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## NEWS OF THE UNE DIFFERENCE CONTINUES TO SPREAD

Just as our academic year was coming to an end, the Brookings Institution ranked the University of New England first among Maine colleges and universities in ability to increase students' career earning potential. More than comparing graduates' salaries, Brookings considered students' entering economic status and academic characteristics to determine how substantially each institution influences graduates' success. As if to confirm this ranking, a few weeks later, the college-matching platform College Raptor named us the best hidden gem institution in Maine.

UNE is increasingly getting accolades like these, which doesn't surprise me at all. Our growing reputation is the product of countless individuals across our campuses consistently bringing remarkable levels of commitment, care and creativity to their work. We are driven by the belief that our efforts are transforming students' lives, so we have no option but to succeed. Ours is an important mission.

To give you an idea of how we are transforming lives, this edition of the magazine introduces you to UNE's innovative online learning programs. Through them, adult learners — most in mid-career — tap into UNE's expertise from all around the world. As they apply their expanding knowledge to their work in real time, they enjoy new career opportunities even before completing our programs.

These pages also present collaborations between researchers at the Marine Science Center and industry partners that are preparing students to meet the future needs of the working waterfront; an article about some of the remarkable experiences students enjoy at our Tangier Campus; and news of a new partnership UNE has forged with a prestigious French institution.

I thank you for your continued involvement in the life of UNE and wish you a summer filled with whatever pursuits bring your life purpose and meaning.



*Danielle Ripich*

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# UNE: We Are *Everywhere* — **Online and Worldwide**

BY JOSH PAHIGIAN

CAPTION:

Graphic illustrates some of the locations throughout the world from which UNE online students are currently engaging in coursework.





Steve Nappi, teacher in Portland, Maine, works toward his master's degree in education with a focus in leadership through the UNE Online College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

The University of New England's reach extends far beyond its two Maine campuses and beautiful campus in Tangier, Morocco. Last year, more than 5,400 students — representing all 50 U.S. states and 27 countries — took classes through UNE's Online College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Whether engaging in online coursework from Australia, China, Egypt, India, or anywhere else in the world, these students benefit from flexible courses that allow them to earn graduate degrees and certificates without putting their lives on hold.

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— Jennifer Corti

UNE's average online student is 36 years old. Most are working professionals seeking coursework that will position them for career advancement. Teachers earn graduate certificates and master's degrees in education. School administrators, nonprofit workers, government employees and corporate leaders earn doctoral degrees in educational leadership. Health professionals earn master's degrees in medical education

leadership. Aid workers, activists and health professionals earn master's degrees in public health. And other professionals in other fields tap into UNE's expertise.

From her apartment in Kampala, Uganda, Libby Daghlion completes a Master of Public Health. A Vermont native, Daghlion is county director of a nonprofit dedicated to women's health. “[The classes] offer opportunities to bring in personal and work experience that enrich the course material,” Daghlion explains, “and at the same time, the course material has strengthened my professional skills and deepened my understanding of my work.”

Jennifer Corti, meanwhile, sits at her kitchen table working toward a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in Educational Leadership. Corti keeps up with her studies while teaching science to high-school-aged inmates at Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire, Connecticut. “UNE has provided me with the flexibility that I needed to pursue an advanced degree,” Corti reflects. “I have time to advance my professional life without losing my everyday life.”

Another student, Casey Foye, pursues a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Literacy. She completes her coursework from her desk at Kennett Middle School in Conway, New Hampshire, where she teaches reading to seventh and eighth graders. She also works part time as a waitress and operates a small farm with her husband.

“The learning community is set up just like that of a regular on-campus class,” Foye explains. “That was the one thing I was nervous about — missing that sense of camaraderie and the conversations and discussions I've always taken so much from in regular classes. The way the program is set up, you don't have to miss out on any of those discussions, and I've been able to learn just as much from my classmates as I was hoping to.”

While UNE's success in delivering high-quality online programs may be a relatively new phenomenon, it has been facilitated by the University's longstanding expertise in several disciplines that have translated well to the online model. UNE began offering a limited selection of online courses in the early 2000s. In 2009, UNE launched the nation's first asynchronous online Master of Social Work program. In 2011, UNE President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D., asked Martha Wilson, Ph.D., who had been serving as director of the UNE School of Social Work, to head a new UNE unit focused on the marketing, recruitment and retention of online students. In her capacity as associate provost for Online Worldwide Learning (OWL), Wilson has expanded UNE's online catalog to include 18 degree and certificate programs. In May of 2014, UNE created the Online College of Graduate and Professional Studies, and Wilson was appointed its dean.

“When you look at our college, you see three basic values,” Wilson explains. “The first is efficiency... we're very metric driven. The



second is that we place the student at the center of the learning experience. You see that in the level of support we provide and in the kind of courses we develop. The third value is the creativity we bring to course design.”

Each course involves collaboration between a UNE faculty member and an instructional designer, who possesses expertise in teaching and learning in online spaces. The courses are asynchronous, allowing students the flexibility to move at their own pace within given timeframes. In a typical week, students might have three assignments they need to complete that involve interacting with the professor and participating in student-to-student discussions and projects. Very rarely do students have to sit down at an assigned time to complete a task.

**“The director, faculty, student support specialist and staff make it their priority to create an engaging and robust community. I was impressed with their attention, response and genuine interest in my educational goals when I was looking for a program.... I enrolled because of how they treated me and am staying for the same reasons.”** — Bonnie Blake

UNE Director of Pedagogy and Assessment Richard Parent, Ph.D., believes UNE's online courses facilitate substantive student interactions. “When a professor or fellow student says something or asks a question (in a traditional classroom), the other students have to respond immediately,” Parent explains. “That’s great for creating a sense of energy, but it’s not always ideal for thoughtful reflection. We find that when students (discussing coursework online) have some additional time to read about what their classmates think, and reflect, they engage more deeply with the material.”

While the students in UNE's online programs are scattered around the world, they enjoy a similar network of support. They benefit from the online resources of UNE's library, make use of online tutoring services through UNE's campus-based Student Academic Success Center, and enjoy the relationships they form with designated student support specialists who coach and advocate for them throughout their time with UNE.

“The student support specialists serve as motivators,” explains Wilson. “Students have things happen in their lives — they lose jobs, they get jobs, they have kids, they get sick. The student support person helps them stay focused on finding a way to get that degree.”

Bonnie Blake, a student in the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program living in New York City, agrees that UNE's personal touch sets it apart. “The director,

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— Martha Wilson

faculty, student support specialist and staff make it their priority to create an engaging and robust community,” Blake says. “I was impressed with their attention, response and genuine interest in my educational goals when I was looking for a program.... I enrolled because of how they treated me and am staying for the same reasons.”

The future for UNE's online programs appears bright. As adult learners seek ways to bolster their resumes, many will opt for the convenience and flexibility of online programs like UNE's. In the coming years, they may have even more UNE programs from which to choose.

“We go through a feasibility planning process and do a marketplace assessment to see if we believe the market is open enough for us to go into new areas and be successful,” explains Wilson, “We’re always looking 10 to 15 years ahead, looking to create programs in the areas where UNE has its greatest strengths. We are looking to expand the University’s portfolio. Stay tuned.” ■



A UNE online student engages in coursework while immersed in an inspiring outdoor setting.



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# INVESTING IN THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

BY TREVOR PUTNOKY '07



The United States is a country built on innovation and entrepreneurship. America's 23 million small businesses account for more than half of all U.S. sales, and they have provided nearly seven in 10 of the net new jobs created since the 1970s. As President Obama said when he launched the Startup America program, which provides funding and tax credits to individuals working to start a business, "Entrepreneurs embody the promise of America: the belief that if you have a good idea and are willing to work hard and see it through, you can succeed in this country."

This is a belief shared by UNE Trustee Sandi Goolden, whose recent gift of support to the University helped underwrite the inaugural Student Entrepreneurship Contest. The competition, run by the Department of Business and sponsored by the Partners in Business student club, was designed to provide undergraduate, graduate and online students with the opportunity to develop their ideas into viable businesses. Over the course of the Spring 2015 semester, student entrants paired with industry mentors who helped guide, advise, support and challenge them through the competition. They also had access to a series of seminars through which they could learn more about business planning and financing. At the end of the semester, two winning business plans were selected.

Matthew Scheuer (Marine Sciences, '16) took first place with his plan for Electrona Robotics, an underwater robotics business, winning \$2,500. Scheuer is eligible to win another \$2,500 at the end of the summer. His mentor was Bill Riggs, vice president of Technical Operations at Derm Dx, Inc., a medical device company.

Raymond Keller (COM, '17) and William Bushey (Medical Biology, '16) claimed second place with their plan for Third Kidney, a provider of sauna treatment for chronic/end stage renal disease. They won \$1,500 and are eligible for an additional \$1,500 at the end of the summer. Skip Irving, vice president of Stemnion, Inc., a regenerative medicine company, served as their mentor.

Four other finalists also received \$1,000 stipends thanks to an anonymous donor.

The idea for the competition came from Student Trustee Aidan McParland (Medical Biology '15) and Shamus Higgenbottom (Sports Management major, Business minor, '15). McParland, who is scheduled to earn his M.S. in 2016 as a graduate of the 4+1 B.S./M.S. program, participated in a similar competition at his high school in Ottawa, Canada. It was such a valuable experience that he wanted to bring the opportunity to his UNE classmates.

After discussing the idea with Higgenbottom and UNE Trustee David Anderson, an experienced entrepreneur himself, they reached out to Goolden for her support.

"It was an easy decision to fund the contest," said Goolden. "I had always thought it would be a great idea to put more of a focus on fostering students' entrepreneurial spirit at UNE. I feel like the world that students are graduating into — having the kind of mindset where you can start your own business, run a business, or work within a business creatively — it's incredibly important. Students need to be able to see the world differently, and they need to know how to be resourceful. I think these skills really help develop their cache as employees."

Beth Richardson, chair of the Business Department, agrees. "We call it the 'Business Department,' but the skills involved in learning how to plan a business, coming up with a business idea and running a business really apply to any organization — whether it's a hospital, a private medical practice, a gym or a nonprofit. You need to know how to understand your market; you need to know the financial aspects of doing work; and you need to know how to manage people. There isn't a single one of us anywhere who isn't going to need those skills at some point in our lives. Without Sandi's generous gift and



the skills introduced by this competition through our mentors and faculty, our students would not have had the benefit of this powerful learning experience."

Eighteen business plans were submitted in the initial round, and students actively engaged in the entrepreneurship process up until the final round of presentations to the judges on April 25, 2015.

## CAPTIONS

*Left page:* UNE Trustee Sandi Goolden. *Clockwise starting from bottom left:* Student Winners and Runners Up: (From Left to Right) Matthew Scheuer, Andrew Wu, Katie Pedersen, William Bushey, Ian Imbert; Student Trustee Aidan McParland and Shamus Higgenbottom; Student Winner Matthew Scheuer with his Mentor William M. Riggs.

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Marine science students gather together for a closer look at a *Leucoraja Erinacea*, also known as a “little skate.”

## INNOVATION ABOUNDS AT UNE MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

BY JOSH PAHIGIAN

To walk through the UNE Marine Science Center beside Barry Costa-Pierce is to peer into the future of Maine’s marine economy. Moving from lab to lab, you encounter faculty members, industry partners from the working waterfront, graduate students and undergraduates all engaged in research projects that promise to help Maine capitalize on new opportunities that the coming “Ocean Century” will provide.

A year removed from a strategic policy shift that saw the closure of the Marine Animal Rehabilitation and Conservation (MARC) program, the Marine Science Center hums with the education, research and business of students engaged in experimentation and discovery.

Some students get their hands wet through field and lab projects related to courses they are taking, others through new internships, others as research assistants in faculty labs, and still others through new student organizations like the UNE Aquaponics Club. They emerge from their time in the center with the type of hands-on experience that is vital when they begin to apply for graduate programs in the marine sciences or jobs in the diverse marine fields.

“The strategic plan of the University of New England’s marine programs is being implemented as we speak,” says Costa-Pierce, Ph.D., the

Henry L. & Grace Doherty Professor and Chair of Marine Sciences and director of the Marine Science Center. “We’re offering our students unique experiential opportunities with businesses and governments of all levels where they are gaining outstanding academic preparation as well as producing practical accomplishments that are leading to real jobs for the future of a sustainable environment and a working coast.”

