In return, student-athletes give of themselves, putting in countless hours dedicated to formal practice, voluntary off-season training and conditioning, and many long trips to and from away competitions. Despite different variables, coaches and student-athletes forge a bond based upon passion for their sport and the dynamic of coming together for a common goal.

When University of Tennessee women’s basketball coach Pat Summit went public with the fact she was diagnosed with dementia, current and former players spoke glowingly of the profound impact Summit has had on their lives.

Closer to home, examples of fierce loyalty between players and coaches are plentiful. Those present at the 2011 UNE Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony were able to feel the bond between former Westbrook



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To this day, I try to live my life according to the standards and expectations that he instilled in me nearly 20 years ago. I have never met a coach with more passion for his players or more dedication for developing the character in young men.

— Derek Vogel WC '96 on Jim Graffam, former Westbrook College men's basketball coach

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College administrator and head men's basketball coach Jim Graffam and his former student-athletes. A capacity crowd in the Wescott Room of the Campus Center included 19 former players and scores of other assistant coaches, former colleagues and friends.

In his induction remarks, Graffam spoke of the family atmosphere surrounding his teams. Several months later when asked to reflect on what led to that special climate, he spoke about respect and teamwork.

"The family atmosphere was most important," Graffam said. "The coaches valued each person and what they could do for

the team. We appreciated their efforts, spoke of those often, and expected them in the future."

Graffam's Wildcats crafted countless memories on the hardwood, but looking back it is what his former players are doing today that is his greatest takeaway.

"Of our 40 former players, more than 30 went on to become coaches at some level," reflected Graffam. "It's unbelievable how well our alums are doing today. Jobs with big responsibilities, big salaries and solid families. That's the most important result of the Westbrook College experience."

One of Graffam's former players, Derek Vogel WC '96, credits his former coach for making such an indelible impact on his life.

"To this day, I try to live my life according to the standards and expectations that he instilled in me nearly 20 years ago," Vogel commented. "I have never met a coach with more passion for his players or more

dedication for developing the character in young men. I can honestly say I would not be the man I am today without the compassionate, guidance and mentoring from Coach Graffam."

Former UNE women's soccer player Danielle Derosier Pearson '97 also carries that same bond with her former head coach, Doug Biggs. Pearson, the program's career leader in goals, has the utmost respect for Biggs and is eternally grateful for the impact he has had on her life.

"I'm not sure if Coach Biggs knows the magnitude of the impact he has had in my life," Pearson said. "Coach believed in me, challenged me, and encouraged me to be the best I could be both on and off the field. The lessons I learned playing soccer for Coach Biggs are an integral part of my life today."

The inseparable bond between coach and athlete was on display again at UNE just several months after the Hall of Fame induction ceremony when the university formally dedicated the Campus Center gymnasium to former St. Francis College Athletic Director and Coach Jim Beaudry.



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*Coach Beaudry gives his 1964 basketball team a pep talk.*

Nearly 150 alumni and special guests were on hand for an intimate gathering in the St. Francis Room, followed by the formal ceremony at halftime of the women's basketball game. When presented the opportunity to speak about their former coach at the portion of the program in the St. Francis Room, more than a half-dozen former players spoke of Beaudry's character, integrity and the impact he has had on their lives, as well as the bond they share today.

When asked to assess the impact Beaudry has had, Jim Kerr SFC '64 lauded him for his ability to connect for lifelong relationships.

"The true bond between the coach and his players is not about X's and O's, or winning or losing," Kerr said. "It is the void that the coach often fills in his players' lives. It could be a father/son relationship or just a true relationship that lasts a lifetime."

Coach Beaudry is the type of man who can accomplish both those things and much more," he continued. "Almost 50 years later, we have the same relationship as we did on the first day of

practice. Seeing him at his dedication (ceremony) made me realize the influence he had on any success I may have had in my own coaching career."

Ed Gagnon SFC '67 echoes Kerr's comments:

"Other than my brother and father, no other male has had a greater influence on my life," Gagnon commented. "He was a consistent and steady personality when dealing with not only me, but with all his players. His top priority was always his players first and our well being, as well as being a great role model for all of us as a teacher, coach, family man and a man of faith.

Today's current UNE coaches continue to make their mark.

Jesalyn Dvorak '12, a two-sport student-athlete, will look back fondly on her experience at UNE and the relationships she has built with the coaches for whom she played.

Said Dvorak: "There are many variables to compare and contrast, but the one thing that remains constant is their

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— Jim Kerr SFC '64 on former SFC athletic director and coach Jim Beaudry



### **Coaches continue to make their mark**

Jesalyn Dvorak '12 praised the ongoing commitment of her lacrosse and soccer coaches, Sue Frost (left) and Heather Davis (right).

genuine concern for my growth and success as a student, an athlete, and an overall person; if I ran into a problem, I could call Coach (Sue) Frost at any hour of the day and she would do everything in her power to help. Coach (Heather) Davis can shed a new light on any frustrations that I have, and I always walk out of her office motivated to keep working. My coaches have provided a lot of guidance in different ways during my college experience, and I know they will continue to be a resource as I move onto other stages of my life." ⚡





## Share your news with us!

Please e-mail your news and photos to [alumni@une.edu](mailto:alumni@une.edu), post on UNE Connect at [www.alumni.une.edu](http://www.alumni.une.edu) or mail to the UNE Office of Alumni Advancement, 716 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME 04103. College of Osteopathic Medicine news should be e-mailed to [RSAS@une.edu](mailto:RSAS@une.edu).

*So that we may include all your news, please limit submissions to 75 words or less. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.*

### 1942

**Marjorie Cate Gilman** writes, "Mac and I are proud and happy great-grandparents to three. Mara is 4, Tristan our "Tank" is 2, and Tyler is 4. Mac is turning 93 on January 18, 2012, he does quite well. I am very healthy and we both appreciate our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Have a good New Year."

### 1944

**Marilyn S. Hall** writes "Denver's Antique Road Show was in Denver, CO and I was selected with my Brewster chair! It was appraised as an authentic chair of 1683!!! My daughter, Jill and her friend, Barbara are running the 1899 *Bed and Breakfast Inn* now. I have retired at last. Please drop by; I have an apartment at the Inn."

### 1945

**Josephine Sloboda Abplanalp** writes that 3 of her 4 grandchildren are driving already.

**Toni Livingston Bond** writes that their youngest granddaughter graduated from UMaine as a marine biologist, and her older sister will be married in September 2012.

**Katharine Fenn Bruce** and husband Bill are spending the winter in Singer Island, FL. Their daughter, Meredith,

teaches English in the UAE. Their only granddaughter, Kendra, works for AID in Afghanistan. She called home on her cell phone while the bombardment of the Embassy was taking place, and she was there!

**Jane Hendrickson Carr** writes that she attended in June. She also states that it is getting harder and harder to get members of our class to reunions.

**Lillian Narva Cohen** writes that she and her twin sister, **Betty Narva Friedman** spend the winter in Sarasota, FL, enjoying golf and tennis. They were also 2 of 3 alumnae who attended our 65th reunion, and enjoyed the tour of Biddeford campus and seeing the new College of Pharmacy on the Westbrook campus.

**Adele Ornsteen Fishbein** passed away on October 8, 2010. Her daughter, Susan, called **Priscilla Smith Scheiner** from Windsor, VT with the sad news.

**Eleanor Pratt Hathaway's** husband, Ike, wrote that she has early Alzheimer's and looks forward to news from classmates.

**Eleanor "Patty" Eckerson McIntyre** took her first cruise to the Northern capitals of the Baltic in July 2011 and was amazed.

**Priscilla Smith Scheiner** writes, "I had a 'stay-at-home' year in 2011, with two eye surgeries on the same eye for glaucoma, and have given up driving at

night. I am still president of my condo association. Wishing you peace and joy in 2012."

**Avis Bearse Simmons** was sorry to miss reunion, but is doing much better now.

**Edie Fetting Williams** and her husband, Tom, are moving to a retirement community about 10 minutes from their present home, where they will get more help. They both have failing eyesight. They spent last September in Kennebunkport, ME, with many wonderful family visits. They have two great granddaughters, ages 1 and 3.

