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Building of the Oral Health Center created approximately 300 local jobs at 45 companies in construction, manufacturing, trade, transportation and other services.

On the front cover: Alex Kerbaugh of Jericho, Vermont works in the dental simulation lab at UNE's new Oral Health Center; on the back cover is Amber Gelinis of Epsom, New Hampshire.

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BY THE NUMBERS

The inaugural class of 64 includes 24 students from Maine, representing 11 counties and more than 20 towns. There are also five students from New Hampshire, four from Vermont and other students representing 16 states in addition to Canada.

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HEALTH SCIENCES FOR A BETTER WORLD

There is no other place like UNE.

This year, our private university has expanded its public mission to include educating oral health professionals in the first College of Dental Medicine in our region.

It is another pioneering year at our institution.

UNE students have established a reputation for excellence in the health sciences, which include osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, public health, nursing and other health professions. Now our inaugural class of dental students will benefit from this interprofessional health education environment.

Creating a College of Dental Medicine was an almost far-fetched idea when I first arrived at UNE; now, through the hard work of James Koelbl and many colleagues, I am proud to say it has become a stunning reality.

When I welcomed the dental students on their first day of school last August, they were excited to see the completed Oral Health Center, which will serve as their clinical home. The state-of-the-art dental simulation facility is an amazing place to learn how to treat future patients.

Students were surprised to learn that a member of their own class helped build the facility; Dustin Nadeau worked as a member of the Allied Construction team. When I met him a year ago, he was wearing a hard hat. When we reunited on his first day of school, he was wearing a tie and enjoying his new role as a dental student.

Nowhere in the world will you find students like ours.

Our students are well worth the investments we are making. We want to give them the best education and prepare for enriching professional careers.



DANIELLE N. RIPICH, PH.D. | PRESIDENT



Dr. Ripich greets Brunswick, Maine native Dustin Nadeau on his first day of dental school.



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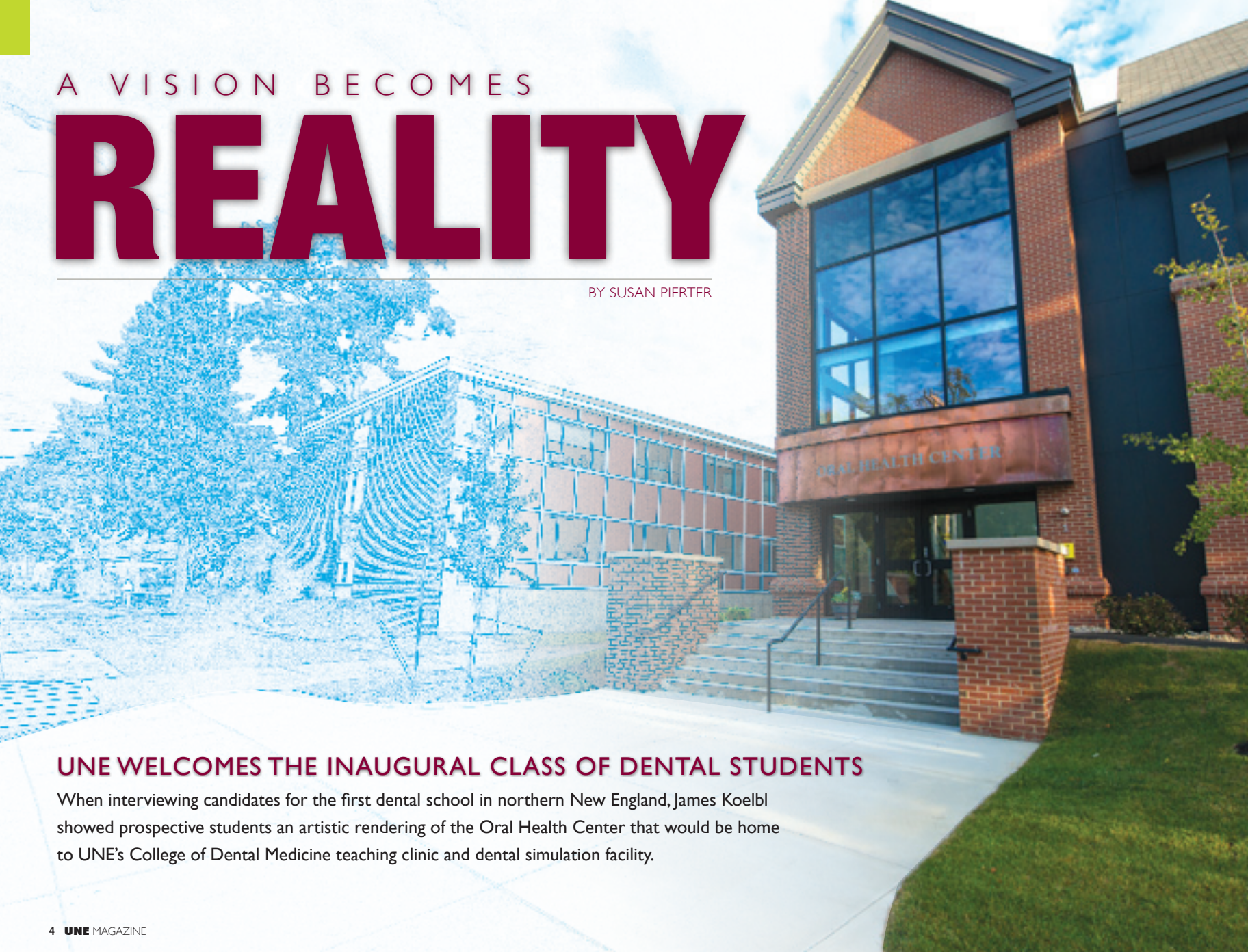
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A VISION BECOMES

REALITY

BY SUSAN PIERTER



UNE WELCOMES THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF DENTAL STUDENTS

When interviewing candidates for the first dental school in northern New England, James Koelbl showed prospective students an artistic rendering of the Oral Health Center that would be home to UNE's College of Dental Medicine teaching clinic and dental simulation facility.

A year later in August of 2013, he welcomed 64 students at the new state-of-the-art facility on UNE's Portland campus.

"It symbolized that, at UNE, we do what we say we're going to do," said the school's founding dean and UNE Provost.

On their first day of school on August 21, UNE President Danielle Ripich welcomed the pioneering students and told them that when she arrived in Maine in 2006, she learned that UNE's campus was located in the largest geographical area of the country without a dental school. People asked her then, as the university's new president, if she would consider doing something about that.

UNE was the logical place to pursue opening a new dental school since it already offered medical, dental hygiene and allied health programs, and later pharmacy and public health. In November 2008, the UNE board of trustees approved the academic program for the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree.

"We've worked hard for this day," Dr. Ripich said to the students seated in the simulation lab. "Dean Koelbl and his staff have built the best dental school. You are our newest ambassadors and an important part of our vision as a private school with a public mission."

Koelbl has now opened dental schools on both U.S. coasts. He joined UNE on St. Patrick's Day in March of 2011, after serving as the founding dean of the College of Dental Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. He brought his luck and charm to UNE and assembled the best group of faculty, staff and students for one of the nation's newest dental schools.

"There's a huge sense of accomplishment, welcoming an inaugural class. Most people don't get to open a dental school, I've opened two. And I don't plan to do it again," said Koelbl. "For whatever reason, we have assembled a great group here at UNE. They are happy to be here and building something new. It's magical, really."

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—James Koelbl

Provost Koelbl in the Dental Simulation lab





UNE AND DONORS CELEBRATE DEDICATION OF NEW COLLEGE

With the pomp and circumstance of academia, UNE faculty, staff and students along with major donors celebrated the opening of the College of Dental Medicine at UNE on October 2, 2013.

The formal dedication ceremony was followed by tours of the new Oral Health Center.

At the ceremony, UNE President Danielle Ripich thanked those who shared in her vision and helped make the dental school a reality, including Northeast Delta Dental, which donated the lead gift of \$2.3 million, and leaders and citizens of Maine who approved a 2010 bond referendum providing \$3.5 million to establish a dental school that UNE applied for and was awarded.

Governor Paul R. LePage attended the dedication ceremony and said, “UNE has invested in Maine to build world class facilities for the state’s next generation of leaders, including dentists, doctors and pharmacists. I am pleased to see Maine’s first College of Dental Medicine open its doors, and I look forward to UNE providing opportunities for our young people to stay and work in our great state.”

Dr. Ripich paid tribute to UNE’s past: “As I stand here today, it is a little hard to remember what once was here—not so long ago.”



Maine Governor Paul LePage welcomes students into the Oral Health Center after the ribbon cutting at the dedication ceremony.





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A NEW ERA

Bagpiper Sue Mack leads the procession followed by UNE President Danielle Ripich, Provost James Koebel, and V.P. for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies Ellen Beaulieu and other college deans.



Students of UNE's dental hygiene program meet the new dental students and tour the Oral Health Center after the dedication ceremony. Left to right: Dental students Thanh Huynh and Amber Gelinias, Dental Hygiene students Rachel Prior, Kimberly Williamson, Francesca Scopetti and Rachel McGahie, and Dental student Vidushi Gupta.

The three modest houses that stood here were part of Westbrook College and of another era. You will see them commemorated in a photo hanging in the lobby of the new Oral Health Center that has taken their place.”

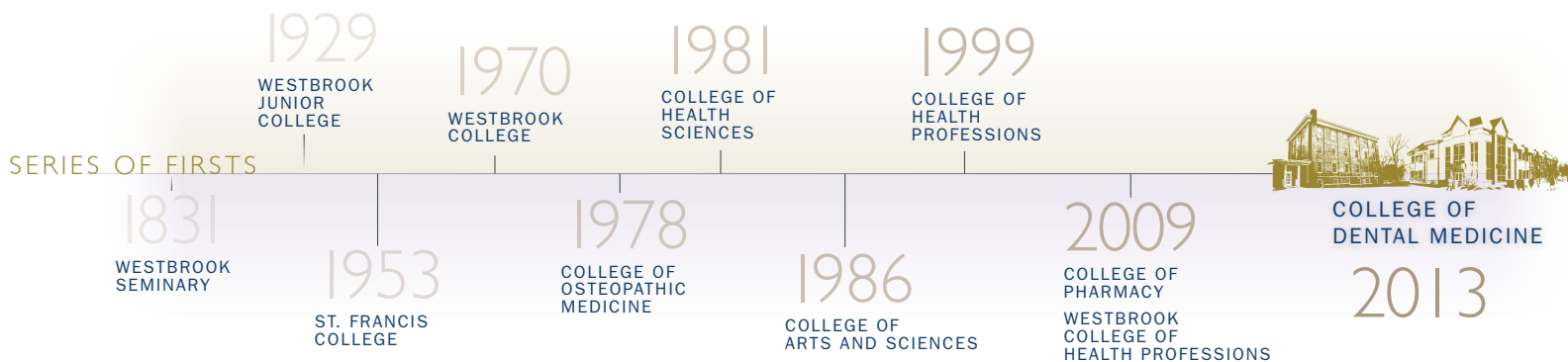
She added, “We honor history at UNE, but we also move forward.”

Ellen Beaulieu, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the College of Graduate Studies presented the gonfalon for UNE's newest college to the university's newest dean, Dr. James Koelbl.