On this April day, Costa-Pierce is leading a prospective student through the Marine Science Center. The young man is a candidate for UNE’s new 2 + 2 program that enables Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) students to seamlessly transfer into one of the marine science majors at UNE.

As Costa-Pierce opens each new door, the transfer candidate is impressed by the breadth of different research projects underway in the center.

Behind one door, a tank full of invasive green crabs is being monitored by a recording system that gauges the species’ reaction to light and sound. Run by Markus Frederich, Ph.D., associate professor and assistant chair of the Marine Sciences Department, in collaborative research with a local business, the project may lead to the development of new trapping techniques to limit the damage the crab does to Maine’s soft-shell clam fishery.

Another room holds scores of colorful flasks, each containing a culture of microalgae or phytoplankton. Across the hall, marine sciences graduate student Zach Hope is culturing phytoplankton in tall grow-out tanks, using central LED lighting to stimulate photosynthesis. The project is leading students to grow enough phytoplankton to not only use it as the primary food source for the shellfish in the center but to establish new partnerships with companies in Maine’s shellfish industry.

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In a few months, Hope will be moving on to employment as operations manager at a Maine oyster farm, where he will apply the expertise he has gained at UNE to the work he does.

Another lab houses a 40,000-gallon tank containing 1,000 mature steelhead trout that have been growing at the Marine Science Center since September. The water roils with colorful fish as one of the twenty or so students who have been caring for the fish during the past half year drops in food.

Costa-Pierce says the steelhead project is a great example of how UNE is working to promote science and education all along the seafood value chain... from “port to plate.” He explains, “We are cooperating with a hatchery in Buxton, Maine. We’re growing the fish in seawater, so it has the potential to be an important, sustainably-grown, local seafood. Salmon doesn’t have that potential here in southern Maine. Salmon is always going to be at a large industrial scale aquaculture. That’s not local. That’s international. That’s a commodity. Steelheads have the opportunity to enter the local food movement. We’re paying a lot of attention to local value chains and the future of fishing livelihoods.”

Indeed, this particular grow-out of steelheads stayed very local. Internationally renowned chef and sustainability expert Barton Seaver — author of the book *For Cod and Country: Simple, Delicious, Sustainable Cooking* — visited UNE’s campus and prepared the fish for the University’s annual President’s Gala in May.

Seaver is an industry partner with whom Costa-Pierce is excited to work further. Costa-Pierce explains that Seaver rose to prominence as a restaurateur owing to his ability to turn the “back door receiving fish into the front door serving fish” at the three Washington, D.C., restaurants he created. In other words, Seaver would take whatever catch the local fishermen brought to shore on a given day — even those species not typically associated with gourmet cooking — and create delicious menu items. In this same spirit, the Marine Science Center is

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pursuing a project focused on the spiny dogfish shark, a predatory species found increasingly in the Gulf of Maine.

“We’re talking to all of the major harvesters and processors of dogfish sharks in the northeast,” explains Costa-Pierce. “We’re doing contaminant and toxicology assessments here at the University. We’re cooperating with processors who are developing new consumable products from the dogfish. And we’re cooperating on the marketing side with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, which is at the center of excellence in these areas. We’re promoting on two sides — dogfish for the large buyers at the USDA level, the universities, prisons and schools, and also dogfish for the local seafood events that foodies love.”

After opening a few more doors to unveil other interesting projects, Costa-Pierce brings the tour to an end. He appears to have won over the prospective transfer student.

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Clockwise starting from bottom left: Steelhead trout at the Marine Science Center; Zach Hope in the phytoplankton lab; Barry Costa-Pierce, Henry L. & Grace Doherty Professor & Chair of Marine Sciences and director of the UNE Marine Science Center.



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# ISLAND DONATION BRINGS UNE A SEA OF OPPORTUNITY

BY CAMILLE M. SMALLEY '08



The University of New England's Marine Science Center is located at the mouth of the Saco River Estuary as it enters Saco Bay. Here, on this ground some four hundred years ago, Abenaki groups set up summer trading posts while fishing and clamming along the beaches and islands. In 1630, English colonists like Captain Richard Vines established a settlement known as "Winter Harbor," later called Biddeford. Now, UNE students, faculty and staff utilize the living laboratory of the river-estuary-bay-ocean continuum for marine education and research.

Located two miles off-shore from the watershed is Ram Island, a one-acre patch of land with granite moorings. Earlier this year, Art Girard and his family gifted the island to UNE, providing the University with the chance to build and expand on its already world-class marine science programs.

Girard is often associated with philanthropy related to historic lighthouses, as he has worked to preserve these pieces of Maine's marine history through purchasing the land on which they are built. An entrepreneur, speedboat racer, and successful commercial real estate broker, Girard was born in 1937 to Swiss parents. He began his business career at age six, selling shopping bags at the fruit market in New York City.

Later, Girard spent a portion of his childhood in Portland, Maine. He returned to Maine as an adult to work as a mechanic, desiring his own garage. Later, he started purchasing real estate for development with an eye for conservation. Explaining his decision to give Ram Island to UNE, he said, "Its location and relatively unspoiled environment teeming with marine wildlife was the perfect match for the studies supported by the Marine Sciences Department. UNE stood out to me for [its] progressive curriculum and extraordinary management team. I have no doubt it will be an excellent custodian of Ram Island."

UNE's marine science programs have developed rapidly and are considered to be the leading model of innovative and interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate marine scholarship. The addition of Ram Island will enhance all of UNE's marine programs by increasing the opportunity for hands-on research for both students and faculty.

Jeanne Hey, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says, "Adding Ram Island to UNE's already extraordinary marine resources makes us the undisputed leader in marine education. Nowhere else can undergraduates study marine science and policy in an on-campus, fully equipped marine science center and travel to a

university-owned island research station within a short boat ride from a university dock. Ram Island's unique location at the confluence of the Saco Bay estuary and the Atlantic Ocean generates opportunities for students to take advantage of a remarkable living laboratory."

UNE's mission and the gift of Ram Island are uniquely coupled. The University is committed to providing every student with a highly-integrated learning experience through interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation in education, research and service. Ram Island provides a unique teaching laboratory unavailable to students at other universities. Field and lab-based learning activities are superior learning styles for encouraging students to understand and become engaged with subject matter and providing valuable experiences for career opportunities.

Students, faculty and staff may use Ram Island for coastal zone investigations of marine ecology, geology, invasive species, mammals, fisheries and marine aquaculture.

Barry Costa-Pierce, Ph.D., Henry L. & Grace Doherty Professor and Chair of the Marine Sciences Department, as well as director of the Marine Science Center, thinks that the addition of Ram Island makes UNE the leading marine science program in the nation. According to



Costa-Pierce, the gift places UNE "right in the middle of... a lobster community, a robust tourist economy from Camp Ellis down to Old Orchard Beach, all the issues about sea level rising, erosion, and the future of the working waterfront. Ram Island puts us right in the middle of all the coastal marine issues of our day."

## CAPTIONS

Left page: Art Girard  
Above: Ram Island

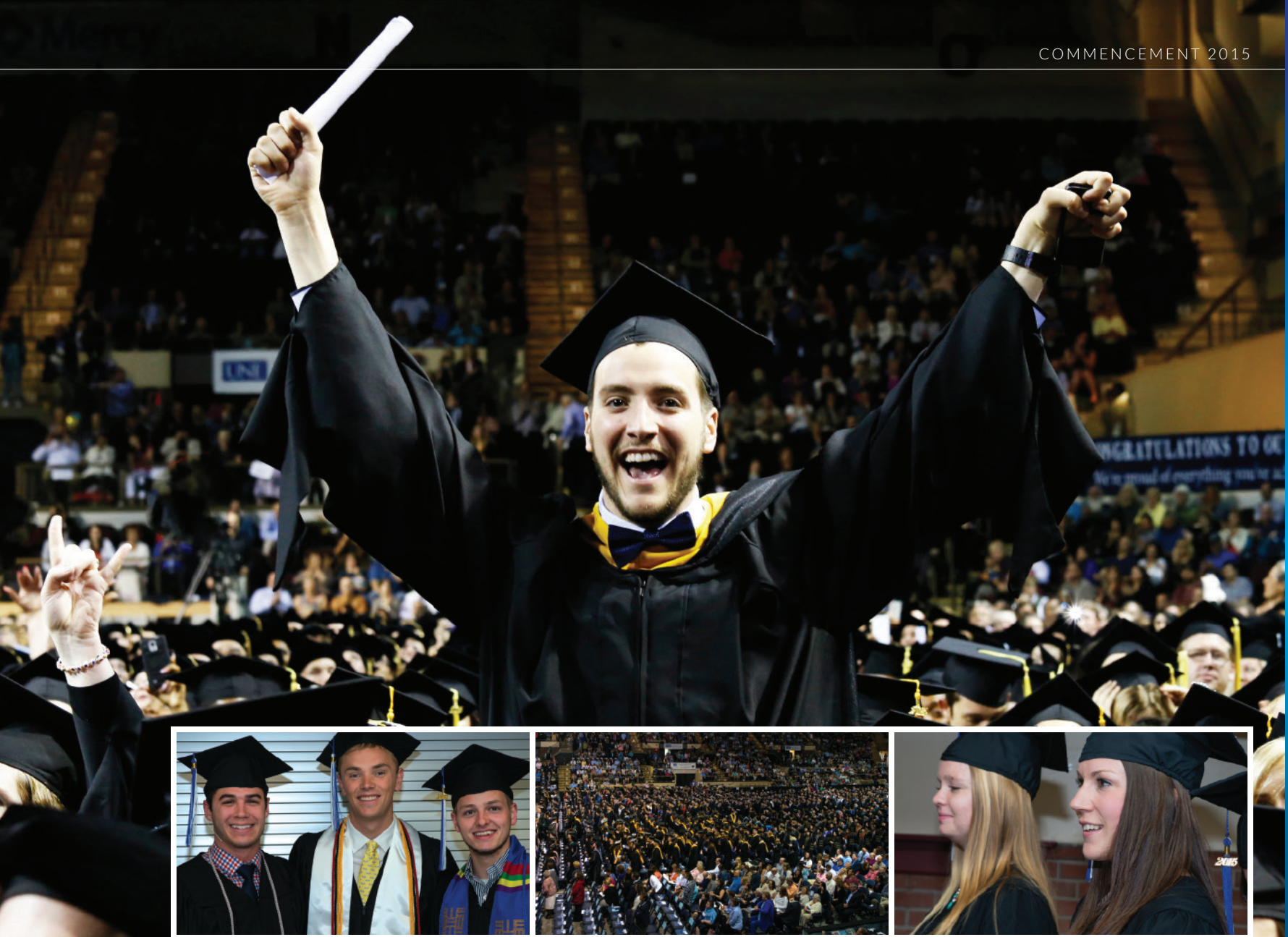
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On May 15, 2015, the University of New England presented bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees to 1,449 graduates at its 180th Commencement ceremony at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland.

President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England Anna Eleanor Roosevelt served as the Commencement speaker and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. UNE also presented Michael McCarthy, principal of Portland's King Middle School, with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.







## MAINE SENATOR ANGUS KING APPLAUDS UNE'S PAIN AND NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH

In a speech on the U.S. Senate floor, independent Maine Senator Angus King recognized UNE's efforts to advance research, education and advocacy around chronic pain and its treatment. King noted that chronic pain accounts for more than \$500 billion in direct and indirect medical costs per year and can have a devastating impact on an individual's quality of life.

King referenced his own struggle with back pain as an example of how complex and far reaching the effects of chronic pain can be. He praised the work being done at UNE under the leadership of Edward Bilsky, Ph.D., vice president for Research and Scholarship, and Ian Meng, Ph.D., director of the UNE Center of Biomedical Research Excellence and director of the Center of Excellence in the Neurosciences.

King lauded UNE's research efforts to understand the neurobiology of pain and how acute pain can become chronic and to research ways to better educate future health care professionals and the public on the prevention and treatment of chronic pain.

King commented that this research and scholarship "has built the reputation of the University of New England, and it draws positive attention to the state of Maine, and, most importantly, it helps change lives."