### 1947

**Gloria Stanley Davis** writes from Davidson NC, "Have recently moved to assisted living. Just completed cancer therapy and it worked! My daughter lives in Charlotte and recently adopted an adorable child, Mary True, from China, so it is great to be near her. Think of my happy times at Westbrook and all of you wonderful girls very often. I still own a place on the lake near Kezar Falls and my daughter has built one nearby. It has been great fun to be in Maine every summer. Have a wonderful reunion."

**Janice Butterfield DiFranco** of Harwick, RI writes, "Mobility and travel quite limited: doctors' appointments, pharmacy and grocery stores only. Make do with a walker and/or cane. Living it up with a walk-in-tub/shower and a chair-lift!"

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**Maida Shaw Horovitz** writes from Boynton Beach, FL, "My daughter Nancy Bachrach wrote a book about me. It's called *The Center of the Universe* and that's me, the Center. My son is still a very successful doctor in New York, and my other daughter is a professor at a college in Rochester. She has written seven books on art therapy. I am fine and doing well. Just playing bridge and canasta."

**Pauline Beck Ingold** writes, "Fred and I enjoy our retirement years in Estes Park, Colorado. The majestic Rocky Mountains and beauty of this area is awe inspiring. We do miss the rock bound coast of Maine and all dear friendships made there."

**Elizabeth Winslow Johnson** writes, "To the friendly, fearless, forward-thinking females of '47: Now that the holidays are over we can think about June 8-9-10 at Westbrook Junior. The Reunion Committee hopes to see you all in June. REALLY! There is so much new 'stuff' on campus, it will knock your orthopedic sox off! Golf carts will provide transportation from registration area to everywhere you want to go, including the class parade. Every building has a ramp entrance. Carpooling will be available for the 1.5 mile trip to my house (and 4 steps to my door) for beverages and Botox! That will be after lunch Saturday, and your trip to the spa for massage or whatever.... I will also provide space for napping, but there will be time limits, of course, so everyone will get a chance. Hope to see you there."

**Anne Pearce Lehman** of Chambersburg, PA has just published *Mother's Painful Secret: From the Howling Wilderness to the Halls of Congress. The Saga of Five Generations of an American Family*. The first four generations of her Aroostook Dillen ancestors are known from letters saved by the first born in Maine. The book concludes with the author and her siblings growing up in Washington, D.C. in the exciting days of WWII. She graduated from Wilson College in PA in 1949. In 1977 at the age of 50, she received a M.Ed. from the University of Maryland. At that time she was principal of the Barnesville School, in Montgomery County, MD. She retired from there

in 1984 and returned to Wilson in 1985 to be alumnae director. She and her husband now live in a retirement cottage next door. They have three children Michael 61, Judith 58, and Bill 50; three grandchildren Anne 29, Matthew 27, Charles 25 and a new great granddaughter.

**Bettie Brown Leonard** writes, "I'm excited for as many of our class as possible to join us for our 65th Reunion. I know it's been a long time since our graduation in 1947, but it always touches my heart at the memories and love that remain in the hearts of our fellow graduates – they are always glad to participate when it's time. I think so often of so many of our classmates. I hope that if you aren't able to be here in June, that you at some time will be in the Portland area. If you are, visit the campus – it's such a beautiful sight to remember."

**Fern Wilson Orr** writes, "Remember – our 65th Class Reunion is scheduled for June 8-10, 2012. We want you to come, we need you to come! This is our time to get together and reminisce about our time spent at Westbrook Junior College from September 1945 to June 1947. What wonderful times we had at WJC! We are trying to reach out to our former classmates. We would like to hear from those who can't come so we can let others know about your lives since our days at WJC. I'm still working at age 84. Of course this is only for two days a week as a medical transcriptionist. I call my days at work my 'social life', as I work for a group of cardiologists in a large office with many wonderful people, most of whom, by age, could be my sons or daughters or grandchildren. My only trip in 2011 was to New Brunswick, Canada, in June with my daughter Betsy to visit some of my many first cousins in New Brunswick. My cousins in the Clifton area are planning a Descendents of Anslow Daley (my grandfather) Family Reunion in July 2012, so I'll be busy with reunions in the summer of 2012."

**Beatrice Cram Webster** has settled in on a mountain called Turkey Ridge Road in Halcott Center, NY. She writes, "Still busy up in the mountains. Just one small snow storm so far but *before* Halloween!! I rented the Grange Hall for

several families to hold our Thanksgiving dinner and get together – always have a wonderful time. If for some reason I do not make our 60th, have a GREAT time! Quite an accomplishment!!"

### 1950

**Marjorie Hitchcock Gaffney** writes "My beloved husband Robert passed away in October 2012. We had 60 happy years together. We have six wonderful children and 11 grandchildren. Now we are blessed with two great-grandchildren, Mason Pare and Claire Gaffney."

**Nancy Basse Merchant** passed away on June 26, 2010 after a long fight with lung cancer.

### 1951

**Beverly Finner Aker** writes, "Recovering from Irene and the October snowstorm. Knit a lot of prayer shawls for church. Still traveling and content with my life. Cheers to all."

### 1954

**Janet Mattson McComb** writes, "Still enjoying life in 'paradise', sure beats shoveling! Having first knee replaced January 10th so trying to stay upbeat-second knee will be done later! Then I *hope* its back on the golf course!"

### 1955

**Jean Earley Cohen** lives near her youngest daughter in St Louis. Older daughter and her husband visited for Thanksgiving, and she visited them in Atlanta when son-in-law Andy became a US citizen. She was very impressed with the patriotic ceremony. Son John is with American Airlines, and moved to Los Angeles in the New Year.

**Priscilla Wheeler Curda's** highlight of the past year was a trip to Russia. They spent time in Moscow and Petersburg during a seven-day trip up the Volga River. They spent Christmas in the DC area, as both of their daughters and grandchildren live there. She mentioned seeing the article about renovating Goddard Hall, and said that both Goddard



and Hersey were ancient when we were there.

**Jean Farnham Henshaw** wrote the sad news that she lost her husband very suddenly while they were in Florida in February 2011. Then in October her sister and sister-in-law passed away. She also tripped outside her house, crashed on her face and knee causing multiple abrasions and hematoma to the knee. On the good news side, she did take a trip to Scotland, and she loves her new mini Cooper Clubman that she calls her truck. It is great for her gardening hobby. She had hoped to meet Steph Pearson in 2011, but definitely plans to in 2012.

**Ann Houghton Hunt** writes, "Mal and I took a cruise with our daughter and her husband last February, I drove us home to NH in August to visit my brother, then in September, we flew to Utah to visit our daughter and husband. While there, we toured the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone for the first time. We are looking forward to about three weeks in Florida to include another cruise in February. Mal is a 5½-year stroke survivor, and I am so thankful to still have him with me."

**Harriet Sturtevant Laverdiere** writes that they have moved to Skowhegan, ME, to a smaller place with less acreage. She would love to hear from former Melville classmates, especially **Eleanor Tiedeman**.

**Carol Dunbar Martin** has kept in touch with a few classmates. She still hears from **Eunice Ogilvie Stein** and **Patricia Merrill Thurston**, who were also hometown classmates. While in Florida last winter, she saw **Dot Harry Feyler** and her big sister **Helen Rancourt Hilton**.

**Joan Mahoney Miles** reports that she and John are not going to Florida in 2012, but will be in Puerto Rico for one week at a Dartmouth reunion. Their granddaughter was just accepted for admission to Dartmouth. Grandson Shawn loves Cornell, and granddaughter Laura is on her way to a dream semester abroad in Fiji, Samoa and Hawaii. Joan and John's twins celebrated their fiftieth birthday with a whole family reunion weekend in Manhattan last year. **Ann Houghton Hunt** writes that they met Joan

and John for lunch at The Villages last February. She says that they live less than two hours from them, but have to go to Florida to see each other.

**Stephanie Carter Pearson** is in Exeter, NH. She has been in touch with **Jean Farnham Henshaw**. She spent a night with a friend near the Westbrook campus, whose daughter is a professor there. She made two short trips to the southwest as her only travel last year. Her family is fine, busy and growing with a grandchild due this past Christmas.

**Lizzy Lester Poole** and Herb are back in Summerland Key, FL for the winter. She says they are getting "creaky" but working at staying healthy. Lizzy is on the Board of the local ACLU and writing what she hopes will be a collection of short stories. Both grandchildren are in college, one at Roger Williams in RI, and the other at Quinnipiac in CN.