Koelbl said the time was right to celebrate the new school that was built as a result of a unique public-private

partnership. “This beautiful, state-of-the-art teaching and learning center will provide a place where current and future dental and dental hygiene students will learn to provide high quality, compassionate oral health care to thousands of patients, using the most modern equipment and techniques.

Through their work here in Portland and in community sites throughout Maine and northern New England, our students will provide comprehensive oral health care to tens of thousands of patients each year, many of whom do not have access to care.”





Maine Senator Anne Haskell, HA '11, holds a photo of her with her grandfather Dr. Milton Proctor, who served as president of Westbrook Jr. College. Her grandfather's house was one of three on Stevens Avenue that made way for the new Oral Health Center.

“ As I stand here today, it is a little hard to remember what once was here—not so long ago. The three modest houses that stood here were part of Westbrook College and of another era. ”

—UNE President Danielle Ripich



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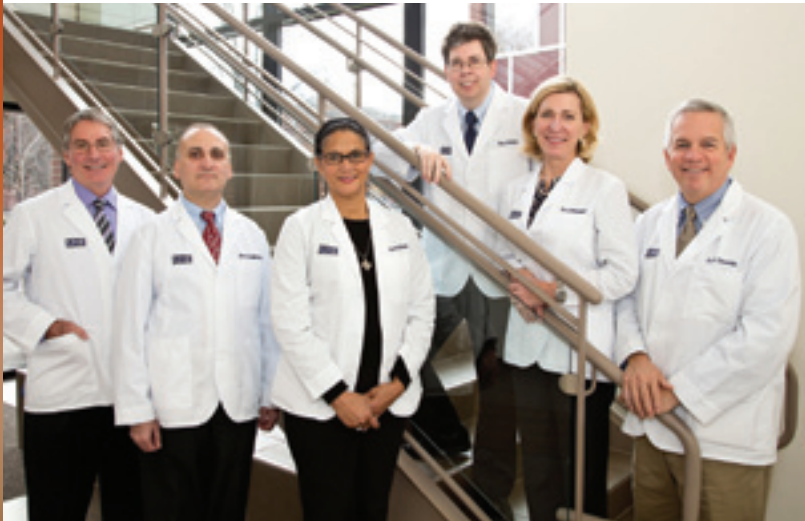
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"We've assembled a great group here at UNE," said Provost Koelbl. In the photo, left to right, are full-time faculty members of the College of Dental Medicine: Lionel (Pete) Vachon, David Arghavani, Suzette Stines, Jon Ryder, Joan Sandell, and Ron Chenette.

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ALL SMILES STUDENTS' ARRIVAL MEANS BETTER ACCESS TO CARE IN THE REGION



Shefat Rabbi enters the Oral Health Center on his first day of dental school.

The inaugural class gathers outside Alexander Hall on the Portland campus just prior to joining the procession at the dedication ceremony.

The opening of a new College of Dental Medicine at UNE is a win-win-win.

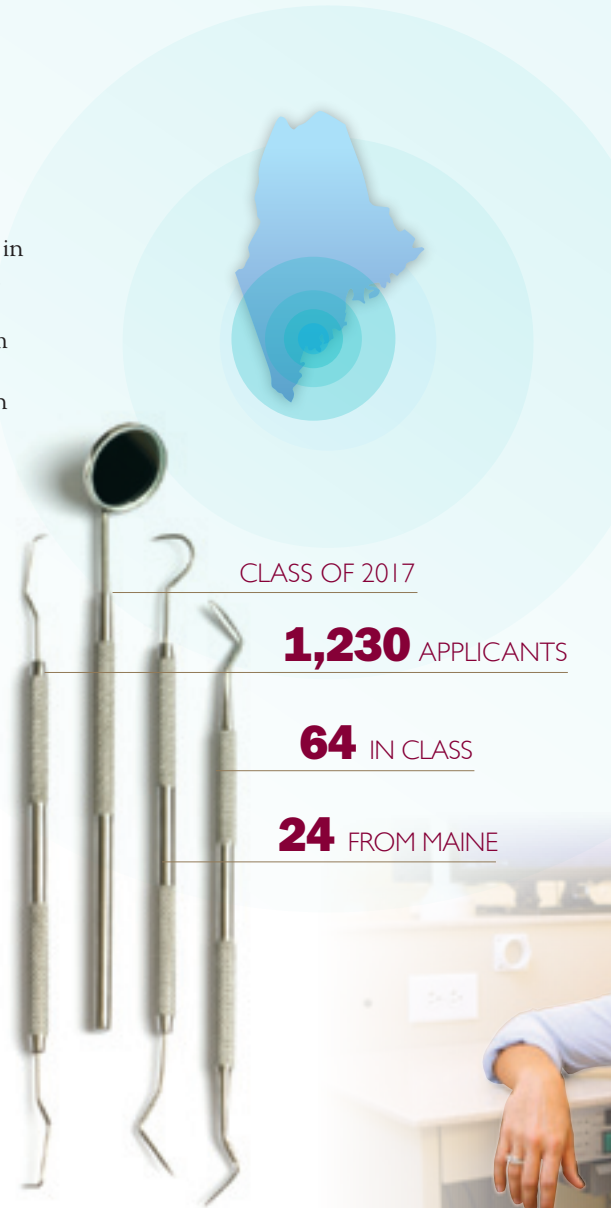
Students who want to study in the region are likely to stay and practice dentistry after graduation; this leads to better access to care in a region where there is a need for more dentists; and dental students add valuable experience to UNE's interprofessional educational environment, where all health professional students learn to perform as a team to provide the best patient care.

In Maine, the opening of the dental school has already more than doubled the number of students studying dentistry. In the previous two years, only 10 or 11 students from Maine went to dental school. UNE's inaugural class has 24 students from Maine, representing 11 counties and more than 20 towns. There are also five students from New Hampshire, four from Vermont and other students representing 16 states in addition to Canada.

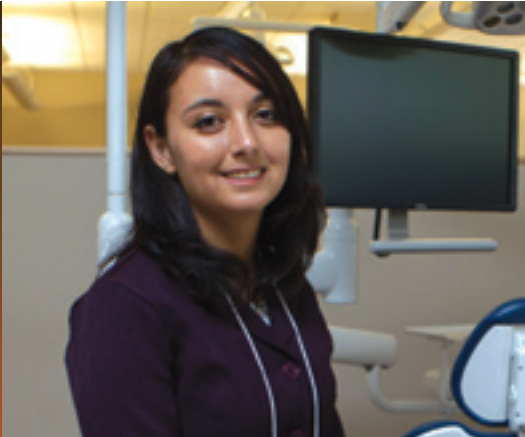
The inaugural class of 64 was selected from more than 1,200 applicants. And when they arrived on their first day, they couldn't have been happier.

"The building is even better than I imagined," said Jacob Fillebrown, from Stoneham, Maine. "I have lived in western Maine all of my life and have planned on becoming a dentist since I was in the eighth grade. What better way to continue my education than in the state where I was born and raised?"

Jennifer Miedema's father was a dentist in the Navy. As a resident of Maine for the past 20 years, she plans to practice in the state after graduation either in private practice or a hospital setting such as the Veteran's Medical Center (Togus) in Augusta,



UNE dental student Lydia Kwasnik plans to take over her mother's dental practice after graduation.



Jessfor Baugh (top photo) of Kingston, New Hampshire and Nathan O'Neill of Calais, Maine received their undergraduate degrees from UNE, and are now members of the inaugural dental class.

where her father has worked at the dental clinic since his retirement.

“The new Oral Health Center is truly breathtaking. Every detail of the building has been executed to the highest standard of quality,” said Miedema. “The simulation clinic is a fantastic environment to develop and hone our skills before we begin treating patients.”

Jessfor Baugh, from Kingston, New Hampshire, was already enrolled at UNE as an undergraduate when she heard the university was planning to build a dental school. After she received her bachelor’s degree in medical biology with a minor in arts, she decided to stay in Maine to pursue her education to become a dentist—something she has planned since she was only six years old. “You get to help patients have a better smile and better overall oral health.”

Lydia Kwasnik came to UNE from her hometown in Williamstown, Vermont. Both her mother and uncle are dentists, and she plans to take over her mother’s practice in her home state after graduation. “UNE offers the opportunity to be a part of forming the foundation of an advanced health care academic program. That’s unique and I’m thrilled to be a part of it.”

None of the current class would have had the opportunity to step foot in the new Oral Health Center if it weren’t for the efforts, in part, of their fellow student, Dustin Nadeau who helped build the facility as part of the construction crew for Allied Construction.

“The people I worked with building the facility were pumped to be working side by side with someone who was going to go to school here,” said Nadeau. A native of Brunswick, Maine, he says he would like to practice dentistry “way up” in northern Maine, where his parents were raised.

Nathan O’Neill was born in Calais and moved to southern Maine to attend UNE, where he received his undergraduate degree in Medical Biology in 2012.

“Growing up in Washington County, I have become very aware of the dental health crisis in northern New England. I care about the future of the community that raised me, and its access to exceptional health care. With UNE’s interprofessional environment and a focus on public health through prevention and research, this school was the perfect fit for me.”



IT'S OFFICIAL

Members of the Class of 2017 College of Dental Medicine were welcomed to UNE and the dental profession at a White Coat ceremony celebrated with family and friends on November 8 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

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"He has always pushed for students to be really proud of their own work. He's great at getting the students pumped up about what they do. It's not just 'I went into the lab today,' but 'I went to the lab today and did this and no one has done it before.'" —Denise Giuvelis



IGNITING A PASSION FOR LEARNING

THROUGH MENTORING AND STUDENT-CENTERED RESEARCH

BY DICK BUHR

When you ask Edward Bilsky, UNE vice president for research and scholarship, why the research experience is important for students, he recalls his own undergraduate years.

In high school he decided he wanted to be a nuclear engineer. He wasn't sure why, but "it sounded cool," so he enrolled in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a physics major.

He had skated by in high school without a lot of effort, but at RPI he found himself unprepared for college. "I was running cross country, skiing too much, and I hadn't latched onto any particular faculty mentor; as a result, my grades were suffering," he says.

But during his sophomore year, to satisfy his humanities requirement, he took a rigorous, but popular multidisciplinary class on alcohol and drug abuse taught by Psychology Professor Larry Reid.

"I just loved it," Bilsky recalls. "These things were innately fascinating to me. How these tiny amounts of particular opioids could completely shut down systems and the perception of pain, how they could knock out an elephant with a few micrograms of a drug."

By the end of the semester Reid had agreed to take Bilsky into his lab. His first experience was injecting rats with the drug naltrexone to see if it blocked alcohol's pleasurable effects. The drug was ultimately approved as a treatment for alcoholism.

"I just fell in love with the experience," Bilsky says. Later that year he began his own research project on the drug known as ecstasy. Over the next two years he spent his days and weekends in the lab and his nights reading the scientific literature. He continued on at RPI for his masters' in psychology/behavioral neuroscience and went on to



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—Ed Bilsky

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Ed Bilsky with Caleb Howard and Brittany Reid, who are currently conducting research in Bilsky's lab.

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Students and Ed Bilsky gather at CAS Research Day.

the University of Arizona for his Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology.