*Above: Senator Angus King*



## UNE CONTINUES TO RACK UP ACCOLADES

Recognition keeps rolling in for UNE's commitment to ensuring student success. The Brookings Institution recently ranked UNE as number one among Maine universities and colleges for its ability to increase students' career earnings. This ranking system was based on the school's impact on alumni mid-career earnings, student-loan repayment and occupational earnings. The University was ranked highly on five core traits: the value of the curriculum, alumni skills, its science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) orientation, completion rates and student financial aid.

In addition, UNE was named the best "hidden gem" institution in the state of Maine by the college-matching platform, College Raptor, Inc. This award highlights high-caliber colleges and universities that are sometimes overlooked, but stand out in terms of academic rigor and student success.

UNE was also proud to report its lowest tuition cost increase for undergraduates in more than 10 years for the 2015-2016 academic year. This lowest report of increase is a result of UNE's commitment to controlling costs while enhancing the learning experience for its students.

*Above: UNE's Biddeford Campus*



## MERRILL BUSINESS LECTURE SERIES HOSTS KEVIN HANCOCK

The eighth annual Paul D. Merrill Business Ethics Lecture, hosted by the UNE Department of Business, brought to campus Kevin Hancock. As president of Hancock Lumber Company, Hancock leads a sixth-generation family business that employs more than 425 people.

Hancock presented a lecture titled "Rethinking the Grindstone" through which he expressed his vision for creating an organization where everyone leads and has aligned financial interests. He discussed strategies to increase worker efficiency so employees have time to lead balanced lives and his efforts to "listen more and talk less" in his managerial approach.

He cautioned students, "Don't confuse being busy with being successful," and "don't confuse being busy with living."

Hancock also touched upon the volunteer work he performs at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where he has created a nonprofit called "The Seventh Power" to support the Oglala Sioux tribe.

*Above: Kevin Hancock*



## UNE RECOGNIZED WITH MAINE STATE MERIT AWARD

UNE was singled out for distinction at the 2015 New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) awards ceremony held in Boston in March. UNE President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D., accepted the Maine State Merit Award on behalf of all the men and women who have worked so diligently to support UNE's expansion and evolution in recent years.

The NEBHE merit awards honor organizations, institutions and individuals demonstrating excellence in each of the six New England states. UNE was selected as the Maine recipient on the basis of its continued expansion, contribution to the greater community and value to the state.

"At UNE, we often say, 'we're a private university with a very public mission,'" explained Ripich. "We believe we have a responsibility to lead wherever we can — in our community, on our campuses, in our labs and in the fields in which we specialize. This award provides further validation that our approach is working."

*Above: UNE President Danielle Ripich, Karen Pardue, Michael K. Thomas, NEBHE president and CEO, NEBHE officers*



## UNE STUDENTS COMBAT HUNGER IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

A group of UNE students is working to fight hunger through a recently created chapter of Food Recovery Network (FRN) called "The UNE Hunger Initiative."

FRN is a national organization that empowers college students to reduce food waste and hunger by recovering and donating perishable food that would otherwise go to waste. After learning about the extent of poverty and hunger in the southern Maine community, Samantha Cottone '16 assembled a group of students willing to take action.

Working with the group, Sodexo Food Services staff began collecting extra food from UNE's campus dining locations. Student volunteers pick up the extra food and deliver it to the Bon Appétit community meal program in downtown Biddeford three days per week.

"Food insecurity is a significant issue in the United States, especially in Maine," said Cottone, who is a Health, Wellness and Occupational Studies major. "Our mission is to decrease that problem one delivery at a time, and in the process, build a stronger bond between UNE and our community."

*Above: Student volunteers: (From left to Right) Lexie Basiliere, Kayla Gjelsvik and Samantha Cottone*



## ORAL HEALTH CENTER WELCOMES NEW PATIENTS TO OPEN HOUSE

The UNE Oral Health Center opened its doors to the community during an open house event in April. The event provided an opportunity for members of the public to tour the facility, participate in activities and meet with the students and faculty who stand ready to help them meet their oral health needs.

While the open house served as a forum for community members to ask questions and become familiar with the services offered at the center, it also gave students a chance to interact with the public they serve. First- and second-year students hosted a scavenger hunt for children, facilitated a raffle and kept guests entertained with trivia and prizes.

Guests expressed praise for the state-of-the-art facility as they explored the new space, and 17 new patients booked appointments during their visit. More than 40 free oral health evaluations and x-ray vouchers were distributed to visitors for future visits.

*Above: UNE dental students Brian Cicero and Sheri Valley*





### UNE PARTNERS WITH ELITE FRENCH INSTITUTION

UNE recently signed a partnership agreement with the Institut des Études Politiques (IPE) at Saint-Germain-en-Laye to promote student exchange between the two institutions. Known as “Sciences Po,” the Saint-Germain-en-Laye institution is the tenth in a series of similar elite institutions across France.

According to the agreement, Sciences Po will send 10 students annually to UNE’s campuses in Maine and Morocco, and a similar number of UNE students will study at Sciences Po.

The agreement was signed on the margins of the official dedication of Sciences Po by France’s Minister of Education Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Morocco’s Ambassador to France Chakib Benmoussa, university presidents and Sciences Po directors. Anouar Majid, Ph.D., vice president for Global Affairs, represented UNE at the ceremony.

UNE President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D., said that UNE being present and mentioned at such a high-level French event demonstrates how much progress the University has made in globalizing. Ripich remarked, “What we have done in less than five years is, actually, quite staggering and reflects our steady commitment to making our students world citizens and competitive in the global job market. To partner with such a prestigious French institution speaks volumes about the work that is being done at UNE.”

*Above: UNE Vice President for Global Affairs Anouar Majid signs agreement with Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye.*



### UNE DEVELOPING HEALTH INFORMATICS PROGRAM

Recognizing the health care industry’s increasing need for health informatics specialists, UNE is creating a new program to prepare students for this rapidly evolving field.

Today’s physicians, hospitals and patients rely on data, evidence and best practices to drive medical decisions but often lack personnel with the ability to assimilate various data points into meaningful information that can be used to improve outcomes. Health informatics professionals review the data sets to find trends and share the results with those making the crucial decisions affecting patients.

The new program is being created with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation intended for the development of new models of education. As such, the program is expected to be competency-based, allowing learning to occur in the workplace, through technology and at a personalized rate.

To begin the process of creating the program, UNE President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D., met with a group of chief executives and chief information officers from area hospital systems and health care companies to gain a full perspective of the industry’s need.

Said Dan McCormack, CEO of Portland-based InterMed, “It is a whole new way of creating learning opportunities for students and employees, and I am excited that the University of New England is connecting with industry leaders to make the curriculum relevant to today’s evolving health care sector.”

*Above: A health informatics professional analyzing data*



### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Maine’s longest-standing Occupational Therapy program recently marked the thirtieth anniversary of its first graduating class. Founded in 1981, UNE’s Occupational Therapy program first received accreditation in January 1985 and graduated its first class that spring. In the three decades since, it has sent more than 1,000 alumni into the field.

Graduates of the program — which is ranked 36th nationally by *U.S. News & World Report* — have achieved a 100% employment rate within six months of graduation in recent years and a 100% pass rate on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy exam.

Program faculty have authored or co-edited six of today’s leading occupational therapy textbooks, and six members of the department belong to the Roster of Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

The OT program will welcome alumni of the program to campus September 18-19, 2015. “We look forward to seeing our alumni to celebrate our successes together,” said Occupation Therapy Program Director Jane O’Brien, Ph.D. “Our alumni are making a difference in the lives of people; they are serving in leadership positions in hospitals, educating students, engaging in business to help clients, conducting research and scholarship and creatively helping people of all ages do those things they find most important. We are proud of our UNE alumni.”

*Above: A child at the UNE Community Therapy Center*



### COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE RECEIVES INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY DONATION FROM SIRONA DENTAL

UNE’s College of Dental Medicine (CDM) will continue to be a leader in cutting-edge innovation thanks to a generous contribution of imaging technology from Sirona Dental.

The technology includes software that allows students to design, create and cement complex dental restorations in a single visit. The software will analyze the students’ preparation and provide feedback to give them hands-on experience in real-time.

This software will integrate with other recently purchased technology in the CDM that allows students to create 3-D images of patients’ jaws and faces to examine the strength and width of bones and explore dental pathology.

*Above: Dental students receive instruction aided by technology*



### TANGIER CAMPUS FACILITATES INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

UNE’s Tangier Campus hosted groups of enthusiastic students in both the fall and spring semesters. Students immersed themselves in the life of Tangier and took excursions to attractions throughout Morocco. UNE also strengthened its ties within Tangier’s cultural community.

In the fall, UNE participated in the International Festival of University Theater in Tangier, hosting performances by student troupes from Estonia’s University of Tartu and Italy’s Accademia Teatrale di Roma Sofia.

In the spring, a new speaker series called the “Tangier Forum for Global Studies” debuted on campus. The first speakers were internationally renowned scholars who shared their knowledge of two great empires. Charlie Goff, founder of the Cemanahuac Educational Community in Cuernavaca, Mexico, presented “The Rise and Fall of The Aztec Empire,” and Greg Woolf, director of the Institute of Classical Studies at the University of London, presented “The Ecology of Roman Imperialism.”

The spring also brought to campus a concert as part of the opening ceremonies for a conference hosted by the International Center for Performing Studies. American singer/songwriter Eric Andersen performed with Italian violinist Michele Gazich.

The lectures and concert were live-streamed so that students on UNE’s Maine campuses could also enjoy them.

*Above: UNE students in Morocco’s Blue City of Chefchaouen*



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# GENEROUS COUPLE HELP STUDENT DREAMS COME TRUE

BY CAMILLE M. SMALLEY '08



As the costs associated with higher education continue to rise, families and individuals often find themselves needing to borrow thousands of dollars or working 20-hour days to fund their post-collegiate dreams. However, the University of New England assists students by offering a wide array of grants and scholarships. These opportunities are made possible by generous donations to scholarship by alumni, foundations and others. One such funder of student scholarships is the Eleanor and Richard Morrell Endowed Scholarship Fund, which has assisted eight students since 2007, including four members of the Class of 2015.

Eleanor “Smokey” Manning Morrell graduated from Westbrook Junior College in 1949. She majored in pre-merchandising, a program designed to prepare women for employment in a retail environment.

Westbrook Junior College in 1948 looked a bit different than UNE does today. The college had a dormitory, but most students, like Eleanor, lived in cottages with a housemother. Morrell explained, “Boys could visit downstairs and in the common area, but they were not allowed up the stairs. Girls also smoked downstairs and played bridge together regularly. We walked almost everywhere. On a nice Saturday afternoon, we would walk from Stevens Avenue to Porteous

(now Maine College of Art) on Congress Street. There was a lot less traffic then.”

Westbrook Junior College regularly held dances at the McArthur Gymnasium beside the library. Richard Morrell, a 1950 graduate of Bowdoin College (then, an all-male school), said the Bowdoin men often traveled to Portland to see the women at Westbrook. Eleanor and Richard met at a Westbrook Junior College dance, at which they each arrived with the other’s roommate.

“We chatted, we danced a bit and really had a lovely time,” Eleanor remembered. “Then, Dick called me the next day and wanted to go out.” After Richard graduated in 1950, the couple married.

Eleanor remained an active supporter of UNE through the years, playing various roles including serving as a trustee, class officer, Tower Award of Alumni Achievement recipient and member of the President’s Circle steering committee. She currently serves as a UNE Moving Forward Campaign Committee member. Richard, the former owner of Downeast Energy, received an Honorary Alumnus degree from Westbrook College in 1996, the year Westbrook College and UNE merged.

The couple strongly admires the leadership, faculty and students at UNE. “So many students have to work two jobs to attend school, and that’s not fair,” Eleanor explained. “Now, students at the University of New England can choose between a variety of good programs, from dental medicine to pharmacy, nursing and liberal arts.”

Added Richard, “The options that UNE provides are extraordinary, and we want to help those students.”

According to 2015 Pharm.D. student Amanda Bombard, the Morrell Scholarship has played an integral role in helping her achieve her professional goals. “The scholarship has provided me with the resources for supplies as well as the peace of mind required for my studies by allowing me to resolve expenses associated with being a student in Portland,” she said.

Earning a Doctor of Pharmacy is demanding, requiring long hours of study and laboratory time. The UNE College of Pharmacy is one of the newer UNE colleges on the Portland Campus.