**Rosanne "Randi" Flaherty Shaffer** wrote that she talked with **Ann Carter Corbin** on the phone and enjoyed hearing her wonderful NH accent. Randi's husband has Mesothelioma and has been bedridden for two years. She now has hospice coming in. Their three children are spread out in Maine, New York City, and near her in the San Francisco bay area. She has a 4-year old grandson nearby. They have lived in their home for 49 years, have many friends for support and she feels that God has really blessed them. She asked about **Joan Mahoney Miles** and hubby John, who were high school classmates.

**Sabra Harriman Smith** and husband Bill met **Ann Houghton Hunt**, Ann's son and his wife for dinner in Gettysburg this past October. Sabra lives nearby, and they were there to do some sightseeing. They continue to enjoy life in PA, playing some golf and bridge, but not as much as in the past.

## 1956

**Sally Royal McFarlin** wrote that she and her "roomie" from Houghton Hall, **Eunice Stanwood Geary** got together for a visit in October. They had a very enjoyable visit.

**Cynthia Snow Simpson** writes, "**Joyce Bibber** and I attended the grand open house for Goddard Hall in December. What a marvelous renovation.....you will have a hard time remembering whose room was where!!! The stairs going down into the kitchen is now a stainless steel elevator!!! You must see it to believe it."

**Jackie Hall Snelling** sent a note that she and John are doing fine and that John has gone "back to work". He is working for the person who bought his company and thoroughly is enjoying it!!

## 1959

**Elaine Whitmore Cary** writes, "Our 50th class reunion was a wake up for this lady. I have been cleaning out old closets so to speak to make ready for the next decade. I sold my home on Cape Cod and the one here in Grapevine and moved into a new townhouse - how great it is to have no lawns to mow, no pool to clean, etc. When I travel I lock the door and am off to the next holiday or the pool across the way. When I am at home, I volunteer as a docent at the Grapevine Historical Museum or a festival. Both of my children live nearby, they are airline pilots - great for my travel plans. My two grandbabes are the greatest as all of ours are."

**Joanne Burnham Edwards** writes, "I knew I should send something even though I lead a busy but dull life! I am still working but gradually retiring from companies one by one. I am presently turning one company's books over to another Westbrook grad who has an accounting service similar to mine. I did take a trip in to see the renovations on Goddard Hall. **Evie Strom** was there so we got a chance to catch up on both our 50th wedding anniversaries this year. They have done an amazing job rebuilding the entire building from just the four outside walls. Even the structure doesn't resemble what we remember. The offices are beautifully done - a far cry from the old dorm room in Proctor that was my office for 10 years."

**Barbara Troubh Epstein** writes, "My own life was harshly interrupted when I caught an edge skiing and broke my left

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arm and right leg. I am now nursing an inflammation in that right ankle. From bed to wheelchair to walker to cane and to crutches, I am still planning to teach at Maine Handicapped Skiing this year and to ski with my group. I still have my travel planning business, FRANCE A`LA CARTE. We enjoy spending time with our children whenever possible, and Burt and I plan to take a trip in the spring - after ski season. May 2012 bring good health and happiness to you. Keep in touch at anytime."

**Melissa Ewell Hall** writes "Everyone here in Cherryfield is just another year older! I volunteer at Seacoast Mission Food Pantry two days a week answering the phone here in Cherryfield, and Bob does some delivering of produce from local Hannaford grocery stores. He also sells wreaths for "Wreaths Across America" to be put on Veterans graves in Arlington in DC."

**Marilyn Brown Langley** is living with her husband at their camp at Madawaska Lake and writes that they are both retired; he is a volunteer for the fire department. Both are busy with seven girls and one boy playing cards and helping with church affairs. Travels include visits to Florida. She sees **Linda Oak Wright** occasionally and talks often.

**Judith Williamson Naylor** writes, "From my 'neck of the woods' isn't all that exciting. But it has been a rather trying year. My son's wife left him. His two boys stayed home with him. Nick is 20 and David is 16. They both are doing much better as the year progresses. I spent three months this summer in Maine visiting my aunt who lives in North Berwick. It was great being back 'home' again. Although I didn't play tourist, I did get to Freeport a couple of times. Read lots of books and played bridge on the computer. Every Saturday night I played cards with the family. All in all it was wonderful to spend so much time in this lovely state. Just wouldn't want to spend the winters up there."

**Evie Swanson Strom** writes, "Went to the UNE holiday open house with the tour of Goddard. They have really done a marvelous job of renovating the building. Connected with **Joanne Edwards** while

there, plus friends from other classes. In family news, we have visited with all four of our kids this year, either here or other places. And got to spend 10 days in Sweden with Swanson family - 12 of us went from the US and met the Swedish contingent there.

**Alice Worth Wood** writes, "Hello to all the Houghton Hall alumnae! Sid and I are enjoying our retirement, traveling and visiting our 12 grandkids. Our granddaughter, Jackie, set a new school record for the Lake Region School at the University of Southern Maine's Field House. Our best to **Nancy Dunnell** and best wishes to all for 2012."

### 1962

**Susan MacDonald Baskin** shared that she and her hubby, Jim, moved to a condo on Salisbury beach in April of 2011. Their two daughters, Cindi and Donna and two grandsons live nearby. She and Jim enjoy attending the boys' athletic events. They did some traveling recently with a terrific trip to Turkey, Greece, Egypt and Israel. She is looking forward to the reunion in June.

**Barbara Wood Bretas** writes, "Once again I am going to freezing cold Fairbanks, Alaska to be with my daughter and grandchildren for Thanksgiving. I am then going to Croton-on-Hudson, NY to have Christmas with my son and family. What we grandmothers have to do to be with our grandchildren- See you at the 50th Reunion."

**Madeline Frustaci Coppinger** writes "As for me, life in Vermont is pretty ordinary right now. Fran is enjoying his day program three days a week and I am relishing an opportunity to have a little time to myself. He has difficulty getting around now and does not travel well although we did spend 8 days in Delaware this summer. Our kids are all doing well-some with growing families. One of our sons is currently in Pakistan with the US Department of State. We are blessed to have one of our five kids still in Rutland and he is a great help to his old, gray-haired, parents. I am looking forward to seeing many of our classmates in June for our 50th celebration. My special thanks to all you

faithful ladies for sending me your news each year; I could not do this job without your wonderful support."

**Caryl Van Ranst Dearing** and Jim have celebrated their first year of living on Martha's Vineyard full time. They moved from Fort Wayne right after Thanksgiving 2010 and headed for their new/home in MA. They had a great year...adjusting to living on the island full time, but not missing the huge snow storms of the rest of the country. Two of their three children live in MA, which is wonderful. Needless to say, Caryl has found plenty to do....golf and tennis, working out, knitting and stitching, playing mahjong. They also get to see their grandchildren more often.

**Judith Cree Fanjoy** writes that it's tough to get old!! She has had both knees replaced this past year but reports that she had a great doctor and a wonderful success. Her family and friends pitched in to help. She is looking forward to the 50th Reunion.

**Pat Hunter Bowden Fialkasky** passed on the news that she and Ed are building a home in Florida and hope to move into it in June. They fully expect to spend time in New England during the summers, however. Because of the move, she is unsure about being able to attend reunion.

**Roxann Gallant Meehan** wants us to know that the Reunion Committee has already begun making plans for our special 50th reunion celebration. Roxie and hubby, Joe, spent the holiday season in Florida with her mom.

**Nancy Bowden Moll** wrote from Skowhegan Maine that she retired from her position at Skowhegan Savings Bank in 2007. One son lives with his family in Freeport and one lives in Colorado. She and her husband are into antique vehicles which allow them to do a lot of touring in the summer months.

**Alberta Taylor Peavey** writes that she retired in the spring of 2011 and has been really enjoying the free time to relax, spend time with family, and work with crafts. Brian is still working but they hope to spend a couple weeks in a warmer place this winter.



**Cynthia Haskell Rubant** shared that they are approaching their 4th year in GA and love it. They are in a 55 and over active community and are very busy. She and her husband are in a singing group and had many singing activities for November and December. She started a quilting club about 3 years ago and it is still going strong. She is also in a knitting club. In April they went to Edisto Beach, SC with their son's family, and in August to Washington, D.C. with their daughter's family. Also in August she met up with **Mary Palmer Brundrett** and **Anna Butler Cutler** and had a nice Westbrook reunion catching up with them. She recently got a call from **Valerie Fearing** and got caught up with news from her. Unfortunately, Cynthia will not be able to attend our 50th reunion as they will be on a cruise to England, Scotland, and Denmark.