With his own experience in mind, Bilsky has promoted the importance of student research. Since he arrived at UNE in 2001, as an assistant professor of pharmacology in the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine, he has brought undergraduate, graduate and professional students into his own lab. In 2006, as chair of Faculty Assembly, he was an advocate for including student-centered research and scholarship as part of the university's strategic plan.

That strategic plan led to Bilsky's founding of the UNE Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences, an interdisciplinary center that includes strong internship and student research components, as well as a K-12 outreach program to local schools and collaboration with UNE's Center for Excellence in Interprofessional Education.

Students describe Bilsky as a caring mentor who provides his student researchers with encouragement, support, opportunities, responsibilities and resources. Many of the students become co-authors of academic publications on the research, present at national conferences and win prestigious awards.

Denise Giuvelis '08, currently senior research associate in Bilsky's lab, has worked with him since her sophomore year as a medical biology major.

"He has always pushed for students to be really proud of their own work," she explains. "He's great at getting the students pumped up about what they do. It's not just 'I went into the lab today,' but 'I went to the lab today and did this and no one has done it before.'"

Zachary Trzaska '03, who completed his M.D. at St. Mathew's College of Medicine, says "Ed made a huge impact on my life. I'm a cardiology fellow at Maine Medical Center and will be a cardiologist next year. Ed taught me to think about problem solving working things through, testing hypotheses, then looking at the data. Even what I do now as a physician, working through my patients' medical problems—the quality of care I deliver as a physician is better because of things he taught me."

As in his own undergraduate experience, the research and scholarship opportunities Bilsky provides his students sometimes lead them in directions they didn't originally imagine.

Lindsay St. Louis '13, enrolled at UNE as a pre-pharmacy major, then switched

to neuroscience. Although she enjoyed working in Bilsky's lab beginning her sophomore year, she didn't really find her passion until Bilsky invited her to sit in on some meetings with chronic pain sufferers.

St. Louis explains that she "started looking at it from the patients' perspectives. How many things were impacting their lives—not only that the pain medications were not alleviating their pain, but the social limitations and the health care system in general. I couldn't believe how big of an issue it was."

With Bilsky's encouragement, St. Louis coordinated the creation of case reports, narratives, and a series of videos titled "Portraits of Pain," featuring four individuals who have been coping with chronic pain for years. The cases were presented at UNE's 2013 Spring Symposium on "The Science of Pain and the Art of Healing."

This fall she began a Master of Science in Pain Research, Education and Policy at a Tufts University School of Medicine. While she's not certain where the program will take her she knows that her "main goal is to help make it easier for people to manage their pain."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Here are some updates on the careers of a handful of Dr. Bilsky's former student researchers.

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D.O., UNECOM, 2006
M.Sc., University of Virginia 2011
Ph.D., University of Virginia, 2012

I am currently a resident physician at SUNY Upstate Medical University Department of General Surgery.

Denise Giuvelis

B.S. Medical Biology, UNE, 2008

I currently work at UNE as a senior research associate in Dr. Bilsky's lab as well as co-manager of the UNE COBRE Behavior Core. In these roles I aid in designing and conducting laboratory experiments as well as training research staff in a variety of assays looking at preclinical analgesic efficacy and side effects.

Melissa D. (Osborn) Hudson

M.S. Nurse Anesthesia, UNE, 2008

I am currently practicing anesthesia in central Washington State in both an anesthesia care team model on a full-time basis, as well independently in a rural community hospital on a per diem basis. Preemptive analgesia, regional anesthesia, and obstetrical anesthesia are among my clinical and research interests since graduating from UNE. My goal is to pursue a doctoral degree in the near future to further opioid research endeavors that have the potential to benefit a greater patient population than I am currently able to reach on a daily basis through my work as an anesthesia provider.

Alexa Lopez

B.S., Psychobiology-Behavioral Neuroscience, UNE 2009
M.A., University of Vermont, 2013

I started a Ph.D. program in Experimental Psychology-Human Behavioral Pharmacology at the University of

Vermont. I got my M.A. earlier this year, and my Ph.D. should be complete by the summer of 2014. Currently, I am conducting human behavioral pharmacology research among economically-disadvantaged populations in order to complete my graduate training. I am also involved with scientific advocacy within the American Psychological Association, where I serve as the Science Committee chair for the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students.

Ryan M. Smith

D.O., UNECOM, 2010
M.S., UNECOM, Medical Education Leadership, 2013

I am now a child and adolescent psychiatrist in fellowship at Maine Medical Center after completing my internship and residency at Harvard and Dartmouth, respectively. I am president of the UNECOM Alumni Association and also serve as UNECOM clinical faculty in psychiatry/pharmacology and as national faculty for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

Lindsay St. Louis

B.S., Neuroscience, UNE, 2013

I am currently enrolled in Tufts University School of Medicine's Master of Science in Pain Research, Education and Policy.

Zach Trzaska

B.S., Medical Biology, UNE, 2003
M.D., St Mathew's College of Medicine, 2007

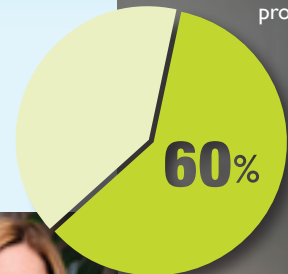
I am currently a cardiology fellow at Maine Medical Center; next August I plan to join a practice in Belfast, Maine in general clinical cardiology.

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15% of students
participated in a
faculty-led research
project

60% participated
in an in-class research
program



Lindsay St. Louis,
former student,
studies at Tufts

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



- **STUDENT**
- **SCIENTIST**
- **ATHLETE**
- **EXPLORER**
- **ENTREPRENEUR**
- **WORLD TRAVELER**



IT'S A JUGGLE

THE MANY PASSIONS OF AIDAN MCPARLAND

BY KATHLEEN TAGGERSELL

ATHLETE. ENTREPRENEUR. EXPLORER. SCIENTIST. STUDENT. WORLD TRAVELER.

These seven words capture the varied personas of Aidan McParland, '15 (medical biology and oceanography), a Brockville, Ontario native spearheading UNE's first TED conference this fall.

For the uninitiated, TED conferences gather people from the technology, entertainment and design arenas to share short but thought-provoking talks.

A TED enthusiast, McParland's favorite talk is "The Intelligence of Crows," in which the speaker shares a fascinating story of how crows were trained to pick up pennies and place them into a vending machine for a peanut reward through a cultural adaptation experiment.

"That video embodies what TED is—innovation through knowledge. With TED, if you have only 20 minutes, you can learn about anything," says McParland.

Unable to attend a conference on his own, McParland decided to bring TED to UNE via its community-level version, TEDx. He and his fellow organizers lined up presenters for the November TEDxUNE, themed Inspiration. "We wanted to showcase the brilliance of UNE and our community," he says. The group aims to host two TEDxUNE events a year.

McParland's entrepreneurial vision began long before arriving at UNE. He picked up soccer at the age of 5 and began traveling as a goalie with the Canadian national training league at 14. In need of a flexible summer job after his sophomore year in high school, he heard about the government-sponsored Young Entrepreneurs Program, submitted a business plan for a soccer canteen, and was funded. He made some mistakes, took some good advice ("know your worth"),

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I've always wanted to work with people to make a difference, and I believe I can do that with medicine.

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—Aidan McParland

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

“When I’m sitting on my board and looking back at the land, it clears my head and changes my perspective on everything. It’s where I do my best thinking. I think that would be a neat thing to pass on.”



McParland with Biology Professor Geoffrey Ganter.

and evolved it into a successful snow cone and cotton candy enterprise called “the Boss of Floss” that netted more than \$12,000 in its third season.

Now captain of UNE’s soccer squad, 2012 MVP and male athlete of the year, McParland shares a similar philosophy on and off the field: “I don’t usually get scored on the same way twice. It’s the same scenario in my life. I think about what I will or won’t do the next time. It’s never too late to make something right. Everyone on this planet has been given an amazing opportunity to be here, to fix the future.”

McParland’s eye on fixing the future is rooted in past experiences. He took a year off after high school and traveled around the world with his father, a geologist who wanted to introduce him to his field of work. They saw lava flows in Hawaii (where McParland learned to surf), toured the back country of Australia and New Zealand in a pop-up camper, and explored the jungles of Ecuador, where McParland met several doctors working in impoverished areas.

“That’s when I decided that’s what I want to do. I’ve always wanted to work with people to make a difference, and I believe I can do that with medicine,” he says.

He began working in Dr. Geoffrey Ganter’s lab his freshman year, studying the mechanisms behind pain, an area he continues to pursue enthusiastically. “Research opportunities at UNE are completely unique. I have friends at Harvard, Yale and University of British Columbia, who are very jealous of the research work I do here.”

While he is leaning toward medical school and a career in emergency medicine, McParland, an avid surfer, is also considering ways he might connect that with his other love and major—oceanography.

He ponders a future practice related to ocean healing. “When I’m sitting on my board and looking back at the land, it clears my head and changes my perspective on everything. It’s where I do my best thinking. I think that would be a neat thing to pass on.”

ALUMNA PROFILE

BEATRIZ TORRADO-RIDGLEY, DO '94

BY DOROTHY ROYLE

When Beatriz Torrado-Ridgley, DO'94 was applying to medical schools around the country, her father accompanied her on campus tours. On the plane home to Los Angeles, he confessed to her that UNECOM was his favorite, in spite of it being the farthest away. Why? Biddeford reminded him of home—not L.A., but Galicia, the coastal province in northwest Spain where Beatriz's family is from. As a Spanish citizen raised in the U.S., she grew up with one foot in each country, and still travels to Spain regularly with her husband and their two high school-aged children.

Dr. Torrado-Ridgley chose UNECOM not for her father's reason, but for its mission to provide care to underserved communities. Following her third year clinical rotations in rural Maine, she went to Boston, where she selected her rotations by specialty hospital and the area of medicine for which each was renowned. She was offered a prestigious residency in Cambridge, but chose to return to the west coast. She arrived for her residency in a predominantly Cuban and Latin American neighborhood near L.A. at the time when Dr. Shelly Zinberg and a group of fellow DOs had become seriously disenchanted with medical insurance systems for seniors.

They set out to form their own insurance company with a pioneering mission: to deliver consistent, high quality care; “care more” about your patients; treat them the way they should be treated and everyone wins in the end. CareMore was born, and Dr. Torrado-Ridgley, whose values, talent and drive were right in line with its mission, was invited to join the company on a fast track to partnership.

In the past 20 years, CareMore has revolutionized the standard of care for seniors in California, and its model has been reproduced successfully in a number of other states. Today Dr. Torrado-Ridgley has a full time osteopathic practice in Downey, California and serves on the CareMore board. She views the organization as her team and her “village,” and finds that her bilingual practice is especially inspiring to young Hispanic women from households which might not otherwise encourage daughters to pursue medicine. She is passionate on the subject of women in the sciences breaking perceived boundaries and setting their career sights high. In addition to her medical practice, she volunteers with her children's school, where her son is a national champion water polo player and her daughter has been doing stem cell research.



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Success is work that makes you happy, makes you a living, and helps your community.”

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GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

“Everything I put into my life as a wife, mother, daughter, physician, and friend comes out through my children. They are my greatest accomplishment.”