Upon graduation and successful completion of the national licensure exam, Bombard will be a pharmacist with Rite Aid pharmacies. She explained, “Receiving the scholarship also provided me with a sense of accomplishment and



encouraged me to excel further in my studies, knowing the Morrell’s believed enough in me to provide a scholarship.”

Students looking at higher education in Maine have a lot of options to examine. Richard and Eleanor Morrell say they give to UNE because it exemplifies strong, efficient leadership that keeps its integrity, stays true to its history and expands in the best interest of students.

Bombard agrees, having selected UNE’s College of Pharmacy due to the professional reputation of its practicing professors who lead by example. “UNE is a pillar of the community in which I plan to live and work,” she explained.

Richard and Eleanor Morrell believe in UNE’s mission to provide a highly integrated learning experience through innovative education, research and service. Through their generosity, more students like Amanda Bombard can make their professional dreams a reality.

CAPTIONS

*Left and right pages:* Eleanor and Richard Morrell

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More than 130 alumni and friends gathered on the Portland Campus to celebrate Westbrook College Reunion 2015. Alumni enjoyed tours, receptions and spa services, including a sneak peak at the renovations of Alumni Hall. Diane Collins Field '81, '85 was honored with the Tower Award of Achievement, Betty Smith Caton '75, '77 received the Heloise E. Withee '40 Alumni Service Award, and Lucille Twaddel was welcomed to the Alumni Association as an Honorary Alumna.







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Priscilla Morrison McGarry '60 (foreground) of the Westbrook College Alumni Board of Directors attends the Awards Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, held in Eleanor deWolfe Ludcke '26 Auditorium

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*Background image:* Class of 1965 bears their 50th Reunion banner for this year's parade of classes. *Bottom images from left to right:* Members of the Class of 1990 enjoy time together on campus for their 25th Reunion. Pictured are Katherine Heer, D.M.D., and Lisa Gamache Gagnon; Amy Haile HA '12, senior director of Advancement Operations, presents the Tower Award for Alumni Achievement to Diane Collins Field '81, '85; University Trustee and Westbrook College Alumni Board Ambassador; Class of 1980 awaits the parade of classes.

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*Background image:* Class of 1960 celebrates a great turnout. *Bottom images from left to right:* Alumni from the Class of '55, including Alice Savage, M.D., Ph.D., 2003 Deborah Morton Award recipient and former University Trustee (second from right), who made a presentation at Reunion about women whose philanthropic vision has helped make the Westbrook Campus and the University what it is today; Members of the Class of 1995 laugh, perusing Westbrook College materials at their class meeting. Pictured are Leah Perocchi Wright, Megan Miller Aubrey, Maureen Long, Kathleen (Kay) Long and Julie Rogers Yankowsky; Betty Smith Caton '75, '77, president of the Westbrook College Board of Directors and recipient of the Heloise E. Withee '40 Alumni Service Award, presents this year's Honorary Alumni Award to Lucille E. Twaddel.

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Alan Thibeault, assistant vice president for Planning, leads tours of the ongoing restoration of Alumni Hall.





# NOR'EASTER NEWS



Clockwise: The Nor'easters celebrating their third consecutive CCC title; CCC Commissioner Gregg Kaye, Lauren Hayden, President Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D., Kelly Coleman, Kendra Dawless and Assistant Director of Athletics Joan Howard; Nor'easter fans rooting the team on to victory at the Harold Alfond Forum. (Photos by David Bates of Fotografix Studio)

## NOR'EASTER NEWS

# STORMING TO ANOTHER TITLE

BY CURT SMYTH

The UNE women's basketball team continues its ascent to the top of the list when pundits discuss the most dominant programs in the region as well as nation.

Led by eighth-year Head Coach Anthony Ewing, the Nor'easters won their third consecutive Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship while making their fourth straight appearance at the NCAA III National Championship. UNE's 24-6 record extended its string of seasons with 20+ victories to seven, making the Nor'easters just one of two Division III programs in New England and one of six in the country to enjoy such a streak.

The Big Blue played its best basketball of the season once the CCC Championship got underway. The Nor'easters blew past Wentworth Institute of Technology (79-45) in the opening round and Western New England University (81-56) in the semifinals thanks largely to the torrid shooting of Alanna Vose '16. Vose poured in 51 points in those wins while knocking down an unthinkable 13 of 20 three-point field goal attempts.

In the championship game versus Curry College, UNE received quite a test. The pesky Colonels seemed unaffected by the raucous crowd of nearly 700 fans at the Harold Alfond Forum.

Playing in its first CCC Championship title game in more than 20 years, Curry gave UNE all it wanted early, as the game featured four ties and three lead changes in the opening nine minutes. Then, the Nor'easters used a 9-0 run to open up a 10-point lead they carried into intermission. The second half was the Meghan Gribbin '16 Show. The clutch point guard scored 20 of her career-high 23 points after halftime and six points in the final 1:40 to lead the Big Blue to another title.

**As the preseason favorite in the Commonwealth Coast Conference, we knew everyone would be gunning for us each and every time out."**

— Anthony Ewing

Despite its ranking within the region and history of success in the NCAA Championship, UNE was shipped out of New England for the first and second rounds. The Nor'easters headed to FDU-Florham in New Jersey, where they opened the tournament with Catholic University of Washington, D.C. UNE worked through some cold shooting to earn a hard-fought 54-50 win over the Cardinals, picking up its third first-round victory in the past three years.

In the second round, the Nor'easters faced the host, the reigning national champion and fourth-ranked team in the country. The Nor'easters led by as many as 10 in the first half before the Devils rallied to carry a 42-39 advantage into halftime. FDU-Florham rallied to establish a double-digit advantage. Just when it appeared as if they might get blown out, the Nor'easters cut a 19-point deficit to eight before the Devils pulled away for a 91-75 victory.

That game signified the close to Kelly Coleman's career. The senior forward had a season-high 28 points versus FDU-Florham to finish with 1,508 — good for fifth on the program's all-time list. Coleman also finished eighth in rebounds (762), seventh in field goals (548), and fifth in free throws (364). She joined Lauren Hayden '15 as a CCC major award winner. Coleman was voted CCC Player of the Year, while Hayden earned her second straight CCC Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Ewing reflected, "It goes without saying that I am so pleased with this group. As the preseason favorite in the Commonwealth Coast Conference, we knew everyone would be gunning for us each and every time out. To win our third straight conference championship and a third consecutive first-round game at the NCAA Championship is something for us to be very proud of."





## UNE HIRES ATHLETICS DIRECTOR WITH LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESS

In May, the University announced the hiring of Jack McDonald to the position of associate vice president and director of athletics. McDonald comes to UNE after 20 years as director of Athletics at Quinnipiac University, where he played a leading role in the Bobcats' transition from NCAA Division II membership to NCAA Division I status.

Quinnipiac won 33 conference championships and made 21 NCAA Championship appearances during McDonald's tenure with the university. He also successfully gained conference membership for Quinnipiac to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and to men and women's ECAC Hockey. He brokered regional and national television, radio and Internet broadcast deals for the Bobcats, as well.

Just prior to starting at UNE, McDonald was named the recipient of the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association's 2015 Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award. He was presented the award June 15, 2015, at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Prior to his tenure at Quinnipiac, McDonald was director of Athletics at the University of Denver (1990-95) and assistant athletic director for marketing at Boston College (1987-90).

UNE President Danielle Ripich, Ph.D., commented, "Jack McDonald is the consummate builder. He brings to UNE — Maine's largest private university — his experience, enthusiasm and energy to build our growing Athletics program. We all welcome him and a new era of leadership in UNE Athletics."

*Above: Associate Vice President and Athletics Director Jack McDonald*



Shamus Higginbottom (Photo by David Bates of Fotografix Studio)

## CLAWING HIS WAY TO SUCCESS

BY CURT SMYTH

For those with a passion for sports, landing an internship with a professional sports organization is a dream come true. Shamus Higginbottom '15 realized that dream this past winter when he worked for the Maine Red Claws, an affiliate of the Boston Celtics in the NBA's Development League, or "D-League" as it is better-known.

Higginbottom, a finalist for UNE's most prestigious academic honor — the Jacques Downs Award — and a member of the Nor'easters' lacrosse team, earned the opportunity to work with the Red Claws by contacting the team's business manager and creating a positive impression during an interview with the vice president for corporate partnerships.

On game days, Higginbottom called the venerable Portland Expo his office, setting up the arena with corporate signage and preparing the merchandise table for pre-game and in-game sales of branded basketballs, hats and Red Claws' apparel. One of Higginbottom's main tasks once the game began was to organize and conduct various promotional activities that took place during halftime and timeouts, including the Claws' famous Linda Bean's Lobster Pot Toss — a fourth-quarter activity named for the Freeport-based seafood restaurant — during which contestants have a certain amount of time to shoot foam basketballs into a lobster pot.

While not necessarily in the front row during games, Higginbottom was able to get to know some of the Red Claws' players.

"It was exciting to interact with athletes at such a high level of competition," he said. "Before games I had the pleasure of watching and interacting with players during their shoot-around sessions."

When Higginbottom was not staffing games at the Portland Expo, he was based out of the Red Claws' home office in downtown Portland. He performed a number of tasks while in the office but spent the majority of his time designing the organization's end-of-season recognition packet for its sponsors.

"I was surprised at how much responsibility was given to me in terms of the project I worked on," Higginbottom reflected. "The template that I created will serve as the sponsor appreciation program for over 75 Red Claws' sponsors."

Higginbottom is no stranger to accomplishing big things. A sports management major who was a nominee for the UNE Academic Excellence Award both as a sophomore and junior, he ranked fourth for the Nor'easters in goals scored in 2015 with 21.

In looking back on his internship experience, Higginbottom has positive memories of his



time working with "Crustacean Nation." "I loved the office setting with the Red Claws," Higginbottom said. "My coworkers were all great people and taught me a lot about the professional sport industry. I also enjoyed working game nights because it gave me the opportunity to network and connect with a large number of people. The internship provided me with a much greater insight into the prominence and importance of sponsorship."

CAPTION  
Shamus Higginbottom



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1939

**Frances Horne Miliner** writes, “I am still around and in good shape, enough to enjoy the Wentworth Home where I reside and do the many activities provided there. I do exercise in a group, read a lot and use a computer. I have been in touch with **Charlotte Dolloff Turadian**, much to my joy. She called me from where she lives in a facility in Timonium, MD.”

**Bernice Lord Peterson** writes, “All is well with me. I am still an independent resident here at Commonwealth Assisted Living. I will be 95 in May and am very blessed with my three caring children and my memories. I do Sudoku and Jumble every day in the Roanoke newspaper and enjoy bridge, rummy and dominoes. I go to the library with my daughter, Gail, regularly. She is a librarian at an elementary school and lives just five miles from me. I have five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. They live in CT, NE, MD and VA.”

**Charlotte Dolloff Turadian** writes, “Who’d have thought... our 75th Reunion! The last time I got to Maine was for our 70th. Fran Horne Miliner and I shared a room. Got to Louisville in 2010 for my granddaughter’s wedding. Still content in assisted living. I use a walker in my apartment and down the hall but get about faster by wheelchair.”

1941

**Hope Stanley Cruickshank** writes, “It is amazing to be almost 93 and blessed with good health, a wonderful family and still driving. I play in a weekly bridge group and love living next door to my daughter in NH. There are six grandchildren who are very dear to me who I see often, and my first great-grandchild is due in April. Are there any of my classmates still as happy and healthy living at 93 as am I? It would be nice to hear from you!”

**Elizabeth Honan** writes, “I am still living in my home, driving, attending my church, Holy Cross, and doing some volunteering. I am a member of the Portland Symphony Orchestra attendance, the U of M Portland Club, and the College Club of Portland, where I keep in touch with a few U of M alumni and W.C. friends. Life is still fun!”

**Dorothy O’Brien Picard** writes, “I enjoy reading about WJC and all the changes. I don’t get to Maine these days even though I am still walking without any assistance, walker or wheelchair. I have lived in CA since 1949 after returning from my service in the Army Nurse Corps. Lucky me, I had the opportunity to go on to UCLA for my B.S. and Post Grad on the GI Bill. I hope you all realize that had to be one of the best bills voted on. I continued my career until 1984 along with a 35-year marriage and a child — along came three wonderful grandchildren.”