**Roberta "Bobbi" Spinner-Flack** is in San Diego and in November, she participated in her 6th Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. It is 60 miles long! She continues to be inspired and humbled by the experience which is truly life changing. Bobbi's 5 grandchildren and her extended family spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her.

**Martha Jane Bean Welch** saw **Judy Scott Bebout** at a recent holiday craft fair. She also talked with Barb Wood Bretas and had a recent lunch with **Beth Kendall York**. She let us know that they are all looking forward to the big reunion in June. She and Jim are planning on joining the other 100 million snowbirds in Florida for 2 or 3 months right after the holidays. They travel by motor home and this year they're towing a trailer with their golf cart! She is looking forward to seeing everyone in June.

**Charlene Morris Whitten** writes from South Portland. She reports that she is still working, trying to make it to June 2012 so she can say she worked 50 years in the medical field. She has 2 children and one grandchild, and they travel a lot as a family. Unfortunately Charlene lost her husband in July 2010 to end stage renal disease. She is still living in her home of 39 years and the children live close by. She hopes to see us at our 50th.

## 1963



*The Brookies Mini Reunion 2011, Class of '63. Top, left to right: Merrie Cronk Graf, Sharon Pellegrini Mertz, Cindy Chaffee Trayers, Tudi Adams Watkins, Becky Rice Schlieper, Vicky Randall, Nancy McDowell Nichols, Donna Rowe Fowlie and Flamingo mascot.*

**"Tudi" Adams Watkins** and her husband Al flew to Washington, D.C. in February of 2011. The Huey helicopter Al flew in Vietnam had been placed on display in the Udvar-Hazy Annex of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Tudi's 50th high school reunion happened in August in Wakefield, MA which was a wonderful gathering. From the reunion Tudi and Al drove to Lincoln, Maine to meet with the historical society. A book is being written about her grandfather, Dr. George F. Way who practiced medicine from 1902-1940. Tudi completed a 350 page genealogy of the Way family for the society. The Brookies gathered at **Cindy Chaffee Trayers** home in Rye, NH for their annual mini-reunion. The Watkins had a lot of highlights for the year but the greatest of all was the birth of their 9th grandson, Jackson Yorke Watkins who arrived in September 2011. Our 50th class reunion is just one year away in June, 2013! If any of you have suggestions, ideas, thoughts, etc. about how to make our reunion a huge success, please let me know. We want as many of you as possible to be part of the planning of this important reunion. For those of you who have not been aware, Goddard Hall has been renovated and now will house the offices for the new College of Dental Medicine - the only such school in Maine, N.H. and VT. **Donna Rowe Fowlie** had the pleasure of touring what used to be Goddard Hall that now has been transformed into a magnificent state-of-the-art building inside. The exterior of the building remains unchanged, retaining the historical beauty we've



*The Brookies Mini Reunion 2011, Class of '63. Sitting on rail: Becky Rice Schlieper, Vicky Randall. Seated on bench: Donna Rowe Fowlie, Sharon Pellegrini Mertz, Emily Adams Watkins, Meredith Cronk Graf, Nancy McDowell Nichols, Cindy Chaffee Trayers*



*The back of Tudi's car representing both the University of New England and Westbrook Junior College in Texas!*

enjoyed throughout the decades. It will officially be open in 2013, just in time for our 50th class reunion!

**Cynthia Chaffee Trayers** was the hostess to the "Brookie mini-reunion" in September, 2011. Walked on the beach, took a harbor cruise, played cards until very early in the morning! In October I got together with **Sil Wells Schell**. My son will be coming home from Afghanistan in February, after being stationed there for a year. He will be getting married in San Antonio in August! Looking forward to our 50th reunion in 2013!!

**Merrie Cronk Graf** spent some time traveling in 2011. January was a wonderful 4-day trip to New York City. June was a driving trip to Nova Scotia for some genealogy and sightseeing as well as yummy seafood. On the way back, we came close to Princeton and would have visited **Nancy McDowell Nichols** she was traveling out west! September was our mini-Brookie reunion in Rye, NH. In between those trips spent time at Lake Winnepesaukee. When I am at home I help my daughter Diane when she is at work by watching my two younger grandchildren, Ty and Allison.

**Marilyn Foote Masi** had an eventful 2011 but not in a positive way. She fell and broke her left shoulder, and her husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer. However, it was the type that is “curable” and he has finished his 40 treatments of radiation. Marilyn’s recovery took only two months at which time she was back to normal. She actually broke her shoulder on a trip to Maine but not before she had a chance to visit Westbrook and especially the library where she spoke with the curator and enjoyed being there very much. She also saw the work being done on Goddard Hall. Her trip to Maine followed her 50th high school reunion in Brattleboro, VT. Here’s a “Hail How Are Ya” to Marty, Lucia, Pam R, Marcia, Stacey, Pam M., Sandra C., Vicky M.

**Suzin Garfield Zimble** enjoyed her 50th high school class reunion and is looking forward to the WJC 50th class reunion in 2013. She’s enjoying the great weather in Florida and taking advantage of lots of golfing, biking and just being outside as much as possible. Her wish for all of us is to have a very happy and healthy 2012!



*Suzin Garfield Zimble and her sister-in-law Steffie taken on December 29, 2011 playing golf in Florida*

**Gail Haug Lovelace** is very excited about becoming a grandmother as her son and his wife are expecting their second son. She is still working at Wells Fargo Bank part time and still enjoying the working life. She is hoping to plan to attend our 50th class reunion in 2013.

**Leanne Hutchins Harkness** writes, “What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time, I was hobbling around using a cane because of arthritis in my left hip. When I couldn’t stand it any longer, I went to see an orthopedic surgeon only to find that he was booked

through April! So it was off to Florida and Hilton Head Island for the winter months with my new best friend “Mr. Cane!” Had the surgery in May, and I’m back doing T’ai Chi and walking a couple of miles a day without a limp and no cane!!! In August I got to try out my new hip on a trip to Glacier National Park in Montana and Waterton Peace Park in Canada. Lots of fun and wonderful scenery and even some bear sightings! We still summer, as I did when at Westbrook, on a small island off the coast of Maine - Inner Heron Island - between Boothbay Harbor and Pemaquid Point, right off of Christmas Cove. Any of you who sail the coast will find a safe harbor there. Let me know when you are passing through.”

**Paula Kaufman Finkelstein** enjoys playing mahjong weekly as well as attending a once a month book club. Her daughter, Debbie, just was remarried in November. On a sad note, unfortunately, my husband, who attended the last reunion with me, is now in hospice. He has COPD with severe emphysema and possible lung cancer. We sold our home shortly after we retired from our jewelry business. I am thankful that we decided to get an apartment with only one floor.

**Barbara Libby Farrington** is working full time as an Assistant Controller at one of the Biomedical Divisions of Linc which was recently acquired by ABM. When she joined the company 17 years ago there were approximately 20 employees - now through acquisitions the company has more than 100,000 employees worldwide. Barbara is still enjoying her time with the Milford Humane Society. Barbara and her husband have four beautiful granddaughters ages 4-11. They will be visiting Maine next summer as the girls love to spend time at the ocean. Their son Dean works for Wells Fargo Bank in the computer security department. Barbara’s husband retired a few years ago.

**Carol MacLaughlin Combes** and her husband Ed are having a great time traveling in their RV to many places. Their hobby is attending car races to include the Folusia Speedway on Dirt with the World of Outlaw Spring Cars and Dirt Modifies. In July they watched races in

Ohio, PA and New York. In addition they attended two Williams Grove races and the Lebanon Valley Sunday World of Outlaw race. In October they attended the Talladega (Dirt) Short Track for 2 nights of racing. They are thoroughly enjoying their RV while they winter in Daytona Beach, FL.

**Nancy McDowell Nichols** is still doing some modeling work for a company as well as administrative work for son and his partner who are in real estate in the Georgia mountains. Trips included Fort Myers Beach to visit 91-year old father-in-law, a two week trip out West with husband and grandchildren, Gettysburg, PA and on to Big Lake, Maine, 7300 miles traveled! Saw our classmate **Silla Wells** in Ellijay, GA and enjoyed together a local theater as well as a lovely dinner and evening in Silla and her husband, Jerry’s home. Nancy’s 93-year old father visits with them each spring. Enjoyed the annual “mini-Brookie” reunion in Rye, NH. The most unbelievable thing Nancy did this year was to go sky diving! She jumped out of a perfectly good plane at 14,000 feet and landed on her feet on the ground!