WORTH REMEMBERING DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM IN COLEMAN HALL



Clockwise from bottom left: Miss Gail Purrington, chair of the Dental Hygiene department, welcomes students into the new clinic, and gives student Barbara Butman '63 pointers on scaling with the help of a precise scientific model. Later, she shows the new dental chairs to students Barbara Butman from Spruce Head, Marcha Ayers from Florida and Priscilla Chase from Portland (*The Alumnae News*, October 1961). The Dental Hygiene Clinic in action (*The Mirror*, June 1963).

Photos courtesy of Roberta Gray, UNE Department of Special Collections

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NOW

50 YEARS LATER Students of UNE's Dental Hygiene program returned for the 2013-2014 school year to a renovated facility at Coleman Hall on the Portland Campus. The program celebrated its 50th year in 2013. The new space includes a local anesthesia lab, where students practice injections.



Scan the QR Code to view the 50th Year Celebration video



Tom Seyfried '68 Alumni Achievement Award Winner and Joe Valenza '68 UNE-SFC Alumni Council

Bob Dunbar '63 Alumni Service Award Winner and Conrad Gagnon '64 UNE-SFC Alumni Council



Linsey Pilon 2013 Honorary Alumna and Don Pilon '73



Class of 1988 celebrating their 25th reunion



Alumni showing off their St. Francis College gear

ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Alumni Weekend 2013 was celebrated by nearly 400 alumni and friends on September 20-21. The Class of 1963 celebrated its 50th Reunion while the Class of 1968 had the most classmates back on campus for their 45th Reunion. Alumni were honored for athletic achievements at the Varsity Club Hall of Fame induction, and for professional achievements and service to the university at the Alumni Awards Dinner. Throughout the day, they enjoyed several alumni athletic and varsity games as well as a cookout, tours of campus and the Marine Science Center. A highlight of the weekend was a reception in remembrance of the "I Have a Dream" symposium held on campus in May of 1964, featuring Martin Luther King, Jr. Alumni and guests who had attended, including Georgette Sutton, Jim Beaudry and John Biter; watched a video created by Paul Clark '01 in 2001, commemorating the historic event.

**Save the Date for Alumni Weekend 2014
on September 19 and 20!**

Dennis Reale '63 and John Zahor '63
enjoy a look back



Class of 2013 members

VARSITY CLUB HALL OF FAME



In the photo, left to right: Michele (Plant) Higgins, UNE '01; Veronica (Scott) Dumais, WC '96; Gabe Lucas, UNE '99; and Jim Shaughnessy, SFC '71.



WHERE IN THE WORLD? UNE has more students than ever around the globe!

UNE INTERNATIONAL
ALUMNI:

161 alumni live
overseas on

6 continents in

40 countries
other than the U.S.

46% live in Canada

9% live in Japan

MOST EXOTIC PLACE

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METROPOL PARASOL

From left to right: Sophomores Meghan Bolano (Medical Biology), Samantha Dowd (Nursing), Kaylee Pobocik (Athletic Training) and Kaitlyn Pettibone (Nursing), enjoy the view of Seville at Las Setas de la Encarnación, also known as Metropol Parasol.

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Fall Semester 2013

- 24 students studied abroad in Seville, Spain. UNE students were also represented in Beijing, China; Cork, Ireland; and Australia.
- A group of online MSW students traveled to Kingston, Jamaica as part of their International Social Work in the Caribbean for the first ever online MSW group traveling.
- College of Pharmacy students traveled to Thailand for APPE.

Spring Semester 2014

- In January 2014, the inaugural group of students will travel to Tangier, Morocco for the spring semester at UNE's first international campus.
- Also during the spring semester, UNE students will travel to Seville, Spain, Australia, London, Ireland and Scotland.

January break 2014

Students will be traveling with their professors to Dominica, Belize and Peru.

Spring break 2014

Students will travel to Ghana and the Dominican Republic.

May 2014

When school lets out for the summer, students will travel with faculty to Granada, Spain, Kenya, Panama, Ireland, London and Mexico.



SPAIN IN MAINE



UNE's College of Pharmacy hosted five pharmacy students from the University of Granada in Spain last July on the Portland campus. Front row: Alberto Diaz Garcia and Yolanda Fernandez Carbelo; second row: Maria Ines Diaz Cano and Pablo Gonzalez Moreno; back row: Carlos Franco Morcillo.



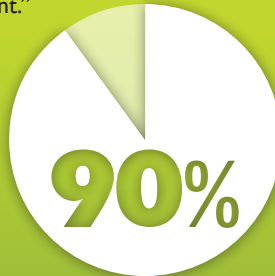
University of Granada Professors Manuel Miro and Luis Recalde join UNE Professor Karen Houseknecht for coffee at a café in Maine. They were in Portland to discuss further expansion of the exchange program between the two universities. Miro is a UG professor of pharmacology and a former associate dean of international programs, and Recalde is a UG associate dean of international programs and former dean of pharmacy.

UNE Among the Best

UNE is ranked one of the “Best Universities” in the North that offer “a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs” in the 2014 edition of “America’s Best Colleges,” *U.S. New & World Report* announced. UNE rose seven spots in the top tier of this category.

“UNE continues to focus on delivering quality education together with unique experiences that provide meaningful and proven value to our students,” said UNE President Danielle Ripich. “We are pleased that *US News & World Report* recognizes that, and our 2014 Best Colleges listing reflects UNE’s commitment to delivering an outstanding return on investment.”

In fact, 90 percent of UNE’s Class of 2012 students are either employed in their field of choice or pursuing graduate/professional school. The US News ranking follows other recent national accolades for UNE.



**employed
or pursuing
graduate programs**



Distinguished Lecturer at UNE

On September 19, 2013, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar was presented the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service by the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation. The award was presented at the fourth George and Barbara Bush Distinguished Lecture at UNE.

George Bush, 41st President of the United States, and Barbara Bush presented the award to Sheikha Moza at the event, which was held at the Harold Alfond Forum on UNE’s Biddeford Campus. The lecture was streamed live to audiences around the world.

A driving force behind education and social reforms in Qatar for more than 15 years, Sheikha Moza is the Chairperson of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), a private nonprofit organization founded in 1995.



\$620,000 Awarded to UNE

A dozen academically talented students from Maine will soon receive scholarships to UNE thanks to a \$620,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to support education and careers in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).

The Maine Mathematics and Science Scholars for SUCCESS (School and University Collaboration Centered on Educating STEM Students) will provide four-year scholarships to at least 12 Maine students majoring in STEM disciplines, beginning with the UNE Class of 2018.



UNE professors (left to right) James Quinlan, Susan Hillman, John Stubbs, Michael Cripps and James Vesenka. Missing from photo is Craig Tennenhouse.

A New Look Celebrates Future

Since opening its doors in 2001, UNE's Marine Animal Rehabilitation Center (MARC) has provided hands-on experience for nearly 1,000 students and volunteers and cutting-edge medical care for over 1,000 marine mammals and sea turtles found stranded along the New England coastline.

As part of the strategic plan for UNE's Center of Excellence in Marine Sciences, the highly successful marine animal rehabilitation program is being developed into an integrated marine science academic program and has undergone a rebranding to reflect that—complete with a new logo and name, the Marine Animal Rehabilitation and Conservation program. The MARC moniker remains intact.



Research Archive Launched at UNE

Elena Dodd, with her sisters Linda Makosky, Joan Gould, and Eileen Drath, donated their comprehensive caregiver records of end-of-life care given to their mother, Joan C. Harap, to the UNE Department of Special Collections.

These meticulous caregiver and medical records were kept by all family members and other caregivers during Mrs. Harap's later years, from the age of 84 until her death at 93. The collection, called the Harap Collection, forms the foundation of the National Elder Perspective Archive (NEPA) Collection for the purpose of primary source research.

The HARAP Collection contains detailed journals of care with hourly and daily entries; photographs, audio tapes, medical records with sensitive information redacted, budgets, and other materials.

Graphic Designer Remembered

Joe Guertin (1940-2010) was highly involved as a teacher and graphic designer in the art and design community of Portland from the early 1970's onward, serving as head of the Department of Graphic Design at the Portland School of Art (now MECA) and on the advisory committee for the Payson Building at the Portland Museum of Art.

His career led him to the award winning graphic design firm, Chermayeff & Geismar, and to TRW Inc. where he was director of marketing and communication from 1987 until he retired in 2006. This exhibition is curated by Professor Emeritus Stephen Halpert, a friend of Guertin's, and presents photographs, drawings and designs by Guertin as well as works by the students he influenced. Visit this exhibit at the UNE Art Gallery through January 26, 2014.

Maine Women of Achievement

UNE celebrated a long-held tradition of honoring outstanding Maine women of achievement at the 52nd Annual Deborah Morton Convocation and Awards Ceremony held in September on the Portland Campus.

This year's event paid tribute to four new inductees: Eleanor Baker, CPA, managing principal of Baker Newman Noyes; Anne Lynch, executive director of The Center for Grieving Children; Lois Galgay Reckitt, executive director, Family Crisis Services; and Barbara Vereault, DO, Penobscot Community Health Center.

This year's scholarship awardees are UNE nursing students Kelli Sousa of the Class of 2016 and Renee Violette of the Class of 2015.



UNE President Danielle Ripich, Lois Galgay Reckitt, Anne Lynch, Dr. Barbara Vereault, Eleanor Baker and Deborah Morton Steering Committee Chair Laurie Lachance.

Q U O T A B L E

“ Last weekend I attended a memorial service in Portland, Maine and on my way home I stopped by the UNE (Biddeford) campus and walked around. I graduated in 1974 and it was my first time back. Wow—I was so impressed and so proud. What was nice was how everything I remember was still there, and how much the school has grown around what I remember. I have to tip my hat to all those who have made UNE what it is today, and to make all of us who once attended proud. ”

Robert J. Mosco Jr., SFC '74
via UNE Facebook

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NOR'EASTER NEWS

WHEN JESALYN DVORAK '12 TOOK A 'SPONTANEOUS'
VISIT TO UNE AS A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR,
LITTLE DID SHE KNOW IT WOULD SHAPE
THE REST OF HER LIFE.



ALUMNA REMEMBERS

TEAMMATES SHAPED EXPERIENCES

BY CURT SMYTH

An accomplished student, athlete and active member of her local church in Windsor, Conn., Jesalyn Dvorak knew when she stepped foot on the Biddeford Campus that UNE would be the right place for her.

“(When I visited) it was 75 and sunny, and people were in every direction,” Dvorak reflected. “It felt good to be walking around campus, and that’s when I knew that this school was the perfect fit for me.”

She had previously visited several schools, including a large NCAA Division I institution in the Midwest, but Dvorak decided her academic and athletic talents would best be developed at UNE.

A psychology major, Dvorak was a four-year member of both the soccer and lacrosse teams, earning all-conference accolades in each. She was also actively involved in UNE’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and continued her passion for community service, serving as a mentor for local youth and taking mission trips to various areas of the U.S. and Mexico over the summer.

Being a student-athlete at UNE afforded her the opportunity to travel to Barbados and Florida—trips she probably otherwise might not have made—but it was the memories and life-long bonds she established that impacted her the most.

“I’m pretty sure all of my fondest memories from college involve my teammates in some way or another,” said Dvorak.

Today, Dvorak lives and works all the way across the country, yet is still able to stay connected with her former teammates and coaches.