1942

**Joan Fowler Hughes** writes that her most recent adventure was to go to Boston for a week in February: “My husband thought I was insane to try to make it, but I did and it was worth all the traveling from Cheyenne, WY.... Had a wonderful week in the city of my birth. Dick is now legally blind, but we are in a retirement home and so everything is taken care of. I play bridge three times a week and have a few other commitments, so keep busy while Dick is home listening to audio books that I download for him. Our daughter from Denver comes up often. We had our 60th wedding anniversary last June, and the family was together to celebrate in midsummer. Hoping to hear from others in our class.”

**Valerie Power McLean** writes, “At 93, I’m still here and looking forward to a future of new adventures! And seeing old friends.”

**Marcea Ashborn Morgan** writes, “I count my blessings each and every day that I can maintain my personal routine. Have stayed close to home a bit more than I wanted due to frigid weather.”

**Mildred “Sis” Ashmead Schlesinger** writes, “Husband, Irving, has been gone two years. Still miss him but memories help adjusting. Lots of things to do at Elim: on a health committee, play bridge every week, attend movies and shows, play bocce in summer. I deliver 10 papers daily and continue to

volunteer in the Archives of the Boston Symphony. Had a pacemaker installed last year and feel great. Still walking my Yorkshire four times a day — she’s my lifesaver. My son and daughter are very close and keep an eye on me. Now have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren — one in high school. Became a great-grandparent to Samuel who was born in November. I’m very fortunate — classmates, we are blessed. **Joan Fowler, Nancy Wiswall** and I keep in touch.”

1943

**Marjorie Miner Cron** writes, “At the age of 91, I have lost so many friends and classmates but have fond memories of Westbrook. Widowed twice, my grandson Donald lives with me. I’m mobile but no longer drive. Am much too blessed to complain!”

**Charlotte Root Morse** writes, “Glad to say I am still alive and kicking at age 91 and thankful to be as well as I am. Granddaughter Jeslyn soon will go to Mexico for two years where her husband will be in charge of the LEGO operation in that country. Granddaughter Meredith is a recent recipient of her Ph.D. in English. Granddaughter Century is a recent graduate of William and Mary. Carol and Holly are retired from their teaching and Linda will soon join them; David is still with the Military Sealift. I have 6 grandchildren 4 great-grandchildren who are the stars of the family gatherings. I send my best to those who are still with us and hope for healing comfort and



care for those in need. If possible, be in touch: Charmorse23@comcast.net; Charlotte Morse-23 Gleason Rd., Northampton, MA 01060."

1944

**Marilyn Hall** writes, "I enjoyed the 70th reunion. I live in the beautiful mountain town of La Veta, CO, near the sand dunes and at the base of the Spanish Peaks in Southern Colorado. My first great-grandchild is 5 months old. My four offspring all live in CO."

1946

**Nancy Stackpole Coffin** writes, "Lost husband Greg after 52 years of marriage in 2002. So glad we visited so many places, and I have wonderful memories. Spend three to four months each year in FL. Enjoy life and my fourteen grand-children and five great grandchildren. I'm still active in the arts association and the Marblehead Arrangers and still making new friends. Life is pretty darned good in my 89th year."

**Cynthia White Hamilton** writes, "Last week I was called by a Westbrook College of Health Professions student to contribute... He is in the pharmaceutical program and he was very enthusiastic about the program and school. Just loved hearing him as I always loved WJC. Keep up the good work!"

1947

**Beatrice "Betty" Cram Webster** writes, "Not too good to report — I have four fractured vertebrae — three are healed and are old but fourth is new and I am not walking well. Otherwise I feel okay but have no fun! Too slow!"

1948

**Lesley Jubinville Crouse** writes, "I'm still in Amherst after 60 years. It's a great place to live. There are plenty of students, bookstores, restaurants and many events at the five colleges. I do attend the UMass basketball games, which are a mile up the road from where I live. I'm a member of the Crafty Ladies, which is an activity of South Church. I'm not crafty, but I can follow directions, and I help with suppers, fairs and other events which keep me busy. I visit my dear friends who keep me happy. I'm lucky to have two sons who live in Amherst and one in Chicago. I now have seven grandchildren and soon to be five great-grandchildren as well as wonderful daughter-in-laws. P.S. A note for **Elizabeth Winslow Johnson '47**: life is different from when you lived in South Hadley and we were in high school together!"

1949

The Class of '49 was happy to get so many people back for Reunion last year!



Standing L-R: Peggy Smith Goode, Sunny Meserve Harmon, Smokey Manning Morrill, Norma Sorli Gormley, Beverly Young Brisson, Elaine McFarland Johnson, Dorothy Garniss Anderson, Jane Lewis Gleason, Shirley Harkinson Morrison, Phyllis Galanto Hawkes. Seated L-R: Martha Coe Ritchie, Caroline "Curley" Chapman Hills, JoAnne Vaughan Thomas-Hall, Judy Keegan Sturgeon.

**Peggy Smith Goode** writes, "In June 2014, 14 of us returned to campus to celebrate our 65th reunion! Thanks to the hard and dedicated work of our President and Reunion Chair **Jane Lewis Gleason** the weekend was an outstanding success! As we gathered together and reminisced, those 65 years melted away with stories and laughter spreading across the campus. Our only regret was that more of you weren't able to be with us to share the fun. If you have been receiving recent publications from UNE, you are already aware of the exciting and impressive growth of the University. For me, one of the most appealing aspects of this growth is that as one drives down Stevens Ave., our little Westbrook campus stands out just the same as it did when we arrived in 1947.

"As you have probably noticed, you did not receive a letter from me in the fall asking for pictures and updates to be included in the spring issue of UNE Magazine. The Alumni Office is requesting that class notes be sent directly to the office to ensure that there will always be Class Notes in-house ready to publish. Please keep the news coming, and hopefully you will see it in print in a more timely fashion.

"**Elaine McFarland Johnson** spoke with several gals who were unable to come to reunion, including **Delores Amerigan Drivas, Elaine Brown Downs, Alice Chefalo Perkins, Van Durham Wentworth, Helen Gribizis, Helen Howell Knapp, Dorothy Hussy Milliken, Irene Nanos Notis, Beverly Pitman** and **Camilla Salamone Vassar**. Many of these classmates wished they could join us but felt it was too far to drive or they just didn't feel up to it. They all sent greetings and best wishes for a memorable reunion. **Judy Bean Lundwall** is well and still in RI, but spends summers in Stockton Springs, ME. **Smokey Manning Morrell** and Dick Morrell had a very exciting trip to Morocco last April for the dedication of the new UNE campus. They were treated to tours and a performance by the students. The buildings are beautiful with classrooms, labs, dorm and café. **Caroline Chapman Hills** flew from Charleston, SC, for Reunion. She stayed with Jane and enjoyed seeing all the changes and visiting with her classmates. **Helen Gonyea Shannon** is still in D.C., but summers in Nantucket,

MA. Nora **Harrington Johnson** continues to live in Pomfret Center, CT, raising two Morgan horses that keep her very busy. **Bev Holgate Duggan** was unable to join us because of the distance from Warwick, RI. **Polly Lewis Larson** celebrated her 85th at her son's home on Martha's Vineyard on Reunion weekend. She is well and sent good wishes. **Dottie Lonsbrough Dahlgren** was celebrating her 63rd wedding anniversary in Sun City Center, FL, at Reunion time. They have three grown children living in KY and NY. She keeps busy painting in the Art League. Dottie had been an avid golfer but knee/foot and hip surgery have slowed down her athletic activities. She is well and sent good wishes. **Betty Mayo Ten Eyck** was to take her wedding vows with John Caspole on May 24th. The class sends congratulations and good wishes to them! **Alice Smith Fife** was also celebrating her 85th on Reunion weekend in Greenport, NY. Her first great-grandchild was due at the same time! **Jo Varney Robbins** lives in Kittery, ME, and has worked at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital for 15 years. She has been a delegate to the Republican Convention in Maine. **Bev Young Brisson** lives in Ft. Myers, FL, but returns to the coast of Maine each summer and was able to attend Reunion. Due to vision problems **Maryon "Billie" Bilodeau Zilbersher** is only able to drive short distances. Her husband has been ill for some time and is now in a nursing home. She enjoys reading about the activities of her classmates and sends greetings to all.

**Mary Ann Crisp Harris** lives in Amherst, NH, with her husband. She feels fortunate to have three sons in the area. Mary Ann continued her education after Westbrook and for several years was involved in tutoring and setting up Headstart programs. Following a fall and broken pelvis last winter, she had to slow down, but when we spoke she was working very hard in PT and determined to break free from the walker very soon. **Dottie Garniss Anderson** still lives in Weymouth and like always, joined us for Reunion, along with **Norma Sorli Gormley, Natalie Jenckes Lefemine** and her husband live in Centerville, MA. She would like to have joined us but her daughter has cancer and Natalie herself is in remission from four cancers. Natalie has many friends and keeps herself busy and productive including several years of involvement in a cancer support group. She sent greetings to everyone. Tried unsuccessfully to reach **Cynthia Jones Webb** who I understand has moved back to Melrose from Milwaukee and also **Joyce Brown Walker** who appears to be living in MA. As for me, **Peggy Smith Goode**, I am still adjusting to condo living in a new community. Have to admit that with this winter's unending snow storms, condo living became very attractive. In September I traveled to England. Spent a week in London and a week touring Cornwall. Loved the Cornwall area with its history, charm and beauty."

**Elisabeth Ricker O'Brien** writes, "Two years ago I had to give up living in my home and move to a senior housing

location. I chose a residence in Plymouth called Brookdale. I have a nice room and am well taken care of, but I miss driving and being out and about. **Connie Wood Murray** came for a visit before she went to Texas for the winter."

**Betty Mayo Ten Eyck** writes, "On May 24, 2014, I remarried my first husband, John Caspole. We have four sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grand-children. How wonderful this life is!"

1950

**Dorothy Carvalho Noble** writes, "We still spend six months in Florida to escape the NE winter. We now have nine grandchildren and three greats. We are both enjoying good health and good living, thankfully."

**Nancy Rees Williamson** writes, "We moved to CO in 1997 and just love being here. So far we are reasonably healthy for our age and enjoy outdoor activities — especially camping. Do miss my son and grandson in Maine but try to get back once a year."

**Jane Adams Wilson** writes, "At 85, still active: ride my bike, take long walks, play bridge regularly and swim most every day in the ocean during the summer. Am still playing golf during good weather. Dick and I are lucky to be doing very well. Our life on the Cape is busy, which I think helps to keep us thinking young. On June 4th we will have been married 60 years. Happily, Happily! Keep busy volunteering and with church activities. Enjoying our

family activities with children and grandchildren. Look forward to visiting the campus in 2015."

1951

**Barbara Meade Fallon** writes, "My husband Dick and I moved to a senior retirement community in Venice, FL. We are so enjoying our many new friends. My brother Bill and sister-in-law **Marilyn Weeks Meade '59** live nearby at the Plantations, a golf community. Life is good for all of us."

**Beverly Barclay Youngberg** writes, "My hopes are that you're all doing well. Am still living in Reno, NV, and loving the West. Still skiing, golfing, swimming and hiking (not too steep!). Have ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Life is good!"

1952

**Barbara Brown Emroe** writes, "Hard to believe we've been out of Westbrook for 62+ years. Hope this finds you all as healthy as I am. I bowl, play Bingo and Bridge — all while I'm BLIND. Loads of good friends and family."

**Berdine Tracy McCord** writes, "My husband Norman (Skip) passed away in 2013. We were married 60 years. Have kept busy, despite falling seven times since last December. Balance was not good and MS came back. Am still in touch with **Mary Stroud Redman** and **Marion Merritt Buchmann**. Her husband Leslie is very ill."



1953

**Joan Lamond Jackson** writes, “Drove by campus yesterday; what a huge expansion! I am retired as Microbiology Supervisor at Charlton Memorial Hospital. Have three children and two grands. Enjoy travel and golf addiction!”

**Muriel Thompson Nado** writes, “I am still golfing, do volunteer work for seniors, and play bridge two to three times a week. I belong to a garden club, and we do community plantings at public buildings with very large planters, etc. Attend school functions and Kiwanis meetings. In the summer, I am in Maine at my cottage. Life is still good!”