*Nancy McDowell Nichols skydiving*

**Joan Moody Kuzminski** writes that she traveled to Canada twice – Toronto in June with a group from the local community college, spending a week touring the old and new sections of Toronto as well as attending the Boston Red Sox/Toronto Blue Jays baseball game. In July my sister and I went on the New England-Canadian cruise with Garrison Keillor and Prairie Home Companion. Had such a great time so this August plan on going on Garrison’s cruise from Amsterdam to Barcelona, Spain. In September we camped at Hampton Beach, NH where **Joan Merrill Weeks** and her husband Ray came to see us. Joan babysits two children ages 3 and 1 ½ years old that she considers as



her adopted grandchildren who are so enjoyable and special.

**Sharon Pellegrini Mertzel** wrote that 2011 was another good year for the Mertzel family. We had a new grandson, Drew Joseph Mertzel on 3/21/11. Now I am caretaker two days a week for two little ones. My goal for 2011 was to travel more than in 2010 (which was a great travel year for me) but I did not make it to all the places I would have liked. Now the goal for 2012 is to travel more than 2011 and 2012 combined!! My husband retired in June 2011 and took the summer off. He is now working part time as a courtesy driver for a local car dealer and loves it. I am looking forward to the future and appreciating the past.

**Pamela Perkins** has done some amazing trips as always. In April, 2011 she and her husband were having an incredibly fun and amazing adventure snorkeling with 35 foot long whale sharks and kayaking in deep blue lagoons in the Palawan Archipelago of the Philippines - they were swimming as well in pristine coral gardens and up close and personal with exotic fish. In October they had a fabulous trip to an exotic land that is on the brink of change. The trip included Orangutans, Proboscis monkeys, exotic birds, rain forests, the Sultan's palace in Brunei, sleeping with former headhunters, all on Borneo, the third largest island in the world. In May 2012 Pam will be riding her bicycle with 30 other women, all over the age of 60. It will be a 40- day trip, 2000 miles, up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Lake Atasca, Minnesota, north of Minneapolis.

**Vicky Randall's** favorite event of the summer was her younger daughter's wedding. "In September I joined with the "mini-reunion Brookie gang" for a fun time at **Cindy Trayer's** home in Rye, N.H. I arrived in South Fort Myers, FL on Dec. 1st for my winter getaway. I love Maine but I love leaving the cold winter behind and being where the sun shines every day. My sister and brother are also here within biking distance so we spend holidays together and hang out frequently. I do a lot of biking and

I hope to take up some golf soon. Looking forward to the big 50th 2013!

**Diana Romano Flaherty** and her husband have become seasoned "Snow Birds" wintering in Florida. "Our daughter, Shannon, spends her February school vacation with us every year in Florida. In April 2011, Shannon and I traveled to Texas where we enjoyed a 3-day family reunion at the beautiful lake house of my cousin on the shores of Lake Conroe. Over 30 relatives from as far as CA, England and Central America joined us. We then went on to Las Vegas where Shannon had not been before. My brother and his girlfriend joined us for a week of sightseeing and fun. Had a wonderful time reminiscing with classmates at my 50th high school reunion. I am fortunate to have two circles of friends from both college and high school and will look forward to gathering in 2013 for our 50th WJC class reunion!"

**Donna Rowe Fowlie** hopped on a plane that was headed to San Jose, Costa Rica at the end of January 2011. She managed a small hotel in Orosi Valley and found it to be a life experience having met so many wonderful international folks. She also worked with a bunch of Helpx kids who came together to build earth-ships in the mountains. Her winter adventure ended as she worked with a mission program in Carrillos de Poas where we built a playground for a local school and worked on refurbishing a building for new office headquarters. Donna became a grandmother again when her 7th grandchild, Sophie Claire Fowlie was born. In June she hopped a plane to Munich where she toured this wonderful country and also visited Austria during her month's stay with friends. September brought the annual Brookie mini-reunion at Cindy Trayers home in Rye, NH. In the fall Donna traveled to FL with one of her daughters and her three children. She played nanny for a week, taking them to Sea World, Cypress Gardens and had the ultimate highlight of swimming with the dolphins in Discovery Cove.

**Linda Siller Theadore** sends everyone greetings from Rhode Island. After graduation, she pursued a job in the Health Care and for 23 years she was a Histology Technician at the Westerly Hospital. She has three children who all have graduate degrees. She has four grandchildren. She has a special "get-away" place in the summer for when all the family gathers for visits on Watchaug Pond in Charlestown, R.I. Now that she has retired from the Westerly Hospital, she has time to establish a jewelry group that meets monthly at a local library. In the spring and fall Linda coordinates a fine art and craft show in Stonington, CT. Linda's mom became a centurion in Sept. 2011. The family arranged a wonderful gathering.

**Bette Swett Thibeault** still works full time as a massage therapist. She has 125 clients who come regularly for her business, Fit For Excellence. No trips in 2011 and no more grandchildren. Her house in Portland where she grew up is being updated for time when she wants to return to it.

**Kathy Walker Tuveson** wrote that **Bobbi Lynch Dudley** and her husband, Steve, visited Roger and Kathy at their home in Marblehead this fall. A visit to the JFK library where we viewed together the new Jacqueline Kennedy exhibit was a highlight.

**Priscilla Wells Schell** wrote that 2011 has been all about gardening and her term as President of the Garden Club of Ellijay, Georgia which ended in February, 2011. However, she slid right into co-chairing the Junior Garden Club with 3rd and 4th graders which is very rewarding. At the annual Garden Club flower show Sil won the top floral design award. Traveling this year included Sil's 50th high school class reunion in Barrington, R.I. that coincided with visiting **Cindy Chaffee Trayers**, attending a niece's wedding in California in June and Thanksgiving in Michigan. Sil continues to be an active Master Gardener who also paints, knits, plays bridge and enjoys being a member of a book club. She also has written several short, humorous stories which have been published locally. Dinner guests included a wonderful former

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classmate **Nancy McDowell Nichols** and her husband Jeff at Sil's home.

**Karen Wurzbacher Zerlaut** mentioned that 2011 was a fairly uneventful year. She and her husband visited their children and grandchildren a couple of times in Sacramento this year. They are blessed to have the other four nearby and are able to keep active watching them in their various activities. Karen's husband, Fred retired this August and is getting into "no full-time job" mode! They visited Massachusetts this September for Karen's 50th high school reunion. Karen is still enjoying her involvements in directing three handbell choirs at their church as well as singing in the chancel choir and playing in an award winning concert band in the San Diego area.

**Robert Dunbar's** family went on their 2011 Family Reunion to Bermuda in July. Twenty four Dunbar's went on a 5 day cruise departing from New Jersey. Everybody had a wonderful time. Dunbar's came from Alaska, Minnesota, Georgia, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Bob is still watching his 3 grandchildren on a regular basis. The kids call him Pop Pop and he loves it. He is really looking forward to organizing his SFC 50th Reunion in 2013.

**Daniel Keohane** writes, "We spent a terrific Christmas day at our daughter Julie's, with our kids and six grandchildren. Next June, Anne and I will be taking the kids and grandkids on a trip to Istanbul, a six day Greek Isle cruise, with the finale in Athens. As many classmates may well remember, Anne and I got married at the end of my junior year at SFC. So, this will be our 50th Wedding Anniversary to remember! Having said that, Anne was diagnosed in July with a very rare autoimmune disease called Evans Syndrome. She continues to be treated by four teams of doctors at the Mass General Hospital. We are both confident she will get positive resolution. I gave another class on China at our HILR Program. At the same time, I will be finishing my term on the Teaching and Learning Committee at the end of May. Had a lot of fun mentoring a good friend as he gave his first class last semester at HILR."



*A group of St. Francis alums get together in Portsmouth, NH for lunch. From left to right: Dan Keohane '63, Mike Baker '62, Mique Murray '62, Bob Black '61, Richard Hawes '62, Bob Lord '62*

**William Magee** writes, "I retired from umpiring baseball after 29 years from little league to professional baseball. Now a life member of KOFC and serve on the advisory council of Pro-life Action Missionary Council.

### 1965

**Jean Crandlemire Hogan** writes, "Retired from U.S. Customs & Border Protection in May 2007. Have had hip replacement operations in 2009 and 2010. Now good as new. Enjoying low key retirement."