“I’m currently living the dream in Seattle,” she said. “When I’m not working, I’m volunteering. I’ve always wanted to save the world in some small way, and now I’m proud to say that a majority of my time is spent with organizations that install solar panels at orphanages, aid wounded warriors, and provide resources to the homeless and disabled.”

Who would have thought a ‘spontaneous’ visit on a sun-splashed afternoon would have led to so much?



Jesalyn Dvorak at the orphanage in San Jose de la Montana, Costa Rica. When she wasn’t “demo-ing” a fireplace or repainting the school, she was on the pitch playing soccer or just hanging out with the kids.

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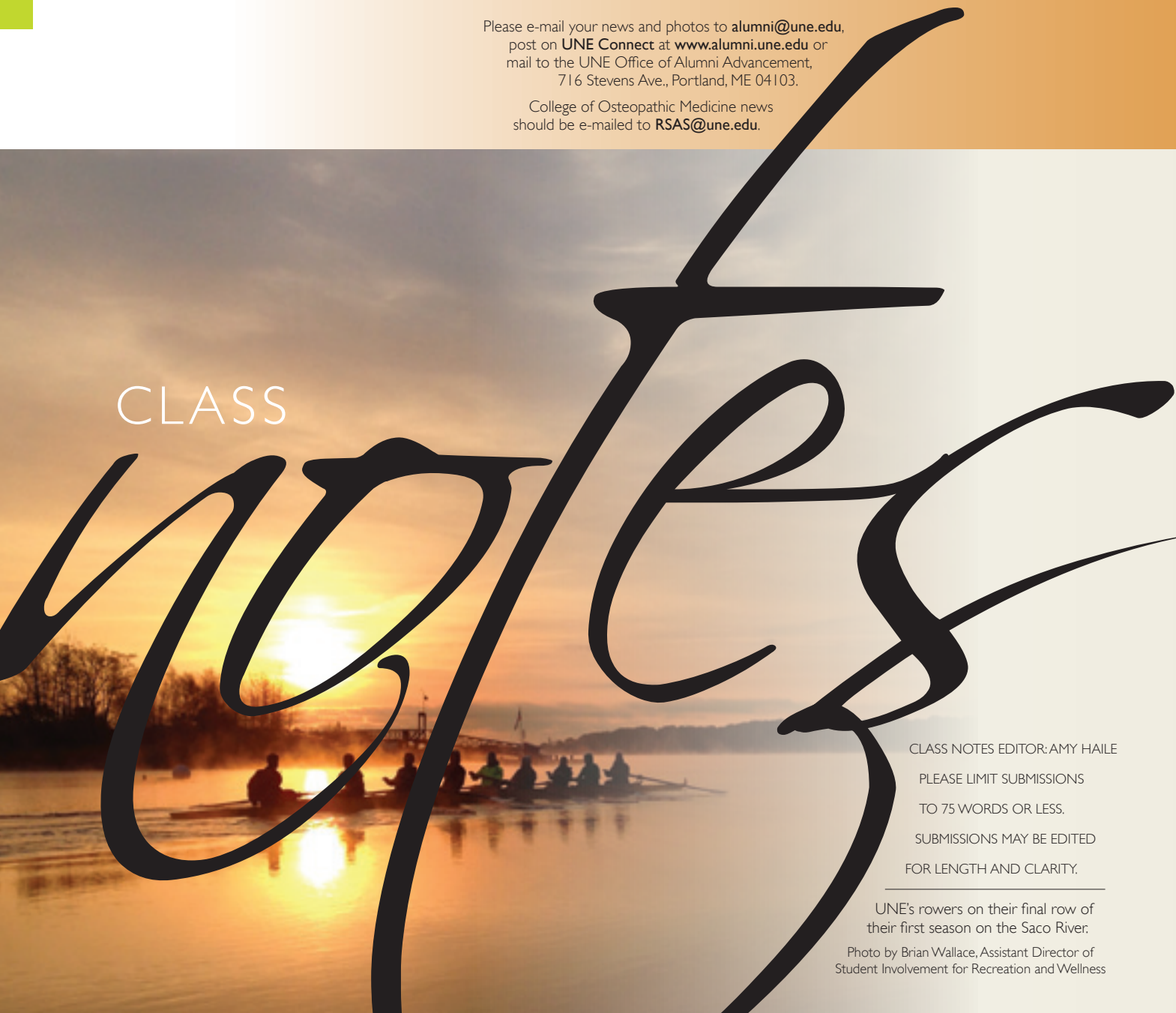
My overall student experience was unforgettable because of my involvement with athletics. The sense of community definitely impacted my student experience for the better, and I wouldn’t change a thing about that. ”

—Jesalyn Dvorak

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CLASS



CLASS NOTES EDITOR: AMY HAILE

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FOR LENGTH AND CLARITY.

UNE's rowers on their final row of
their first season on the Saco River:

Photo by Brian Wallace, Assistant Director of
Student Involvement for Recreation and Wellness

1939**Charlotte Dolloff Turadian**

writes, "Very content in assisted living about five miles from my house, which sold to a couple who want to raise their family and live there forever! Pretty special. **Bernice Lord Peterson** and her son Jack visited recently. She's in assisted living in Virginia. We compared menus and activities! I'm in a wheelchair; she doesn't even use a walker. Looks marvelous. I move about fast though."

1942

Joan Fowler Hughes writes, "I guess you all know that **Sis Schlesinger, Nancy Erne, Una Lindsay** and I had a great time at our 70th reunion a year ago. It was so good to see them and I wish more of you could have been there.

About that time my husband, Dick, and I moved into a retirement home. It was hard to leave our house of 46 years, but we felt the time had come to relieve ourselves of a lot of the work of keeping it up. Unfortunately Dick has ARMD and so has become more dependent on me. He misses not being able to shop and cook... yes he did that for a long time. I was spoiled!

Basically my health is good. I had knee replacement in March and it has worked very well for me. I had little pain and I am grateful for the outcome. I play duplicate bridge at least two times a week and am involved in a couple of clubs which meet once a month. We support and go to the Cheyenne Symphony, the Cheyenne Little Theater and two choral groups.

Our daughter who lives in Colorado has been caught up today in the terrible flooding they are having South of us in Denver and surroundings. It's being called a 100 year flood and my heart goes out to all those who are deeply affected.

Our other daughter lives in Illinois where her husband is a Professor of Clinical Psychology at Wheaton College. Our grandson is a sophomore at the college."

Valerie Power McLean wrote that it was wonderful to read the note sent by her classmate **Mildred "Sis" Ashmead Schlesinger** and that "knowing someone around my age is wonderful! I have a daughter who still lives near; so the cat and I are still living in my home. At 101 years, one fall will put me elsewhere! The cat will be on her own. Good luck to

everyone standing. (Or should I say "breathing.")"

Mildred "Sis" Ashmead

Schlesinger writes, "I do a lot of remembering back to WJC. No slacks in those days, but saddle shoes and ankle socks, and we had Saturday morning classes. I took Occupational Therapy class with Miss Kidder and realized that I wasn't talented enough. I still have the chair with the seat I wove, but the rug I weaved, which my daughter took to college, has worn out. Looking back into "The Tower" was interesting. **Ruth Ekberg** dropped me a line. I had a long talk with **Val Power McLean**, who lives in Venice, FL. She has two daughters and three grandchildren living a few blocks from her. She still lives alone. She still has a good sense of humor.

A year ago, **Joan Fowler Hughes, Nancy Wiswall Erne, Una Lindsay**, and I attended our 70th reunion. It was a great time. My daughter Ruth Bryant drove me and enjoyed the campus and all the to-do that was going on. Because she is a quilter, she took time to find quilt shops.

My husband and I moved a year ago in August to continuing care

Elim Park in Cheshire, CT. I guess it was time as Irv's Alzheimer's wasn't going to get better and I was finding keeping all the activities involved with our home getting burdensome. Fortunately Irv was gentle and he seemed to enjoy the transition to four rooms. Our son is a half-mile from us and daughter six miles, so it was a good move. I lost Irv in January and am adjusting to that loss. We have a five year old Yorkshire Terrier named "Buttercup." People here may not know me, but everyone knows Buttercup! **Joan Fowler Hughes** and I keep in touch via email.

I have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. My oldest grandchild has just started in a program Teach In America and is in Denver Colorado. Her brother, a high school junior, leaves September 4 for a year as an exchange student in Spain. My oldest great grandchild, Zach, started high school this week. Can I be that old? Fortunately, except for son and his family in San Francisco, all of my family is in Connecticut. Ruth's are in graduate school—Beth just got her Master's in Nutrition at Tufts and David is in his 2nd year law school at Quinnipiac University. Peter's two youngest are also in Quinnipiac University.

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I just leased a 2013 Honda for three years as my Nissan Quest was having problems. I don't go to the Big Apple or Boston, but I can still touch base with friends in nearby towns. Elim is a Baptist place, but I was able to start an Episcopal Communion Service once a month. Eighteen residents show up.

I was sorry to see the loss of **Betty French Greeley** in the last issue of UNE Magazine. We had kept in touch for many years. Please send me notes. If you know what has happened to any of our classmates listed on the Class Notes Submission Form you received, let me know and I will let the gal in charge know. It's nice to keep up to date—just takes us longer to tackle things. My best to you all this winter.”

1943 70th REUNION

Shirley Caplan Glazier writes: “I am sorry I cannot attend my 70th Reunion. It's hard to believe so many years have passed. I had a great experience at Westbrook

Junior and only regret it wasn't a four year school. **Edith Gordon Friedman**, my roommate, passed away last year. I have been a widow for eight years and now live in an independent facility in Worcester, MA (where I was born and brought up). I am very happy here and my three children and their families are nearby. If anyone would like to keep in touch, my address is 101 Barry Road, #1003, Worcester, MA 01609. I hope there are many classmates still alive and do send them my best.”

1951

Margaret Bragdon Shoemaker writes, “Things remain the same. Kids still far away in Alaska and Minnesota, but had visits from both of them in January. Jay and granddaughter, Becky, and Kim from Alaska for two wonderful weeks. Our entire family was together in Winchester, MA for my big 80th. Wonderful year being with family.”

1952

Barbara Brown Emroe writes, “Still living in Georgia and celebrated my 80th last November. I have five children,

eight grandchildren, three great-granddaughters. Would love to hear from you by phone since I can't see to read a computer.”

Jean Lamkin Veazie writes, “Still enjoying summers in Maine where I connect with classmates **Elizabeth Green Fogg, Lynda Brow Fisher, Janet Stover, Nancy Packard Vanites '54, Laverne Gustafson Deoss**, and others.

We do lunches and some trips together. I am moving soon to a senior retirement campus here in Springfield, VA, where I have lived for 45 years. Looking forward to not preparing main meals.”

1954

Marilyn Kidder Shurtleff writes, “Greetings to all from Sunny California. It doesn't seem possible that we'll be celebrating our 60th Reunion next Spring. I wish I could be there to celebrate with you. Arthritis and Macular Degeneration have slowed me down a bit, but I'm lucky to be able to enjoy books on tape from our state library, and John is a terrific chauffeur, so we keep going. We are fortunate that our

local civic theaters provide many stage productions as well as symphonic music. Thank heaven for hearing aids, orthotics, and contact lenses—where would we be without them. We'll be celebrating our fiftieth wedding anniversary at Lake Tahoe September 7th this year. Stay well EVERYONE. Love and Best Wishes to you all.”