1954

**Janet Mattson McComb** writes, “I can’t believe many of us will be celebrating our 80th birthday this year — I still feel young although the bones don’t always agree! I had a second knee replacement in October and went back to my Silver Sneakers December 6, and I’m still doing well! May 2015 bring good health, hope and joy to ya’all! (After 17 years I now have Southern blood!)”

**Nancy Packard Vanites** writes, “I enjoyed our 60th class reunion in June so much. It was wonderful to see those who could make it and share our lives and events together. It was rewarding to be back on campus and in that atmosphere where our education was furthered and gave us many of the learning tools for the professions that followed, as

well as ongoing education lifelong. The merger with UNE has broadened the curriculum and enlarged the campus and buildings in many aspects, and it was a pleasure to be introduced to their merits. The building blocks that have steadily been added from the College’s inception as a seminary, then to WJC, then to Westbrook College and next UNE represent the growth and forward movement that is the root and heart of what education is all about.”

1955

**Eleanor Tiedemann Betts** writes, “Still enjoying quilting and enjoying being in Maine on the lake in Litchfield. ‘Hi’ to all.”

**Sylvie Gibson** writes, “I’m still living alone. Hope it can stay that way. My oldest daughter (Mary) checks every day. Both daughters live nearby. I have four grandchildren. Mary’s son is a junior in college. My other daughter, Ruth, has three girls: Grace (9), Anna (6) and Sarah (5). Still doing crafts and active in church. Give my love to all my friends!”

**Ann Houghton Hunt** writes, “Mal and I have just returned from a couple of weeks in Florida, just in time for a snowstorm in Virginia (but nothing like NE). We went on a cruise to Alaska with our daughter and her husband in July and were very lucky with the weather. A few weeks later, we, my son and his wife flew west to visit my daughter in Colorado and then on to their other home in Utah. We managed to do a lot of sightseeing in both places.”

**Nancy Longval** writes, “Not much to report — I lost my husband Sam, after 52 years of Alzheimer’s in April of 2011. I was a caregiver to him for about seven years. It was a lousy way for a man like him to end up, and all I can go on with are my family and fond memories of Sam. Hope you all have a great time at the reunion!”

**Cynthia Macfarlane Lyman** writes, “**Sandy Iram** was a terrific girl — we all had a great time at Houghton Hall. We cooked, we cleaned, we laughed, and we had fun!”

**Judy Campbell Phinney** writes, “I will be buying a condo in Cumberland in March. I’m involved in my church in Yarmouth and a knitting group. I also am surrounded by 20 relatives in this area. Three of my children are within a couple of miles, six grandchildren and three greats. One grandchild (my eldest) Phoebe lives in New Delhi, India, and works for the state dept. My other son lives in Ottawa, Canada, and is an engineer. Life is starting to slow down for me, but I have to keep trying to keep up with my family. They sure are fun to have around!”

**Randi Flaherty Shaffer** writes, “I had plans to attend our 60th and visit daughter and family in Falmouth, but my grandson is graduating from Holy Cross May 22. I can’t be gone from my lovely California home that long. Sorry I will miss the fun of seeing old friends!”

**Bobby Shuman Wagman** writes, “Hard to believe it has been 60 years since we ‘girls’ graduated from Westbrook. Arthur and I have two daughters and a son,

and four grandsons and a granddaughter, whom we are proud of and see as often as possible. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary and my 80th birthday with a cruise to Spain and Portugal in October. We moved from our home in South Natick in 2002 to a wonderful adult community in Mashpee, MA, called Southport on Cape Cod. We have made many new friends and met up with old friends too. We were especially glad to be spending our winters in FL during the frigid winter up north this year! Although I will not be at the class reunion in June, I send all my best to my classmates.”

1956

**Marilyn Pearson Bickford** writes, “My three daughters and I have recently opened the Bickford Education Center on Main Street in Yarmouth, ME. It’s a nonprofit featuring a collection of antique vehicles collected by my late husband. It also has an art center with painting classes and a metal smithing studio open to the public. I have had fun putting this together with my family, and it is appreciated by the community. My health is good, and I am going to FL for the month of February.”

**Yvonne Gallant Lambert** writes, “Sincerely hope that spring and summer will bring us better weather so that we can get outside and spend some time in good air and doing fun things. I am writing a note to all of our class a year early for our 60th reunion so that you will have a chance to put on your thinking caps

and let me know what you would like to do during that special weekend. If we book places early we may be able to get savings. I realize that none of us knows what next year will bring for us, but that does not stop us from thinking of what we might like to do. Stay well and happy until we meet again. Please get in touch with me at this address or by email: 226 Main Road N., Hampden, Maine 04444. lambert8068@roadrunner.com.”

**Jane Auth Sampson** writes, “Still live in CT and all doing great. My son Tom now owns the house, and he has made several changes: raised half of the roof adding much needed living space and put 22 solar panels on the roof. My oldest granddaughter is now in the Air Force and my youngest is in her second year of college. I’m lucky because all of my children live close by, so I see them often. My best wishes to you all.”

1957

**Elisabeth Jackson Brown** writes, “Bob and I continue to be busy with family and Eastern Star, although we’re not traveling as much as we used to. Bob celebrated his 80th birthday this summer with many friends and family. Hope you all have a great summer.”

**Carolyn Bjorkman Perry** writes, “Went to Japan in July for Kiwanis International Convention. Saw displays of flower arranging, formal Japanese dresses, banzi trees. Wonderful food, seven course dinner at five-star restaurant with view of Tokyo Harbor... Went to a

wonderful museum with drummers and Japanese dragon dancers and display of candy-making. The cab to the airport had doilies on the seats. Very few cars — most people live in apartments and use busses and train.”

1958

**Marilyn Farnsworth Ballard** writes that her son **Carlton Ballard ’78** passed away in 2013. He had retired from Parker Hannifin after 37 years and lived in Yarmouth for 40 years. He had many friends and the love of his family. He is greatly missed.”

1959

**Judith Alcott Blackstone** writes, “I have moved from Caribou to Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell. Still enjoy sewing, knitting, artwork. Lost my husband to pancreatic cancer two and a half years ago. Still love to sing (still recall my Faux Pas singing days at Westbrook). I am in the church choir and do some solo work here at Granite Hills during sing-alongs. I loved Westbrook. It was a very important part of my life and led to an exciting career – CIA to a master’s degree in educational teaching and guidance counseling and a career in those areas for many years.”

**Bobby Troubh Epstein** writes, “Seeing our small group of classmates at the 55th Reunion was a delight, and each of us missed those unable to attend. I spent the summer gardening and working with the physically challenged at Maine

Adaptive Sports and Recreation. I love winter and fulfilled a dream skiing in the French Alps in January. Be well; stay in touch.”



**Marilyn Brown Langley** and her husband Gary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2013. They have three daughters: Cindy, Pam and Paula (twins). “Cindy has one girl that is a sophomore. Pam has two girls in college. Paula has two children — one working in NH and one working as a nurse in Boston. We both keep busy playing cards, swimming, traveling. Enjoying the old age when we have our children help us with things. Gary and I are both still going, and we both have a few things that we have to keep an eye on. Miss the old times when we were able to do things faster... Will be anxious to hear when our next get-together will be.”

**Jane Furbush Murphy** writes that she sent in news for the last issue, and says “No new news is good news at our age!”

**Elizabeth MacInnis Schock** writes, “Retired to Portland, near oldest son and grandson. Have traveled extensively: China, Russia, Europe several times. Best trip: Africa. Been ill lately; no more travel.”

**Carol Oldenbrook Twyon** writes, “I am still living in Sunapee, NH. I can see all the boats coming in and going out of the Harbor while sitting on my deck having coffee. It is so serene and peaceful here, and I love it. I have a housemate cat called Molly, who rules the house as all cats love to do. She is my living, breathing alarm clock at 6:00 a.m. So, I haven’t used an alarm clock since I retired in 2005. Would love to hear from any of my classmates at carolt2213@comcast.net.”

1960

**Patricia Daly** writes, “Wow, does time fly! I am divorced, have a beautiful daughter who graduated from Smith College on scholarship and lives in FL. Two wonderful grandchildren, Katie (13) and Matthew (12). I am retired from Verizon, was a stewardess for a while for American. I live in Naples, FL, but just last summer purchased a cottage at Higgins Beach in Scarborough, ME – love coming home. Cottage needs a lot of work, but I am happy to be back in Maine for summers. I am blessed (as is my family) with good health.”

**Gertrude DeRice DiFilippo** writes, “Looking forward to renewing old friendships at the Westbrook College 55th reunion in June!”

**Joyce Crane Richardson** writes, “Very proud to have my granddaughter Darien Lewis attending grad school at the Portland Campus in the physical therapy program.”



## 1961

**Martha Partridge Gaudes** writes, “It is hard to believe we will have been out of college for 54 years in June. We have four children and five grandchildren, who are now 7, 10, 11, 11 (twins) and 17. We spend the summer on Lake Massassecum in Bradford, NH, and the younger grandchildren enjoy spending time up there with us. We spend the winters in Nokomis, FL. Every winter we go on a cruise and have visited most of the Caribbean islands. I try to stay in touch with my college roomies including **Nancy Bennett Hamel**, **Ronnie Chuilli Edell** and **Pat Venedam Seyffert**. I also stay in touch with **Paula Evans Lanni** because we both worked for the same company when we first graduated from Westbrook.”

**Marion Peterson** writes, “I have started my second retirement so I’m finally retired after about 65 years of employment. Now I’m very concerned about our genetically modified foods and their deadly effects on animals and humans. Could we call Monsanto ‘The Father of Global Infertility’?”

## 1962

**Barbara Wood Bretas** writes that she had a good 2014. She traveled twice to Fairbanks, AK, to visit her daughter Helena and grandkids Gabe (16) and Adela (12); went to NY to visit her son Tercio and grandkids Sam (12) and Kate (8); went to Venice, FL, to stay with **Sue Baskin** and husband Jim; she found lots of shark teeth thanks to him.

In January, she traveled to Sanibel, FL, to spend time shelling with **Jane Welch**. She still owns and manages a storage facility which keeps her plenty busy. Next trip to Alaska in April.”

**Angel Reid Bryant** wrote to say how much fun it was to see everyone at the 50th Reunion. She will be heading to Nova Scotia for her 50th reunion at Acadia University in July. They also are taking time for some family gatherings since her parents came from Nova Scotia. She has been writing a blog about her great-grandmother and the mysteries surrounding her: “Early 1900s West Indies Travelogue” [www.researchinggreatgrandmother.blogspot.com](http://www.researchinggreatgrandmother.blogspot.com). She also plans to publish a book, using her postcards from her travels in the West Indies. They are well and enjoying life.

**Madeline Frustaci Coppinger** writes, “Having lived in Vermont for 40 years, I truly miss my beloved state of Maine. In September I had the good fortune to visit Boothbay Harbor for a family wedding... I got my fill of ‘lobsta’ and even took a boat ride! Last summer it became necessary to place my husband in a residential care facility. We were fortunate enough to find one in town that specializes in caring for folks with dementia. I visit every day. We have been blessed with our kids visiting frequently, and they are a great support for me. I keep busy with volunteer activities and Red Hats. We had three graduations last spring with two grandsons finishing high school and one graduating from college. How is that possible when we are still so young?”

**Pat Hunter Fialkosky** writes, “All is well here in Florida. Lots of guests this year, and it’s been a lot of fun! Last year we spent a month in New England and took a cruise on the Rhine River plus other trips, so time goes very quickly. We do a lot of volunteer work for St. Edwards Episcopal in Mt. Dora, as well as our community. So far we are blessed with good health.”

**Nancy Murphy Kuns** writes, “Most important news is that husband Bill and I celebrated 50 years of marriage last October – WOW! – and we’re still in love! We have eight grandkids – two live here in Memphis area (love it), four live in Illinois, and two live across the ocean. Right now they’re in the country of Georgia. Never knew I’d have so much love for grandchildren. Grand-children are so much fun!! Want to say ‘hi’ to all my classmates. WJC was an important part of my life; had lots of fun and lots of friends.”