### 1966

**Charon Mathews Sellers** writes, "I turned 65 and I'm enjoying my grandkids. Sophie (5) and Jacob (1) from Topsham, ME, and Ethan (6) is in Puerto Rico."

### 1967

**Paul Janeczko** wrote a new book of poems titled, *Requiem: Poems of the Terezin Ghetto*. In November of 2011, the Open Book Players presented his poems. The performances were a benefit for the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, located at the University of Maine, Augusta.



*Paul Janeczko with the Open Book Players Director, Lucy Rioux*

### 1968

**Bernard Ayotte** writes, "I will be entering my 6th year as a State Legislator. I serve on the Environment and Natural Resource Committee."

**Barbara Carmen Belliveau** writes "I live in Skowhegan, ME and currently work as an Office Manager at Madison Area Health Center. I've worked in the healthcare field throughout my career. I have four wonderful daughters and three beautiful grandchildren. I love to quilt, see movies, read and spend time with family and friends. Life is good!"

**Dr. James DeVecchi** has announced his plans to retire from the Portsmouth Abbey School in June of 2013 after 40 years of service to the school, 13 of which will have been as headmaster. Dr. DeVecchi served on the Board of Trustees at St. Michael's School and was a coach for Portsmouth Little League. In addition, he was an executive committee member of the Independent School Association of Rhode Island, served as a committee member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and was a consultant and table leader for the Calculus AP Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. He received a M.S. in Mathematics in 1972, and a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education in 1980, from the University of New Hampshire.

### 1969

**Brian Walsh** writes, "My work has me traveling a great deal. I was out of the US for 75 days the past academic year. Since this past July 1, I have been to London, Paris, Istanbul, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Gwangju and Seoul for a total of 32 days on the road. I was fortunate to have my wife Diana join me on the trip to Europe. Istanbul was a first time visit for us. It is so full of history, wonderful food and the mix of cultures makes it unique; I look forward to returning."

### 1971

**Peg Mueller-Shore '71, '73** is now the proud grandmother of two. Isabelle was born in October and her three year old



brother, Evan, is bright and a great joy. Nana and Evan bake apple crisp and chocolate chip cookies together. Peg is still working at Maine CDC as the Health-care Associated Infection Prevention Coordinator and is finishing the last of her dissertation with the Muskie Institute in Health Policy. Retirement seems very far away. The 40th reunion was a BLAST, and it was so wonderful to see everyone again!

## 1972

**Janet Balicki Spearance** writes, "Don and I are both retired kindergarten and grade one teachers. We are traveling, substituting and enjoying three grandchildren and one of the way. Beginning new hobbies and spending more time at our Cape Cod home. Every day is a new adventure."

## 1973

**Larry Godbout** writes, "I have retired as President of the Lynn Firemen's Federal Credit Union and will retire in April as a District Chief of the Lynn Fire Department after 34 years of service. My wife Vicki will retire from the Lynn schools also. My sons Jon and Tim have both followed me into the Lynn Fire Department. Is anyone else surprised that time has flown by after 4 great years at St. Francis College?"

**Dennis Grossano** has been married for 27 years and has three children. He has been an Oncology Pharmacist for 35 years at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

**Bill Marasco** writes, "Greetings from the great northwest - the mould Capital of the World! Having just turned 61, I am a most happy fellow - the odds were really against me. Went to the Doc's last April to check out elbow pain - and she determined that I had renal cancer and they would need to remove a kidney. Follow-ups show that I am doing fine - but while I can still drink, I need to follow each drink with a glass of water. Worse - I need to go to the gym 4-5 days a week. (UGH!) Still loving retirement - it was 10 years this past May. Still doing a month in Europe every year and believe it or not, still married to Osa for the past

24 years. Hope all is well with my fellow classmates it was a long time ago - but still feels yesterday.

**Chris Newell** writes, "My wife, **Christine Muschamp '74**, and I have been here in Maine since our days at SFC. We have raised four children; Andrea, Patrick, Jonathan and Jacqueline and recently sold our home in Cape Elizabeth and have moved to Higgins Beach in Scarborough. I have been active in the orthopedic industry for 36 years selling and servicing total joint replacements in Maine. Christine has been equally active in her career as a high school math teacher."



*The photograph was taken this past October when several of us from the class of '73 got together for dinner in Old Orchard Beach. From the left Chris Newell, Andy Bartelewski, Paul McDonough and Peter Beraducci. Missing from the photo is Christine Muschamp Newell '74 because she took it!*

**Peter Rappoccio** writes "I am in my 35th year as Property Manager for Silver Spring Country Club in Ridgefield, CT and 14th year as Head Freshman Football coach at Fairfield Prep in Fairfield, CT. My wife, Birdie, (of 36 years), is the Nursing Coordinator for the Ridgefield school system. Our sons, Peter and Tim, are married to Alison and Becky and between them have given us 3 grandchildren to spoil."

## 1976

**Marlene Wheelock Colvin '76, '78** writes "still enjoying life living in Maine. I work for Siemens as a Chemistry Immunoassay Specialist and my husband, Matt, still teaches at Gardiner Area High School. Our son, David, is a senior this year and he is looking forward to college. We enjoy our free time traveling as a family."

## 1977

**Teri Tombarelli Blouin** writes, "2011 was a great year - Glenn and I became grandparents! Our grandson, Weston, was born in January of 2011, and has been such a joy to have in our lives! My children Kyle and Alissa are doing great and both are living within an hour of our home in Hampstead, NH. Glenn and I enjoyed a wonderful vacation with friends to San Juan and the Southern Caribbean in April of 2011. I am still working for the State of New Hampshire and love it. I keep in touch with **Paula Goulet Bywater** who is doing great and also became a grandmother the same month that I did. Now we have a whole new element to our friendship as grandparents! Hello to all 1977 classmates!"

**Margit Bergquist Tracey** writes, "I think I will be here in DC for the duration! We built and closed on a townhome in Southeast Washington DC in November 2011. Now have room for company after almost 5 years in various studio apartments. Job is going well, Dick is still in Germany until 2013, and Rachel is in Nebraska. Wonderful trip to MA for **Susan Dee Mersereau's** daughter's wedding in September. Great to catch up with others who were there; Mike and **Ann Bell**, and Rene and **Brenda Jaillet**. Susan, Brenda and myself did our "Red Sox road trip" to NYC in September. I've also gotten together with **Ann Butterworth** in Newton."

## 1982

**William Abesh** received the *first* diploma at the first graduation of UNECOM in 1982! He and his wife, Jane, live in Cherry Hill, NJ and are the parents of three children. He is still in primary care medicine!

## 1984

**Phillip Bourguignon** writes that he is still teaching Biology after 25 years. He is now in Daytona Beach Florida with his wife of 25 years, Jeanine. Last March they went to the Grand Canyon to celebrate their quarter century together. Phil continues to return to Maine each summer for a month of hiking, biking and boating on Mt. Desert Island.

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**Michelle Lemelin Hannable** writes, "I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary this past summer with my high school sweetheart, David. Our oldest son, Ryan, will graduate from Sacred Heart Univ. in May, Mark is a sophomore at Endicott College and our youngest, Courtney, will graduate from Beverly High School in June. We live in our hometown of Beverly, MA."

**Judith Knapp** writes, "In 2011, I started the year by driving to Prince Edward Island to pick up my German Shepherd puppy, Uno vom Kiebitzende, "Java", who joins my retired Kacoral de Brucelee, "Cappy". Java is now training in the sport of schutzhund. I also celebrated my 25th anniversary with Hannaford Bros., Co. and joined the Greater Boston Food Bank's Food Industry Council." 1987

**Robert S. Powell, DO** practices adult outpatient psychiatry for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health in a suburb of Boston where he lives with his wife, Jane and son, Ethan, age 14.



*Good friends reunite on a recent weekend in Portland, Jackie Blackstone, Elizabeth Rudenberg, Dan Merson, Bob Powell and Mitch Owen*

### 1989

**Paul W. Jones, DO** a physician/anesthesiologist, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists on September 20th, 2011 at the Breakers Resort in Palm Beach, FL for outstanding leadership and service to the specialty college. Dr. Jones has been involved with both the AOBA Certifying Board and the AOCA Board of Governors since 2000. He is currently Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and Director of Anesthesia Services at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio.