1955

Judith J. Rumery writes, “We are very proud of our granddaughter, Ashton Booth, who will be graduating in the Inaugural Class of UNE's College of Pharmacy. We look forward to the ceremonies.”

1956

Cindy Simpson writes, “We extend our deepest sympathy to **Marion Tyler Hinds** on the passing of her husband, Richard (Dick) on April 9th.

1960

Priscilla Morrison McGarry writes, “I have chatted with **Joyce Richardson** a few times and she has had a very successful year with the Weight Watchers program. I don't want to embarrass her, but

she is having fun buying a whole new wardrobe. She is still very active with her church and keeps busy with family and friends as well. **Liz Flaherty, Judy Randall Whitney-Blake** and I are planning to go to the MWWC book club events starting in March. They have come up with a pretty impressive list of Maine Women authors who will be discussing their books in the next few months. Liz is now amongst the retired after having had a most interesting career with the Libra Foundation here in Maine. It's always fun to go back to the campus and see old friends. I can't help but think how we were so in on the MWWC when it was started by Grace Dow and Dorothy Healy... wouldn't they be proud?"

1961

Lynne Sutherland Byron writes: "Whitman House had a fantastic reunion on Cape Cod May 21-23. Those in attendance were **Joan Munday Warr, Dianne Gibbs Sullivan, Carol Kiernan Rhodes, Barbara Smith, Judy Maguire Shutowick, Daryl Bryans Warr, Lynne Sutherland Byron, AND**

honorary Whitman House member Marilyn Lalumiere '62.

Most of us stayed at the Daniel Webster Inn in Sandwich and on that Wednesday we celebrated with a special dinner with plenty of wine, laughs, and stories. It was so wonderful to be together again, sharing and enjoying the company of good friends—very, very special.

Marion R. Peterson writes: "I have been active in trying to protect our healthy food supply from dangerous decisions made by our government. It appears to me that the large drug companies continue to be successful with their deep pockets, misinformation and far reaching tentacles in playing a major, unhealthy role in our food supply."

1962

Judith "Judy" Kinney Coombs writes, "We moved to Florida three years ago and love it here. Happy to be able to visit occasionally with classmate **Carole James McKenny**. We also went to high school together. Naturally we miss New England, but we run into other New Englanders often (with their

Patriots, Red Sox, and Celtic shirts), and even the community we live in has a New England Club with nearly 300 members. We are still active members of the Church of Christ and my husband David still gets to preach occasionally. Life is good."

1963 50th REUNION

John G. TKatch writes, "MBA Niagara University—1964. English teacher grades 8, 10, 11—10 years. Retail women's wear stores from 1967-2003. (Boutique stores in NH, VT, RI, and NY.) Married 1965—Priscilla Beaupre. Daughter: Chrissa married and living in Dunwoody, GA. Grandson Jonathan—12 years old. Stroke 2000. Retired 2003. Enjoy reading, traveling and staying in touch with former classmates and friends."

1964

Richard A. Check writes, "Semi-retired—still running Country Cabinets, etc. with my wife Joy and daughter Caroline in North Conway, NH (along with designers and installers). Country Cabinets is the premier kitchen and bath showroom in the Mt. Washington

Valley. Joy and I do get away each winter to our home in Naples, Florida for four months. Golf and travel, along with grand kids, take up the balance of our time."

Neil B. Curley writes, "My wife Joan and I are enjoying retirement in Naples, FL. This year we have been re-elected to the Collier County Republican Executive Committee as Committee persons. I also serve as the Chaplain for the Committee. I was also elected to the East Naples Civic Association Board and serve as Election Deputy for the Collier County Board of Elections and I'm a member of the Republican Men's Club. I am also a member of our Congressman's Military Service Academy selection committee, something I have done for the last ten years. My wife Joan also serves as Past President of the Naples Press Club and Sunshine Chair and an officer of the Sand Dollars Women's Group and the Women's Republican Club Federated of Naples. We are founding members of the Circumnavigating Club of Naples (individuals who have travelled around the world). Joan

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is in the process of writing her eighth children's book something she took up after retirement to keep busy. Recently returned from Philadelphia and Washington D. C. to attend our niece's wedding and visit our Congressman. We will be off in November for a cruise in the Mediterranean on the Cunard Line.

A thought on current events— Having lived in Egypt and opening an American School in '98 I feel so sorry for the country as the poverty level and illiteracy are so great that this continued disruption in that country will not be of benefit to many of the citizens.

We had a lovely visit with the UNE Vice President of Institutional Advancement, John Norton, and his wife, Barbara, when they visited Naples."

Dianne Patterson writes, "After 40+ years, I am finally retiring from the early childhood education field. Fellow classmate **Sharon Emery Holets** passed away 1/11. Her mother, Mildred, is in Bradenton

and we have reconnected after many years."

Norman R. Taylor writes "Fully retired from teaching. I'm a Eucharistic Minister in my church. I do volunteer work at a local soup kitchen and also am doing volunteer work with the homeless population."

1966
Linda Aharonian Zavalick writes, "Hello to all! I relocated to Holliston, Massachusetts 6-1/2 years ago after living in greater Hartford, CT all of my life. We moved to be closer to our daughters and grandchildren who live nearby.

I continue to work part-time at The Milford National Bank and Trust Co. in Milford, MA. I continue to compete in running road races and run competitively after completion of four marathons and several half marathons."

Linda Aharonian Zavalick also sent in the photograph from August 2013 in Harwichport, Cape Cod, MA of **Arlene Plennert Fisher, Linda Aharonian Zavalick, and Barbara Dower Matyskiel** (below). Arlene and Barbara were roommates. Linda was the friend who lived next door in Ginn Hall. Linda writes, "We are all still friends, having reunited several years ago from different

towns and states. We try to get together; husbands included, at least twice a year."

1969
Linda Amaru-Smythe continues to reside in Irvine, CA where she has lived for the past 30 years. She is an avid cyclist, voracious reader, member of a large and loving extended family. She recently retired from American Airlines and travels frequently between East and West coasts to visit family and, when scheduling permits, attending WJC reunions. She is proud to be a Westbrook alumna and would love for anyone visiting the Irvine area to touch base. Linda.smythe@cox.net

Elizabeth Woodcock Flaherty retired from speech/language therapy and has a new grandson who she enjoys very much. She moved into a condo which she is busy decorating. Her daughters are moving back to Mattapoisett from the Boston area, and her son is in the Navy and stationed in Japan.



Jennifer Briggs Hargreaves retired last year after a career as an RN for Maine General Health. She and husband, John, have three children: Jeremy who lives in Greenville, ME and owns a rafting company; Jacey who is an 8th grade science teacher at Greely and lives in North Yarmouth, ME; and Jared who lives in Medford, MA and is an executive chef at a Newton, MA restaurant. Jennifer has four terrific grandchildren: Corinne who is 11; Georgia who is five; Benson who is three and Madeline who is two. John is State Commander for the American Legion for the State of Maine so they travel a lot, most recently to Houston at the end of August for the national convention. Jennifer would like to connect with **Judy Conway** and **Sharon Bailey** (jumpnj2@aol.com).

Susan B. Libby writes, "I retired in September 2012 after 42 years at Maine Medical Center and have been enjoying the past year relaxing, going to the beach, walking my pug and traveling. Now I get to spend time babysitting my godson's three children; Jackson is six, Leah is five and Reese just

turned two. I am still president of the SHS Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. which an organization that raises money and awards \$1,000 scholarships to seniors going on to further their education after high school. Since 1999, we have awarded \$20,000 in scholarships.

I would like to remind everyone that next spring will be our 45th reunion and it is time for someone (or two) to step forward and take over the roles of being President and Secretary. Neither job is very taxing nor time-consuming and easily done electronically; you don't have to travel to Maine at attend any meetings. Please email me at susan.libby5@gmail.com if you are willing to take over the helm of one/both of these tasks!"

Last year you may recall I reported that **Lois-Ann Wentworth Holmes' '69, '81** husband, Ralph, a retired Maine State Police Trooper, had been diagnosed with prostate and bone cancer after having been colon cancer free for nearly five years. Unfortunately, Ralph lost his battle in January 2012. Lois-Ann sold their house and moved in with

her daughter, Rebecca, son-in-law and six year old granddaughter, Amara, until she was able to find a place of her own on French Island in Old Town in March 2013. Amara is a Daisy Scout and will enter 1st grade this year; she enjoys dance and participating in Native American Community Days. Rebecca works for the government and her husband works as a Foreman for Penobscot Indian Nation. Our hearts and prayers go out to Lois-Ann and her family as they struggle with their loss. Their son still works for the Bangor Fire Department and his wife is a 4th grade teacher.

Sarah (Sally) McCue Maloney resides in New Port Richey, FL and has been married to her husband, Mike, for 44 years and have eight grandchildren. They visited Maine in June for their oldest grandson's graduation from Farmington. She and Mike still work for the Pasco schools, and Sally is thinking about retiring this year but she loves her job and she'd miss the kids too much so she's not quite sure what to do yet!

Bonnie Sullivan Millett is still very happily married to husband, George. She has 3 stepsons who are all grown and on their own. Their son, Llew, who lives in Bar Harbor, spent the last three years caring for Bonnie's mother, Evelyn, who was 95 when she passed in July. Bonnie underwent major surgery in March 2013 to have her entire spine rebuilt and is still in the process of rehabilitation. She sends her regards to Lois-Ann and other nursing students from WJJC.

Karen Reinauer Raffeto writes "We welcomed our third grandchild, Rachel (our daughter's first baby) in February. What a delight. Love retirement!"

Barbara McGee Vigue and her husband are happily retired and split their time between Brunswick, ME, Pemaquid, ME and St. Croix, USVI where they own a rental condo on a golf course.

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1970

Gay Lundwall Dion writes, "Currently I am living in Stockton Springs, Maine with my husband, Phil. In May 2010, we started a small seasonal specialty shop called The Good Kettle in Stockton Springs. We cater to local folk, tourists, year-round residents from "away" and summer folk. Most of my classmates are looking at retirement...well this is my retirement and I couldn't be happier...tired, yes, but very content in my little world here in Maine. I would love to hear from classmates, or better yet, see them if they venture to Maine's midcoast. Our website is www.thegoodkettle.com. Check us out!"

Raymond Gagnon writes, "I am semi-retired and half way through my 4th term as a member of the NH House of Representatives."

Patricia Garnache Rhames writes, "I've been married to Richard Rhames for 43 years. We have

been vegetable farming successfully for at least 35 of those years. We have one son, Wesley, who is a teacher in Kittery. We have one grandson, Kyle, who has played lacrosse on UNE's "Blue Field." I urge you all to stop in at Shady Brook Farm at 10 West Loop Road in Biddeford for some great, absolutely fresh vegetables. Any other farmers in the Class of 1970?

1972

Susan Grindle Sanborn writes, "I've been having fun making purses. Some of them are at the Belmont Mill in Laconia, NH. I've also been having a grand time watching my grandson who is one and a half."