**Bobby Taylor Ladetto** writes, “Traveling from home in MI to MA and ME in November to visit family. Then on to Oak Ridge, NC, to visit our son, his wife and two beautiful daughters for Thanksgiving. Christmas will find us at home with our oldest son, his wife and son, and our daughter and her daughter and son. Always a beautiful time for us.”

**Roxann Gallant Meehan** writes, “As always we enjoyed our week in Rangeley in October. The colors were as beautiful as ever. Then it was time for Halloween – five little monkeys riding in a cart

decorated as a bed. What fun! We had a delightful Christmas season with family and friends. Then came the SNOW... and more snow. For those classmates choosing to spend the winter in the south, you are the smart ones! May 2015 bring everyone much joy and happiness. Please let us know if you have new addresses.”



**Nancy Bowden Moll** writes, “Still enjoying retirement from Skowhegan Savings Bank. We participate in many antique Auto Club of America car tours. Attend their car meet in Hershey, PA, each year and participate in the Model T Ford tours in Maine. Last year, we did the Downeast tour, ending in Eastport in our 52 Buick Woodie Wagon. We relax at our summer cottage on North Pond in Smithfield. Gather the grandkids to cruise around in the floatboat and Amphicar.”

**Alberta Peavey** writes, “I’m enjoying retirement and like everyone else, wonder how I ever had time to work. Brian and I spend a lot of time enjoying grandchild activities. Some are very into musical theater and others are very sports-minded, so it’s all fun. We spent a week in Phoenix in October visiting with a nephew, which was really great. What a beautiful area!”

**Nancy Hall Perkins** and Larry celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary last June. Larry has been retired for three years, and they like to travel during the winter months. In February they departed on a cruise ship from Hong Kong and visited Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Singapore. It was a wonderful experience, and they especially liked Singapore. In March they stayed with friends across FL. They are thankful for good health and the ability to enjoy living on Maranacook Lake in Readfield.

**Cynthia Haskell Rubant** sent greetings from Georgia. They are living in Soleil, an active 55 and older community. They love it there and are busier than when they were working! Lots of singing, cooking and quilting groups. They did a lot of traveling last year, including a Caribbean cruise in January, a trip to FL with their kids in April, Hawaii in May, and in June they headed to New England to visit with family, and friends, including **Mary Palmer Brundret** and **Anna Butler Cutler**. Her son and daughter ran a half ironman in Augusta, GA. They couldn’t be happier.

**Barbara Knies Sell** writes, “A nice young man called me the other evening for the annual fund. While chatting, he asked me what life was like in Goddard Hall in 1960-62! I began a fun trip down memory lane with him. I told him about our housemother, Mildred Russell. She had a white glove and inspected every morning for dust and to make sure the beds were made. He was incredulous! Demerit if you didn’t pass! He was also

astounded that we had lights out. My poor roomie, Angel, had to spend hours in the closet with her flashlight!”

## 1963

**J. Kathy Breidenbach** writes, “I am living in Bethel, CT. I have been involved in cat rescue for 15 years and enjoy the work. I have been retired for several years after working for 33 years as a librarian. My favorite hobbies are knitting, attending fiber festivals, ballroom dancing, gardening, traveling and reading. I have visited Maine many times especially in the Rockland and Bath areas. I heard recently from my first roommate Elizabeth “Ciba” Milburn Stevens. She is in California and studying to become a minister.”

**Carol MacLaughlin Combes** and her husband, Ed, participated in two musicals this year, “Guys and Dolls” and “State Fair,” at an RV park in Daytona Beach! Carol worked at the Speedway for the third year. “Did our annual Foxwood Casino trip! Shared with our son and his family – camping, a parade, soccer games, and a birthday party! Had lunch with WJC girls – which was our last one with Sharon Roberts Phelps before she passed away in October. Won second prize for Halloween costumes! Another year enjoyed! Have signed up for a Caribbean Cruise in 2015!”

**Annette Fine Elowitch** writes, “My husband, Rob and I are still actively involved in our auction business, Barridoff Galleries. Why would we ever retire when

the next phone call could mean a Marsden Harley or Rockwell Kent? Our kids live in MD and MA with our five grandchildren. We have a beautiful home in Tuscany but don’t get there enough. I’m on an art acquisition committee at UNE to do my bit for the college, serve on the Board of MECA and am active with the Portland Museum of Art. We love Portland and like to think we’ve had something to do with its revitalization.”

**Barbara Libby Farrington** is still working full time – Assistant Controller at ABM Healthcare Support Services. Her free time is spent running a cat shelter. “We have grown from space in a garage to opening our own building in 2002 and adding an additional wing this past year. The shelter houses more than 100 cats. We have four granddaughters ranging in age from 8 to 15. Our son and his family live in AZ, but we are looking forward to summer and spending time with them at Old Orchard Beach. My husband is a retired engineer whose work took him all over the world. Wishing you all health and happiness.”

**Marilyn Stiles Faulkner** and her husband Carl retired in May, selling The Williams Inn to Williams College. She writes, “We had a wonderful retirement fete... Our son was kept on as manager... A great big weight was lifted from us, and we look forward to new adventures that may come along. Took a trip to New Orleans in July to meet some of Carl’s family we had never heard of! We also took a cruise from Boston to Bermuda with our

family of 12 in honor of our 50th anniversary. We plan to stay here in Williamstown as our family is nearby and we love our location.”

**Paula Kaufman Finkelstein** writes, “I spent two exciting weeks in Israel this summer. Our tour took us to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. We went to the Dead Sea, the top of Masada, and a Crusader fortress among other places. My family has been well. My step-granddaughter has started her freshman year at UMass Amherst. My daughter, son-in-law, and their three sons (the oldest is 16 and driving!) live in Marquette, MI, where a dogsled would be a good mode of transportation. I have been dating a wonderful man since the spring. Take care and give my regards to my fellow Brookies.”

**Diana Romano Flaherty** says, “I had the wonderful opportunity of experiencing life as a grandmother. My daughter, Shannon, and her husband fostered the most adorable little girl for five months. Unfortunately, she was returned to her parents. While the experience was rewarding for our family, it was difficult to not feel great sadness when it was over. There may be a next time and perhaps the outcome will be more favorable for adoption. Having moved to Eliot, ME, in 2013, I love my new location near my daughter and son. What more could an Italian mother want? On a sad note, **Sharon Roberts**, one of my ‘college group’ of girls who meet regularly, died suddenly. As a tribute to Sharon, we agreed to ‘live in



the moment’ and appreciate what happiness life has to offer us. **Bette Swett-Thibeault** and I resolved to get together!”

**Donna Rowe Fowlie** served in Costa Rica with a mission team, to help with housing projects, feeding programs and building relationships. She is enjoying mountain living in North Georgia and loving that **Nancy McDowell Nichols** moved to her town, joining **Priscilla Wells** — THREE Brookies living in the same town! Her first great-grandchild was born this past summer, Norah, who resides in Nashville with her parents and grandparents, and her uncle and his family. She visits her daughter in Bangor during the summer months. Donna was looking forward to visiting **Vicki Ward Randall** and other friends in her travels this winter.

**Leanne Hutchins Harkness** sent word that they moved to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. She’s now a two-island dweller: Heron Island, ME, in the summer and early fall and Hilton Head for the colder months.

**Ann Hooper Hernandez** writes, “I retired last year after 30 years at our regional trauma center. I am bored silly. Books, naps and lunch dates can’t compare with the rush that goes with a wild crash. Most of my family is close by, so there is a lot of babysitting with eight grandkids. One son lives in Japan, so I will be traveling this year. Otherwise everything is holding together.”

**Gail Haug Lovelace** went indoor skydiving for her 68th birthday and visited the Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada for her 70th. She sends, “My son and his wife and children lost their duplex to a terrible electrical fire last June. No one was home at the time, and thanks to a lot of people, they were able to relocate and received bare essentials to get started again. The kids are 11, 8, 5 and 3 and are getting along OK. I am retired now from Wells Fargo and don’t miss working. I have been sewing and doing embroidery and enjoying seeing friends... Does anyone out there know where **Rhonda Carlin** might be? She was a good friend when we were at Westbrook. My email address is glflyhigh@yahoo.com.”

**Sharon Pellegrini Mertz** sent that she has one husband (and still going strong despite a knee replacement), three children and four grandchildren which keep her busy. She’s still in her first home and just finally retired at age 71! She says she’s not sure yet what to do with herself but trying to find out. They joined their local YMCA and were doing Silver Sneakers and walking the track for a couple months until they could get outside and golf.

**Nancy McDowell Nichols** sends that after 23 years, they sold their home in Marietta, GA, and now are residing in the North Georgia Mountains where their new home will be completed eventually in Ellijay, GA, where two of her WJC friends, **Priscilla Wells Schell** and **Donna Rowe Fowlie** are residing.

Nancy is blessed to have her father of 97 years of age and her husband Jeff’s father of 95 years. She writes, “Our family is so blessed to have these two WWII vets from the Greatest Generation still in our lives.” In February Nancy met up with **Sharon Pellegrini Mertz** and her hubby Joe in Florida. They spent the summer at Big Lake in Maine and stayed until mid-September. Her sisters **Betsy McDowell Skedgell ’61** and **Joni McDowell Washburn ’68** have camps on the same lake. **Donna Rowe Fowlie** visited for a few days. Nancy also had a mini-reunion in Rye, NH, in July at **Cindy Chaffee Trayer’s** home and took trips to St. Andres, Canada, St. George Island, FL, and Mexico.

**Pamela Perkins** and her husband, Bruce, send, “In a nutshell, Chao Phraya River in Bankok, trip to Myanmar, hot air balloon ride at sunrise over ancient temples and stupas. Pam biking with girlfriends for five days. Pam’s youngest daughter began her new job in Nairobi, Kenya. Explored in Argentina, took a trip to the Santa Ynez Valley of Central California to purchase wine and take a course in opera history via Opera San Jose. East Coast traveling, 13th anniversary, annual trip to Plumas County, first trip to Indonesia and a cruise in Australia. A big year travel-wise!”

**Sue Walton Rego** and her husband built a new townhouse last year in Lancaster, MA, which is a change in scenery for them. She writes, “We love it

though and enjoy country, and we are in Florida on the water for at least seven months of the year. In the past couple of years I have reconnected with **Liz Iams Knitter** in AZ, **Carol Loth Merry** in MA, **Sue Garfield Zimble**, who splits her time between MA and FL, and **Beth Wells**, who is now happily settled in CA. Husband Jack and I keep busy with projects and love to fish! Grandkids and family come and visit often so we have fun entertaining all of them.”

**Priscilla Wells Schell** says, “**Donna Fowlie**, I and another friend participated in the Garden Club of Ellijay, GA, fall pot design contest of 12 pots... and being judged each week with different judges, we came in first!”

**Alegra Eunson Soorus** writes, “I spent July in Maine caring for my Dad while he had terminal cancer. He passed away in late July, and I stayed long enough to clean out the house and get it ready for the real estate market. Fortunately, it sold quickly and all the paperwork is done. My brother still lives in Maine, so I will still travel to Maine but less frequently. My girls and their families keep me busy along with church work and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in their resale store.”

**Linda Siller Theadore** writes, “Another year to be grateful, to appreciate family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. I am grateful that my mother is still with us and able to enjoy her caring family. My children and grandchildren have

golden opportunities to nurture their talents and interests. My husband has become a generator distributor, and currently we are in Orlando, FL, at Disney attending a training convention. Life is good. My jewelry creations keep me connected to many exciting craftspeople and customers. The friendships and good times help sustain me. Wishing all classmates a safe and healthy year.”

**Bette Swett-Thibeault** writes, “My local senator and I are submitting a bill to make Maine aware of a perceptual brain problem that keeps young and old people from reading with ease. I have been an Irlen Screener for 15 years and am the only one in Maine, but I may get a chance to increase screening in schools if the legislation passes. My family is all well, growing up, and I am enjoying the fulfilling life of whimsy with our wonderful grandchildren, Sam and Madeleine. My children are busy with life and work, a lesson taught, I believe, by their mother!”

**Cindy Chaffee Trayers** hosted a mini-Brookie reunion in July at her home. **Sharon Pellegrini Mertz**, **Meredith Cronk Graf**, **Tudi Adams Watkins**, **Nancy McDowell Nichols**, **Vicky Randall**, **Donna Rowe Fowlie**, and **Becky Rice Schlieper** all gathered for a fun time at the beach. Cindy’s friend Sarge arrived for a visit. Cindy’s daughter, Kim, as well as Merrie’s daughter, Diane, spent some time during one of the days with their

children, which was a lot of fun. In addition to having some great meals that we all pitched in and cooked together, we all went out to supper one night to a great restaurant. Always a blast when we all gather!”