### 2004

**Jonathan Connary, MEd** writes, "On July 9, 2011 I became engaged to Lasander Reese. Currently in my 5th year as an Area Coordinator at Wesleyan University."

**Jessica Ferraiolo** writes, "My family and I are expecting our second child at the end of March. We have one daughter, Kaylee who is 2. Currently working as Lead Orthopedic Physician Assistant at a large, multi-specialty practice in the Hudson Valley, NY."

**Seth J. Fletcher and Heather Lynn Follett '05** write, "We are engaged to be married August of 2012 in Newport Rhode Island, Heather graduated from Salve Regina University, spring of 2011 with a Masters degree in Holistic Counseling and moved to NYC to live with me. Heather is working for a counseling agency with the homeless population in Brooklyn and I'm working for one of the largest utility companies in the world, International Power/GDF Suez. We are looking forward to our future adventures together and miss our times in Maine!"

**Emily Willoughby Snyder** writes, "In the past year I got married to Greg Snyder from Syracuse, NY, and I took a new job as Athletic Trainer and Strength and Conditioning Specialist at Framingham State University in MA."

**Melissa Stults** writes, "I confess, 2010-2011 was a big year. I married my best friend from college - **Bob Froncko**, changed jobs, and moved to Louisville, Kentucky! It's been a crazy roller coaster of a year but hey, life is an adventure after all!"

**Heather Taylor** writes, "I moved to Orlando, FL just over a year ago to further my animal training career. Currently, I am a fulltime dog trainer, teaching basic obedience as well as aggressive dogs. I absolutely love living in Orlando. I have two dogs who also have quite the life. They come to work with me every day. Next year (2012) I will be traveling to Bimini, Bahamas to be in a wedding for **Jillian Morris '05**. I am so excited for her and can't wait to celebrate this day with her!"

### 2007

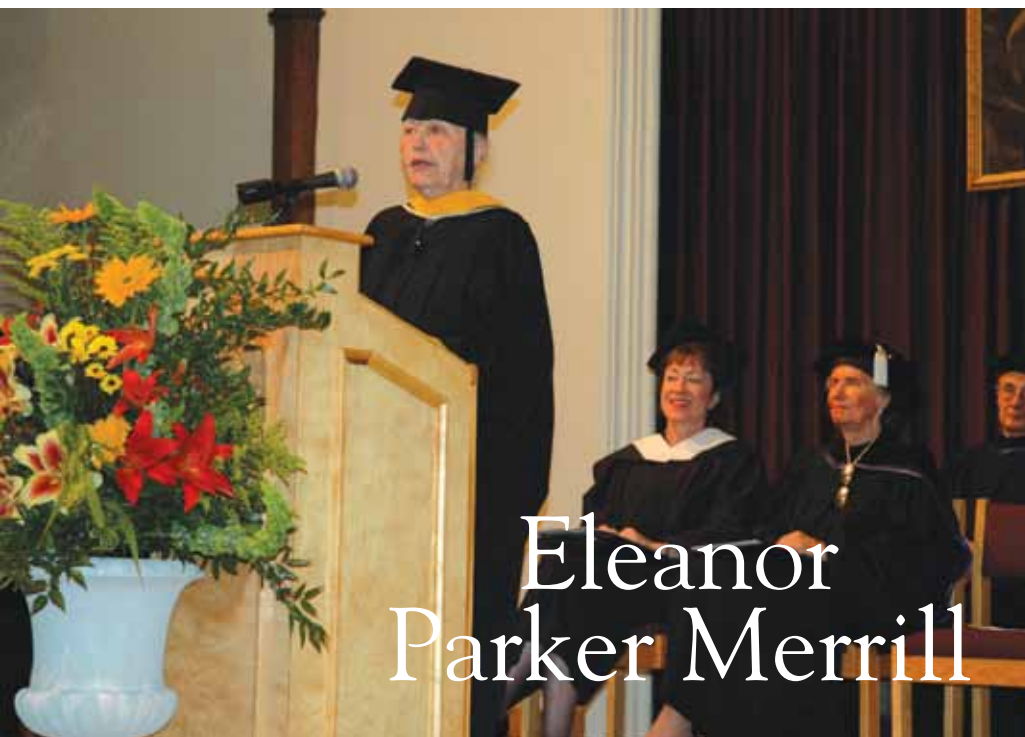
**Tim St. John '07 and Amanda Pothier St. John '07, DPT '10** were married this past October in Massachusetts. They celebrated with fellow alumni and UNE staff.



*Hannah Colton '07, Chad Haynes (former UNE employee), Amanda and Tim, Tristan Durgin '07. Bottom: Richard Rose '04, Danielle Doyon '07.*

### 2011

**Brian Eglseder** is working as an observer on fishing vessels in Dutch Harbor, Alaska.



**F**ormer faculty member and dear friend of the university, Eleanor Parker Merrill, passed away on January 17.

Eleanor was an educator and volunteer in the community, and a supporter of the literary arts and the Maine Women Writers Collection. She taught at Westbrook College in the Continuing Education division and was beloved by her students. She taught literature appreciation for 25 years to the Women's Literary Union (affiliated with Westbrook and UNE).



In 1993, Eleanor was named an honorary alumna of Westbrook College, and was recognized again in 2005 by UNE with the Deborah Morton Award for her many contributions to the university and our state.

Eleanor is survived by her four children, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nephews, and her dear sister Wilma Parker Redman '41, HON '92, '02.

Parker Pavilion on UNE's Portland Campus is named for the three Parker sisters — Eleanor Parker Merrill, Wilma Parker Redman and Louise Parker James '43, who passed away in 2006.

*Above: The Parker sisters, Louise, Eleanor and Wilma.*

*Photo at top: Eleanor Parker Merrill in 2005, when she received UNE's Deborah Morton Award*

## ALUMNI

**1931**

**Ruth Phillips Jones**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 6, 2010

**1935**

**Geraldine Carleton**

Westbrook Junior College  
February 1, 2011

**1938**

**Madge Rhoads Frost**

Westbrook Junior College  
January 28, 2012

**1939**

**Selma Goldberg Greenberg**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 8, 2011

**Ruth Davis Hayward**

Westbrook Junior College  
December 17, 2011

**Lyndall Kaye Procter-Barrett**

Westbrook Junior College  
November 15, 2011

**Gertrude "Trudy" Merrill Sawyer**

Westbrook Junior College  
November 24, 2011

**1941**

**Laurel Hansen Keith**

Westbrook Junior College  
January 13, 2012

**1942**

**Charlene Crosby Atwood**

Westbrook Junior College  
September 8, 2011

**Mary Bradford Moreland**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 26, 2009



# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNI (continued)