William "Tim" Reynolds writes, "Retired from many years in commercial credit and now working part-time in marketing research. Love it and still love Texas. We have what Maine has by way of mountains and coastline, just not as close, and cold weather; just not as long, and an independent spirit not found in much of the other states. Would welcome contact/visits from anyone at SFC 1970-1972."

1973 40th REUNION

Peter Rappoccio writes "In my 36th year as Property Manager for Silver Spring Country Club. Enjoying life with my bride of 37 years, Birdie, and our four grand kids. Still coaching football at Fairfield Prep after 15 years. Presently I'm the Head Freshman Coach and assist at the varsity level. Looking forward to our 40th class reunion."

1974

Wendy K. Upton writes, "Thirty-five years after leaving New England, I am happy to be back and closer to family and friends. Ironically, I settled in the place I left—Glastonbury CT. I am still in insurance but also own a fabulous woman's resale shop in South Windsor called Clothes Mentor. Would love to reconnect with old Westbrook friends again."

1976

Susan "Sue" McKeough writes "I miss and love St. Francis so much. I know it's been 37 years since graduating however my love for the college, students and

professors remains strong as ever. I know it's UNE now but my heart is filled with the love of St. Francis. I was blessed to teach over 35 years and was forced to retire because of five back operations. St. Francis prepared me for my dream job: teaching middle school kids and I will be forever grateful. I try to follow the prayer of St. Francis every single day. Anyone from the class of 1976 out there? I'd love to catch up with our class. Thanks and love to all those blessed to attend / graduate from St. Francis College. It was one of my greatest blessings in life."

1977

Margit Bergquist-Tracey writes, "As much as I love living in DC, my heart is in Boston and Portland. I have such great memories (some better than others!) of Westbrook and Portland. And, here at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, I have had multiple patients who graduated from UNE Medical School. And one of the RDH's I work with is another Brookie! She was ahead of me. The "other" Brookie at Walter

Reed is **Barbara Doyle Glasco '71**. I did not know she was another Brookie until the interview/article about me was in Access, issue December 2012. Barb came to me and said "another Brookie?" She was in a class with a relative of one of my Red Sox road trip classmates, **Susan Dee Mersereau**. And myself and a couple other classmates get together every summer for a weekend; usually a Red Sox road game... it has morphed from Saturday-Sunday to Friday-Monday in a yet to be named city!"

1978 35th REUNION

Ronald A. Burns writes, "I neglect [to keep in touch with events due] to personal obligations. I only attended a two-year, night veterans program and found it difficult financially to complete the full four years as my VA benefits time lapsed. I did work for the American Red Cross for years and also Androscoggin Sheriff's Department as a Corrections Officer. I am retired now."

1982

Nancy Girardin Crocker writes, "I have been having a good time. My husband, I and six other couples spent a week in Jamaica in March—it was great. My children are both married. Hope the Class of 1982 is having fun and can make the next Reunion; 35 years in 2017."

Patricia Fox Whitcomb hosted a small gathering of 1982 alumni at her home on Saturday, April 27, 2013 to celebrate a significant birthday for former Westbrook college instructor and alumna, **Daryl Geer, '64**. Attendees included **Beth Grabowicz, Marcia Weed, Roseanne Gileau Woodbury, Valerie Hall Bergen, Susan Seywert McGuiggan, Frank Ross, Jeanne Piacentini McKew, and Ginny Ketch**.

Dr. Daniel C. Abesh and his wife Jane are still living in Cherry Hill, NJ with their children, Jesse and Jonathan. Joseph lives in Arlington, VA.

1988 25th REUNION

Mike Andrews, a graduate of the Physical Therapy program, just received the prestigious Boy Scouts of America Wood Badge Award after completing Wood Badge Training in 2011. Wood Badge training is the highest and most advanced training course offered by the Boy Scouts of America. While it is rich in scouting history and tradition, participants spend six full days and nights learning modern leadership theories from contemporary scholars such as Ken Blanchard, Stephen R. Covey, and Spencer Johnson. Following the training he had 18 months to complete five projects, called "tickets" to help the local scouting program. After his award ceremony he was also recognized by the Kishwaukee District of the Boy Scouts of America Three Fires Council in northern Illinois as "Cub Scouter of the Year" for his work not only within his Pack and District, but also at the Council level. Mike has been a Cub Scout leader for the last four years and currently not only is leader for two dens of boys, but also serves

as his Pack's Hiking Chair, Training Chair and is both the Assistant Cubmaster and Assistant Activity Chair. He is Unit Commissioner for a nearby Cub Scout Pack, is a Merit Badge Counselor and is the District Hiking Chair. He also is working within Three Fires Council in promoting new science and technology, and environmental training programs for both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Mike has worked as a Physical Therapist for the last 25 years and currently lives in northern Illinois with his wife Kristen and their three children ages 10, 8 and 7. Contact Mike by email at scoutermike@frontier.com.

Cynthia Parent Paine writes, "Just celebrated 17 years of marriage. Our son is going into high school and I am beginning my 18th year of employment at Perkins Thompson. So much changes, while it all stays the same."

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1990



Paula Roberts DeMarkey (above) writes, "I graduated from UNE in 1990 with a B.S. in Health Sciences and a minor in Spanish. I am married to a very supportive man named Joe and we are blessed to have two amazing children; Julia 15 and Chris 12. My first career

after college was selling diagnostic instrumentation to laboratories in hospitals and reference labs in Connecticut. I have also coached women at Boston Sports Club and worked in marketing for Whole Foods Market. My passion for strength training and eating healthy led me to my recent challenge of competing in a Figure Competition. A Figure Competition is one which you are judged on muscular symmetry and definition as opposed to muscle size in a body building competition. At my first competition, I won in my division at the regional Boston Fitness Universe Pageant ("F.U.P."). Most recently I achieved "PRO" status at a national F.U.P. in Miami where I not only won in my age division of 45 + (masters class), but I also received the highest score of all 43 competitors across all ages including women in their 20's and 30's. I couldn't have done this without the brilliant coaching from Greg Robins, C.S.C.S. and other amazing coaches from Cressey Performance, a high performance training facility for athletes in Hudson, MA **Eric Cressey '03**,

President and co-founder of Cressey Performance is also an alumni from UNE and formerly of Kennebunk, Maine."

1993 20th REUNION

Karen Bailey is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of **Optimal Performance Physical Therapy**, located in Scarborough, ME (photo below). She writes, "I am always excited to reconnect with the UNE community, so stop by to say hello or check us out online at www.oppt.com. When I am not in the clinic you may find me spending time with family and friends, bowling, playing softball, golfing or volunteering with UNE softball team."



1994

Paul K. Peterson, writes, "I just wanted to thank the Westbrook College family for their support and contributions in helping my family get back on its feet. Rockaway Beach was hit pretty hard (during Hurricane Sandy) and my house had six feet of water in the basement, lost the two family cars, and had three feet in the garage. The damage was extensive and at first overwhelming. But thanks to **Ian Merrill '96 and Nate Esty '96** together they established a Web page with a PayPal option and started spreading the word how to help... I can only say thank you to everyone who was able to contribute with your gift and your kind words."

2002

Marlene D. Young writes: "I teach fifth grade in Geneva, NY, and in November 2012 published my first children's book: *Before Summer's End*. I now reside in the Finger Lakes Area with my family. My second book comes out in the fall."

IN MEMORIAM

1936

Dorothy L. Wellman
Westbrook Junior College
June 4, 2013

1938

Anne Blanchard Foote '38
Westbrook Junior College
September 15, 2013

1939

Rose Profenno True
Westbrook Junior College
June 6, 2013

1940

Dorothy Coucouvitis Jenis
Westbrook Junior College
April 23, 2013

Constance Smith Zullo
Westbrook Junior College
March 24, 2013

1941

Annette Josephine Osgood
Westbrook Junior College
April 26, 2013

Shirley Deane Corse
Westbrook Junior College
August 20, 2013

Marion Cates Gibson
Westbrook Junior College
August 25, 2003

1942

Kathleen White Stalnaker
Westbrook Junior College
December 10, 2008

Dorothy Essery Anevski
Westbrook Junior College
October 2, 2009

Nancy Tilton Twombly
Westbrook Junior College
September 27, 2012

Mildred Hart Howe
Westbrook Junior College
December 18, 2007

Betty Gibson Been
Westbrook Junior College
July 19, 2013

1943

Cynthia Binford Frailey
Westbrook Junior College
July 30, 2013

1944

Alice Deering Graves
Westbrook Junior College
November 29, 2009

Edith Huston Harris
Westbrook Junior College
September 24, 2013

Christine Cunningham
Murphy Nyhan
Westbrook Junior College
May 4, 2013

1947

Evelyn Ramsay Robinson
Westbrook Junior College
January 1, 2001

1948

Jean Ansty Smith
Westbrook Junior College
June 25, 2013

1949

Lore E. Kates
Westbrook Junior College
September 28, 2013

1950

Barbara Crockett MacDougall
Westbrook Junior College
April 24, 2013

Marilyn Sherman Nelson
Westbrook Junior College
May 4, 2013

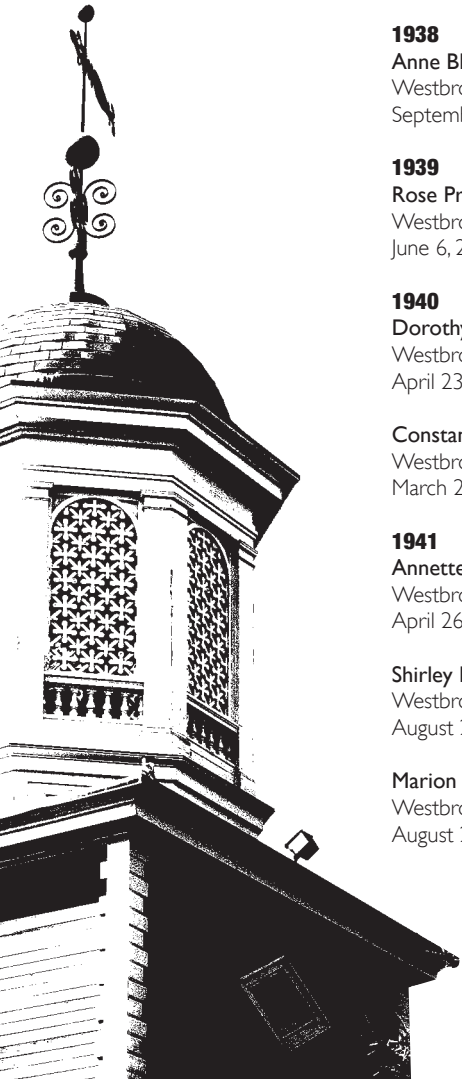
Shirley A. Brady
Westbrook Junior College
June 7, 2013

1951

Susan Eleanor Kincaid Laskey
Westbrook Junior College
August 11, 2012

Mercy B. Moore
Westbrook Junior College
June 18, 2013

Margaret Phyllis Smith Way
Westbrook Junior College
July 6, 2013



Nancy Whipple Harrington
Westbrook Junior College
July 15, 2013

Caroline Cobb
Westbrook Junior College
September 1, 2013

1952
Doris Berry Gaw-MacLeod
Westbrook Junior College
September 26, 2013

Priscilla G. "Ricky" Newbert
Westbrook Junior College
May 6, 2012

1955
Janice Jones Stark
Westbrook Junior College
July 22, 2013

Patricia Hincks Zimont
Westbrook Junior College
July 25, 2013

D. Jean Brooks Liebert
Westbrook Junior College
July 15, 2013

1957
Eva Burnham Beardsley
Westbrook Junior College
November 8, 2012

1958
Deborah Jessop Whitcomb
Westbrook Junior College
August 16, 2013

1959
Karen Jarratt Cracas
Westbrook Junior College
August 14, 2013

1960
Judith Jordan Rhodes
Westbrook Junior College
July 24, 2013

Karen Ann Hill
Westbrook Junior College
April 9, 2013

1961
The Hon. Alexander Avery
MacNichol
St. Francis College
May 14, 2013

1964
Sharon Emery Holets
Westbrook Junior College
January 16, 2011

1965
Diana McAlary Hicks
Westbrook Junior College
August 18, 2013

1966
Brian Leonard Plaski
St. Francis College
October 1, 2013

1967
Joe A. Guice
St. Francis College
October 25, 2013

Christine Conner Proctor
Westbrook Junior College
October 31, 2006

Maxine L. Lacy
Westbrook Junior College
September 4, 2013

1969
Gail Alcorn Bodwell
Westbrook Junior College
October, 2013

Rev. George W. Hickey
St. Francis College
August 9, 2013

1970
Richard J. Boisvert
St. Francis College
May 24, 2013

1971
Robert A. D'Errico
St. Francis College
August 6, 2013

1972
Thomas R. Capasso
St. Francis College
November 8, 2011

Mary Howe Paige
Westbrook College
September 5, 2013

1973
Deborah Jacobsen Metivier
Westbrook College
October 8, 2013

1975
Michael Knight
St. Francis College
November 9, 2012

Frances H. Elen McArdle
St. Francis College
September 19, 2013

1978
Ann Coleman Kibbe
Westbrook College
July 19, 2005

1982
Dianne Bernier Sauvé
Westbrook College
July 19, 2013

1985
Deborah M. Shoby
College of Arts and Sciences
June 6, 2013

Judith Jean Moberg
Westbrook College
April 20, 2013

1993

Jennifer A. Longley Bulmer Geary
College of Arts and Sciences
June 25, 2013

1994

Vivian Savard Rothrock
Westbrook College of Health
Professions
June 3, 2010

2003

Autumn Anne Roy
Westbrook College of Health
Professions
July 22, 2013

2005

Kevin D. LeBret-White,
MSE'd'05
College of Arts and Sciences
September 11, 2013

2008

Tiffany Schaefer Schroeder
College of Arts and Sciences
April 11, 2013

2011

Dillon O. Ptaszek
College of Arts and Sciences
September 13, 2013

FRIENDS

Irving H. Schlesinger, Jr.
Friend, Westbrook College
January 14, 2013

Glenys Lee Tarlow
Friend, Maine Women Writers Collection
April 25, 2011

Albert Brenner Glickman
Former Trustee
April 27, 2013

Anna C. Pride
1961 Deborah Morton Society
February 22, 2012

Edith L. Hary
1978 Deborah Morton Society
March 26, 2013

Gerda Haas
1988 Deborah Morton Society
August 10, 2012

Beverly L. Hallam
1990 Deborah Morton Society
February 21, 2013

Neal A. Cross
Chair of COM Department of Anatomy
1983–1992
Founder of COM's body donor program
UNE Softball Coach late 80's early 90's
August 24, 2013

Joan Morton Kelly
Friend, Marine Science Center
December 5, 2012

Carl F. "Pete" Graesser
Former Trustee
August 19, 2013

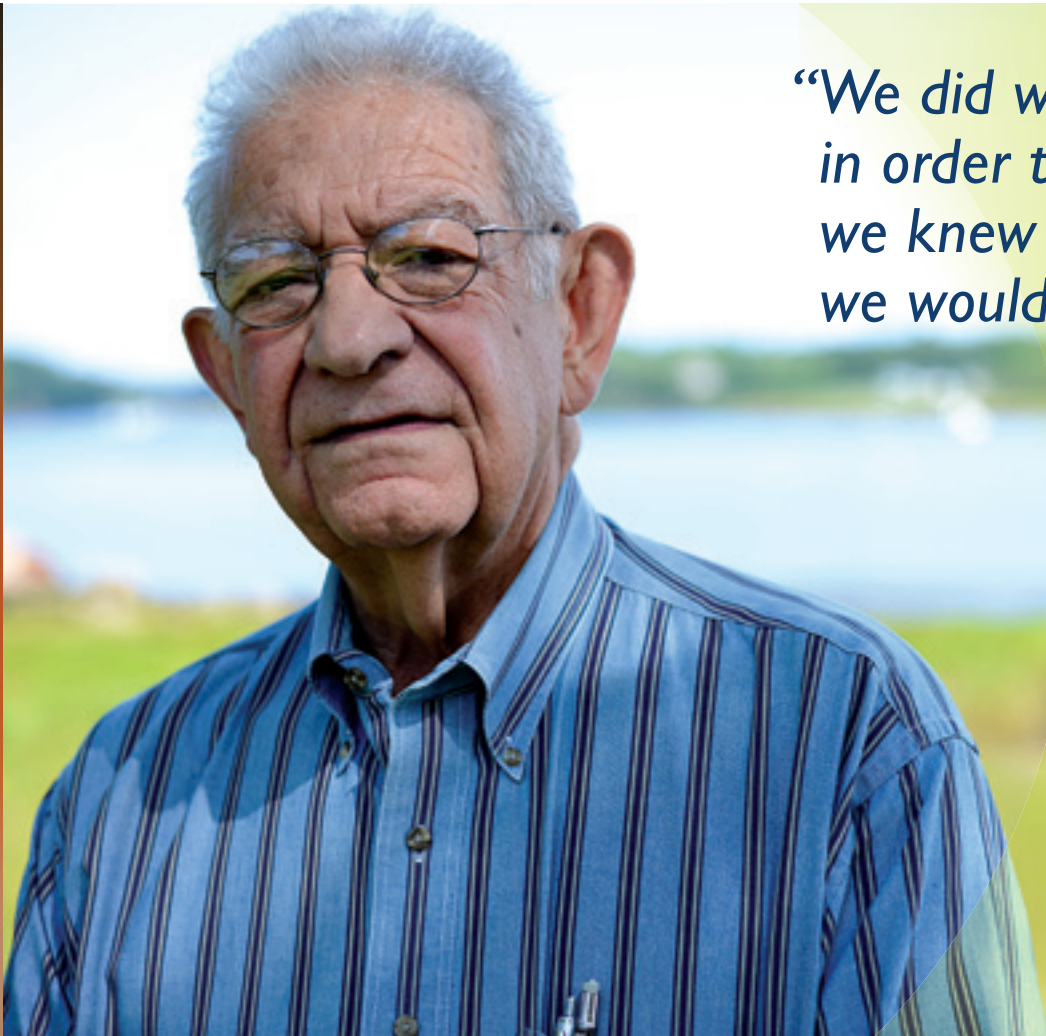
Robert J. Gingras
Former Trustee
April 22, 2013

Paul A. Westcott
Former Trustee
August 13, 2013

Dorothy Elaine McCann
Westbrook Junior College faculty
September 20, 2013

James LeForest Tabor
Former Trustee
September 16, 2013

UNE PORTRAIT



“We did what we had to do in order to function because we knew that if we didn’t, we would never survive.”

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION

One of Manyan’s greatest accomplishments at UNE has been playing an instrumental role in the development of online classes, a creation that grew into the COM Distance Learning program and now exists as part of UNE’s Online Worldwide Learning (OWL).

THE NEW ENGLAND CAREER OF DAVID MANYAN

BY JENNIE ARANOVITCH

“Ya do whatchya gotta do, baby!”

The words, which at first seem incongruous with this gray-haired professor of organic chemistry, are, at second thought, perfectly fitting as the motto and life-long rallying cry of David Manyan.

The son of a relatively uneducated mill worker from Franklin, New Hampshire, Manyan achieved great success in life despite his humble beginnings. His down-to-earth nature, iron work-ethic, ability to relate to others, and sense of honor and duty are all key attributes for someone who helped usher UNE's College of Osteopathic Medicine through an initial period of hardship. Indeed, his moral fabric seems to be sewn of the very stuff that is needed to make an extraordinary teacher and an exemplary academic in a relatively small but highly successful university.

Manyan's childhood was the epitome of the idyllic New England

upbringing. “It was kind of like a Tom Sawyer childhood,” he explained. His parents, though not well-off, were loving and “very, very supportive.” Manyan was raised with the expectation to work hard and has been steadily employed from the age of 14.

He arrived for his freshman year at Bowdoin to sights that were beyond his blue-collar imagination. “Kids from prep schools were arriving on campus in limousines,” he recalled, “with suitcase after suitcase. I showed up with two pairs of pants and a jacket that our neighbor had made for me. That first year was a tough one,” he said with a shake of his head. “But I caught on fast.”

Manyan went on to earn a Ph.D., and despite the fact that he was clearly on the road to a successful career at the University of Miami, Manyan's love for semi-rural New England life burned on. He accepted an offer to teach at the

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soon-to-open medical school of St. Francis College, the Biddeford college that preceded the birth of the University of New England.

Upon arrival in 1975 he learned that the medical school was not yet ready to open and so, instead, filled a vacancy for an undergraduate chemistry professor. Manyan found his lab in a state of disrepair with plywood slabs as tables and half- broken equipment. He and his lab assistant, drills in hand, went to work fixing the lab and mending equipment themselves, though they did bring in some help to repair the IR (infra-red) instrument, which, when opened up, turned out to be home to a mouse nest.

The financially struggling institution of St. Francis would have been off-putting to many academics looking for a career move. But the decision to leave a promising career at the University of Miami was not made with prestige or strategic career goals in mind. "I've never been solely career-minded," said Manyan. "Some people will move to wherever their work takes them. I've never been like that. I wanted to be in

Maine. To me, it's more important to have a great quality of life without the monster salary."

That "great quality of life" in the early years consisted, at times, of installing his own lab benches, fixing broken instruments, tearing up tobacco-stained carpeting, using lab equipment held together with bailing wire and duct tape, and working beneath spotlights made with aluminum juice cans.

"We did what we had to do in order to function," recalled Manyan, "because we knew that if we didn't, we would never survive."

It's the same reason, he said, why he has held so many positions at UNE's College of Osteopathic Medicine and served on so many committees for nearly four decades "You do what needs doing," he explained. "You rise to the occasion."

Aside from his tenacity, a healthy dose of passion for his subject matter certainly hasn't hurt Manyan's ability to thrive all these years. "You wouldn't believe his enthusiasm for mitochondria," joked

Department Chair Barbara Winterson.

"He's engaging; he's lively. He is outstanding in the classroom. You can't not listen to him when he speaks, and you're always happier for it."

One of Manyan's greatest accomplishments at UNE has been playing an instrumental role in the development of online classes, a creation that grew into the COM Distance Learning program and now exists as part of UNE's Online Worldwide Learning (OWL). As colleague Kathy Thompson pointed out, "It's pretty remarkable for someone who is toward the latter part of his career to do something that is cutting edge."

No one, however, questioned why Manyan took on the task.

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