**1943**

**Helen Goddard Boyers**

Westbrook Junior College  
July 30, 2009

**Shirley Miller Dunning**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 22, 2011

**Martha Little Steer**

Westbrook Junior College  
September 7, 2011

**Helen Watkins Woodhull**

Westbrook Junior College  
February 5, 2012

**1944**

**Ruth Butcher Capers**

Westbrook Junior College  
February 13, 2012

**1945**

**Adele Ornsteen Fishbein**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 8, 2010

**1946**

**Helen Griffin Johnson**

Westbrook Junior College  
November 20, 2011

**Barbara Condon Labbe**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 5, 2011

**1947**

**Mary Anne Baker**

Westbrook Junior College  
June 28, 2011

**1948**

**Betty Menchini Cromwick**

Westbrook Junior College  
March 23, 2011

**Emily Michalaros Makrides**

Westbrook Junior College  
December 17, 2011

**Anstis Adair Merrill**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 25, 2010

**1949**

**Patricia Grote Guild**

Westbrook Junior College  
January 22, 2012

**1950**

**Anne Maxwell Carlee**

Westbrook Junior College  
October 9, 2011

**1952**

**Rose Gaccetta Sinclair**

Westbrook Junior College  
December 11, 2011

**1954**

**Joyce Hollywood Taurianinen**

Westbrook Junior College  
May 21, 2011

**1956**

**Jane Caldwell Cudmore**

Westbrook Junior College  
December 1, 2011

**Andre G. Giroux**

St. Francis College  
September 4, 2011

**1960**

**Annemarie Kenerson**

**Chapman**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 24, 2011

**1961**

**Judy Mullen Billings**

Westbrook Junior College  
August 31, 2010

**Elizabeth Witham Ismann**

Westbrook Junior College  
August 3, 2005

**Mary Harrold McDonough**

Westbrook Junior College  
April 2, 2010

**1962**

**Carlene Ray Goldman**

Westbrook Junior College  
December 8, 2010

**1966**

**Carol Ann Eddy Horvath**

Westbrook Junior College  
August 26, 2011

**1968**

**Gerald Montie**

St. Francis College  
May 8, 2011

**1971**

**John B. Polackwich**

St. Francis College  
December 18, 2011

**1977**

**Donald A. Gendreau**

Westbrook College  
October 20, 2011

**1978**

**Lemont "Monty" Gagne**

Westbrook College  
January 3, 2012

**1986**

**Donna J. Carr, DO**

University of New England  
October 25, 2011

**1990**

**Dr. Debra L. Drachenberg,**  
**PT**

University of New England  
October 9, 2011

**1996**

**Ellen Gallant Steeves**

University of New England  
October 21, 2011

**1998**

**Johann Pretorius**

University of New England  
February 8, 2012

## FRIENDS

**Daniel B. Burke, HON '93**

October 26, 2011

**Arthur L. Freundlich, M.A.**

Former Faculty  
February 7, 2012

**Dr. Robert B. Hutchinson**

Former Faculty  
December 14, 2011

**Eleanor Parker Merrill, HA '93**

Former Faculty and 2005  
Deborah Morton Awardee  
January 17, 2012

**Charles E. Stickney, Jr.**

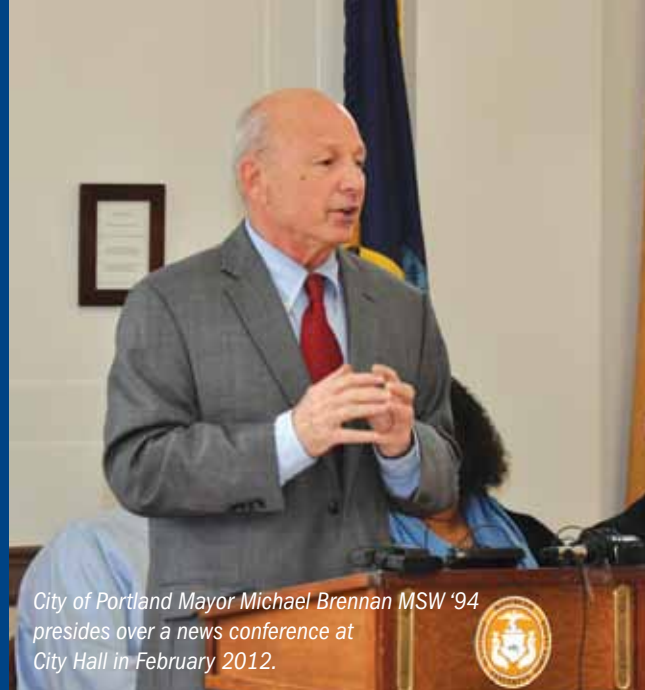
Trustee Emeriti  
December 3, 2011

## ALUMNI PROFILE

# Leading Edge:

**Portland's new mayor applies UNE degree to real life solutions, representing best interests of Maine people**

By Susan Pierter



*City of Portland Mayor Michael Brennan MSW '94 presides over a news conference at City Hall in February 2012.*

When Michael Brennan was elected as a state representative from Portland to the Maine legislature in 1992, he began what would later amount to four two-year terms in that office.

It was a long 60-mile commute from the state's largest city to its capital in Augusta. And the journey was made even longer when he decided that same year to begin studies at UNE for a Masters in Social Work, when the program was based on the Biddeford Campus.

In hindsight, it was well worth the trip.

"I really felt I needed a fuller understanding of clinical issues related to

the legislation and policy issues I was working on as a representative," said Brennan about pursuing his MSW degree at that time. The education served him and his constituents well while serving on the Health and Human Resources, and Business and Economic Development committees, among others. He received his degree from UNE in 1994, and in 1998 became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Later, he served as an adjunct faculty member at UNE where he

taught courses in social work and public policy.

Now Brennan is representing residents of the state's largest city from a different seat. In November 2011, he became the first popularly elected mayor of Portland in 88 years, winning over 14 other candidates.

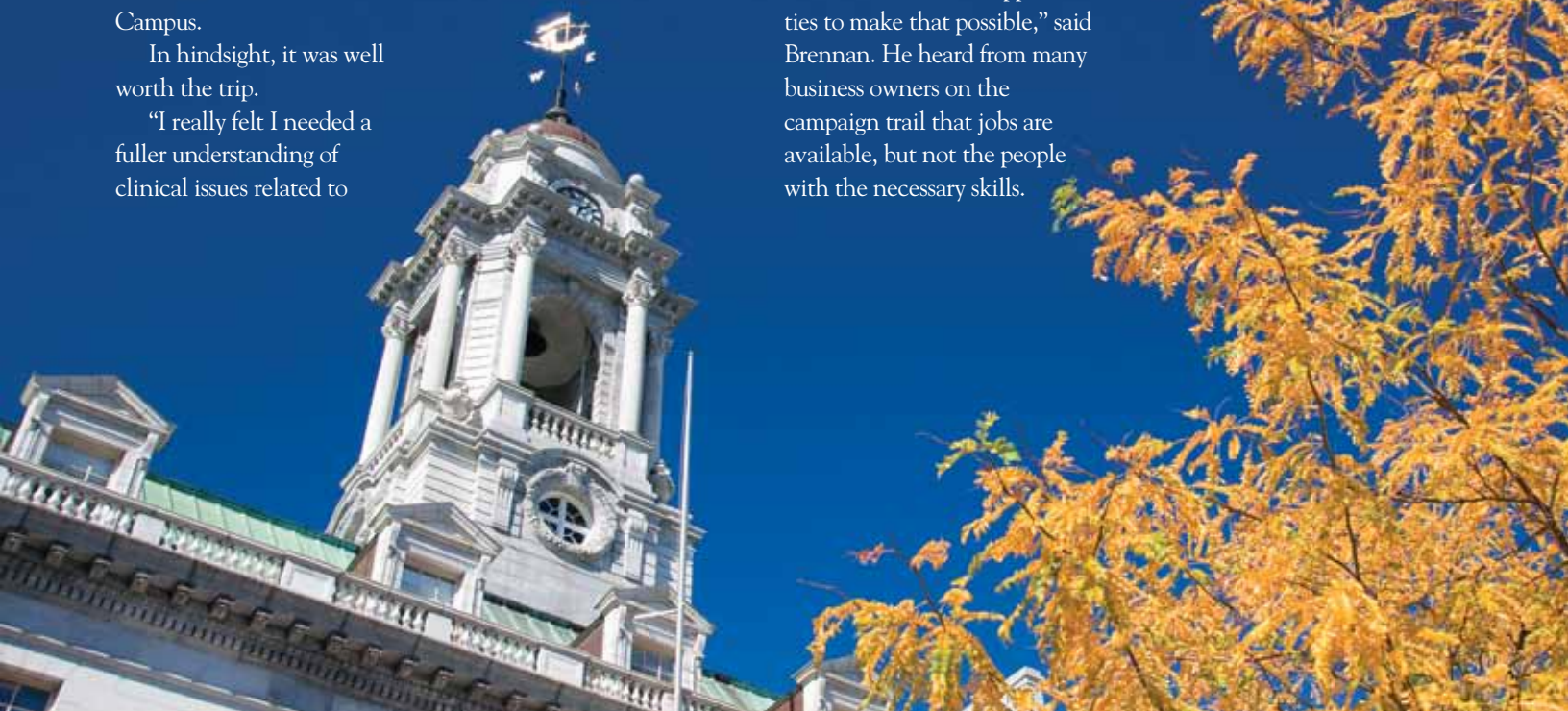
His four-year term as mayor is underway and he isn't wasting any time. Sneakers are stored under his desk, and used to run to appointments downtown.

What's the hurry?

"I want young people who want to live here to have the economic and social opportunities to make that possible," said Brennan. He heard from many business owners on the campaign trail that jobs are available, but not the people with the necessary skills.

Portland's new mayor believes he has the right solution to address the skills gap: create a Research Triangle with the support of hospitals, research groups, and institutions of higher education. Once again, UNE is a part of his plan. "UNE plays an incredibly important role in Maine's economy," said Brennan, "and is a leader educating health care professionals."

Count the City of Portland's new mayor among them. ■





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