**Tudi Adams Watkins** writes, “Enjoyed vacationing at Disney World this past October. **Meredith Cronk Graf** and **Cindy Chaffee Trayers** joined as well. We had a blast! Al and I are enjoying our many wonderful children, both the adult ones and the little ones. Our son, Chris and his wife will be having another daughter in March. We spent time at Christmas with Al’s son Greg and his beautiful family. Al’s son, Kevin is working in GA, so we get to see him once in a while. We miss seeing son Brandon and his family in Texas. We are thoroughly enjoying Fairfield Glade Resort in Crossville, TN. We have a spare bedroom and a hide-a-bed if any of you get the urge to come see us! By the way, I just want to thank each and every one of you for sending me so much wonderful news about each of you. Because of you being so good about telling me your news, I get to enjoy reading it!”

**Beth Wells** reports, “In June I went to Wales with my cousin and his wife. We stayed for a week at the farm in Dolgellau, North Wales, where our grandmother grew up. Another cousin inherited the property from her father and she turned it into a vacation rental. She lets out the pastures to other sheep farmers so it was much the same as it

was when nana and Megan’s grandfather were children, though it has been modernized. Since the sheep don’t use a ‘loo,’ it was a challenge not to step in sheep poop!”

**Suzin Garfield Zimble** writes, “Had a bump in the road when I got to FL in October and ended up in the hospital for surgery. All is well now and just about back to normal. Started playing golf again and definitely enjoying the beautiful weather. The ten grandchildren are getting bigger and older and have a great time when we all get together. I’m looking forward to another reunion as great as the last one. Hope to do some traveling this year but have no idea where. I just love to be spontaneous. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2015.”

**Bob Dunbar** and Linda vacationed to AK this past summer where they did a land-and-sea cruise. They saw many amazing sites. Bob even took a helicopter ride to a glacier. On Superbowl Sunday their granddaughter, Hope (10), participated in the polar bear swim on the coast of Long Island. She came and celebrated at their 50th Reunion in 2013.

**Dan Keohane** writes, “It has been a sad year with the loss of two of our classmates, **Emile Talbot** and (Father) **Paul Johnson**. Though neither made our 50th Anniversary, they were both at the 45th. Regretfully, we also lost **Dick Hawes ’62**. Dick was a very good friend, and was part of a small number of us who have had a monthly luncheon in Portsmouth over the past few years...

They will be sadly missed. I did get to see other classmates, including **Bob Dunbar** and **Dennis Reale** at a Red Sox game very nicely coordinated by Amy Haile this past summer.”

**John Tkatch** writes, “Priscilla and I are well. Priscilla has worked 40+ years at a Chico’s boutique, I am a home manager in Central Square, NY. We have our 50th Anniversary this year. Each month, we plan our special moment (destination, feast, learning moment, etc.) to celebrate family. With our daughter’s family from Atlanta, we are going to Bermuda for 10 days. Rented a beach home and enjoying sun, surf, and seafood and libations to all our health and happiness. ‘Til the next Class ’63 reunion—let’s celebrate!”

1964



Back row: Deborah Schofield Reed, Patricia 'Cherie' Perkins, Joan Kinney Dole, Eleanor Koppang Batchelder, Linda Lundgren Orosky Front row: Betsey Mason Holder, S. Rebecca Spencer Svenson, Constance McCombe Keon, Carolyn Griggs Stoll.

**Susan Drury** writes, “We began last year with the groundbreaking for our new home on Rayburn Country Golf Course in Texas. We moved in June and have enjoyed watching (and playing) golf on the third green and



fourth fairway where our house was built. I am also serving as a deacon at Trinity Episcopal Church in Jasper. During this past year, we have visited our children and grandchildren in IA and MI. It was a wonderful year for Ron and me as we watched our dream home built!"

**Susan J Fletcher Ernst** writes, "Greetings to all. Our 50th Reunion was great fun. The school sure has grown. As I get older, I try to learn from others. So I have downsized my stuff into a smaller home in Petersborough, NH. I miss Maine. Petersborough is a lovely place, and the people are great. I am closer to my youngest son, and it's a much shorter drive to the family camp in Cape Cod. It is good to move while you can still do it with some grace."



**Marlene Getz** writes, "My husband, Bob, and I enjoy our very active retirement lives! When we are home, we are gardening, walking, bicycling, reading, sewing and cooking. I joined the chorus at the synagogue, motivating me to teach myself the keyboard! I also

volunteer in the children's library there. We have two granddaughters, ages 5 and 8. I spent two weeks outside of Sean Reap setting up pre-schools with the Children's Cambodia Dream Organization. Last summer, we took our pop-up trailer from Alameda, CA, to Maine, to attend my fabulous 50th Reunion. How wonderful it was to reunite with so many classmates!"

**Constance McCombe Keon** writes, "The 50th Reunion of the Class of 1964 in June planted a germ for a gathering of alums here in Jackson, NH, in August! **Joan Kinney Dole, Ellie Koppang Batchelder, Carolyn Griggs Stoll, Betsey Mason Holder, Linda Lundgren Orosky, Patricia 'Cherie' Perkins, Debbie Schofield Reed, Becky Svenson** and I met at my home in Jackson. We had a pajama party at our camp/barn and a wonderful breakfast in town! Cherie Perkins and I kayaked on Conway Lake and cycled in Carter Notch. What a week! Plans are in the making for another gathering next summer. Any alum in the North Country or beyond, please contact one of us if you want to join a future gathering!"

**Colette Styffe Lankau** writes, "After 43 years living in the beautiful town of Sudbury, we sold our family home and moved to our little summer place on Cape Cod. We have enjoyed being there during the 'quiet season' without the traffic and crowds. We live on a little island with easy access to Martha's Vineyard by boat. We are enjoying the change of pace. During summer it will

get busy again when our kids and grandkids come back for visits. The whole family loves it here!"

**Judith Belyea Larsen** writes, "Loved attending 50th Reunion and spending time with old classmates who are far from old! Enjoyed a trip to Spain, Morocco, France and Switzerland in September. Have six wonderful grandchildren now — four nearby, two in the Bay Area and a daughter who is presently in Vietnam working, returning to Bali for the summer. I am so thankful for God's faithfulness! See you at the 55th!"

**Nancy Osgood Lebel** writes, "It was such fun to see everyone at our 50th Reunion last summer. Where has the time gone? We are enjoying our winter in 'sunny' Florida and hoping all our friends are staying warm and healthy."

**Linda Lundgren Orosky** writes, "Every year a small group of gals from our class gets together. It is so much fun to catch up after all these years. It certainly helps to keep the memories fresh and allows new ones to be made. We are a lucky bunch of gals!"

**Patricia Cherie Perkins** writes, "I had a new granddaughter in March. I spend my days hiking, playing tennis and bridge, skiing and attending cultural events. I also love reading and belong to two book clubs. Past year travel: nine days hiking the Rockies and national parks with five other diva friends. Martha's Vineyard, Florida, NYC, and PA. In two weeks, I'm headed

to the Baja and Sea of Cortez to paddle with thirteen friends. Although I have slowed down, I'm still fortunate enough to be healthy and active. I see Daryl and Connie periodically."

**Martha Wentworth Sanborn** writes, "Our 50th Reunion was well attended thanks to many alums who reached out to former classmates. The college, mainly Amy Haile, was encouraging and open to new ideas along the way!"

## 1965

**Carolyn Lynds Cheney** writes, "Retired six years ago as director of Human Resources at UMaine at Presque Isle. Serve on Board of Directors of the University Credit Union. Also, serve as V.P. of the Central Aroostook Humane Society where I do a lot of volunteer work. Knitting a lot. Donated a new Barbie and handmade outfits complete with handbags, jewelry, etc. to auction benefitting children. It is great fun. Daughter Lyndsey and family now live in Presque Isle, so I help care for my two grandchildren Jorja (8) and Jackson (11)."

**Margot Hoyt Gatchell** writes, "The thought of our 50th Reunion in June is a scary one. What happened with the years that have been flying by? Right now, I am in mid-February Maine with four feet of snow... the thought of seeing our classmates at our reunion in the month of June with green grass and flowers is a wonderful one! Bill and

I are going to be moving this year to our new cottage in Falmouth, ME, to a retirement community. We are excited to make the move! All is well for our entire family at this time."

**Sue Rogers Hardenbrook** writes, "After retiring two years ago, my husband and I have been traveling. We've been to Myrtle Beach, SC, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, North Dakota, a wonderful trip to Alaska, and the balloon festival in Albuquerque, NM. We just have Texas and Hawaii to go to complete visiting all 50 states! I am still active in women's club as president of General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Mechanicsburg for this term. It is an organization that improves communities through volunteer service. I am enjoying my two grandchildren, who are growing up so fast."

**Joan Connolly Johnson** writes, "Pete retired from a 14-year adventure in Portland where he and a longtime friend started a biotech company. I have been busy with volunteer work: a horticultural society, the local historic society and other things. We have been going to Great Diamond Island riding the Casco Bay Lines Ferry (just like graduation weekend) every summer since 1974. Pete and I are involved in the community — doing our thing, sometimes together, many times not! We are very lucky."

**George LaBelle** writes, "Gretchen and I moved to be with daughter and husband and 17-month-old grandson in West Melbourne, FL."

**Polly Holcomb Pobuda** writes, "In June of 2014, I retired after working 30 years in the library at Canton High School, in Canton, Connecticut. I have always enjoyed working with the students and have been working as a district substitute this year."

## 1967

**Norman Beaupre** writes, "I am now teaching a French course at UNE — Fall Semester 2014."

**Liana Flewelling DeMerchant '67, '69** writes, "Enjoying grands! God Bless All!"

**Sherry Poluchov Hils** writes, "I am living in Asheville, NC I am retired but still do fill in positions as a dental hygienist. I still love doing hygiene and enjoy the interaction with patients. I was fortunate to do some adjunct teaching at AB Technical College. Our oldest son Jonathan is an associate professor teaching sculpture at the University of Oklahoma. Our youngest son teaches at Coe Brown Academy in Northwood, NH. We got to visit NH twice last year and enjoyed seeing our two grandchildren. I hope to be able to get to our next reunion."

**Neil Loew** writes, "Enjoying retirement on Cape Cod. Moved here permanently in East Falmouth June 2013. Working part time at Island Queen Ferry in

Falmouth and playing a lot of golf. Any alums from '67 — stop by!"

**Richard Planco** writes, "I retired in September 2014, and we moved to Wells. Still keeping busy and planning some long overdue vacations. I would love to hear from some of my old classmates."

**Linda Cruckshank Starr '67, '69** writes, "I have retired from a long career in medical technology. My children are grown and living in Colorado, Kansas, Georgia and Connecticut. Bill and I are planning a trip to Alaska to celebrate retirement."

## 1968

**Bernard Ayotte** writes, "All is well. I termed out of the Maine House of Representatives after eight years of service. Great experience!"

**Clifford Faille** writes, "Elaine and I moved to Southport, NC, in 2013. It's a coastal community located between Myrtle Beach, SC, and Wilmington, NC. Southport is where the movie Safe Haven was filmed as well as scenes from Under the Dome and Sleepy Hollow. Classmates are encouraged to visit us and enjoy our area."

**Jack Marshall, Jr.** writes, "I remember the winters we spent together in Biddeford Pool when the mayor would say in reference to snow removal of his road to St. Francis College, 'God put it here and let God take it away.' Obviously, his snow removal budget was very little back then in the '60s. All kidding aside,

the winters have been great in Florida. If anyone still lives up north, try thinking of relocating to the 'Sunshine State.' I can definitely say that my SFC degree made my lifestyle in Florida possible. Stay warm everybody!"

## 1969

**Michael Horne** writes, "Retired from teaching after 28 years (history) and athletic director (14 years) at Mashpee High School in Mashpee, MA. I have three grandchildren: 14, 13 and 8."

## 1970

**Jack Byrnes** writes, "I volunteer locally in support of the town's historical committee. I drive one day a week for Meals on Wheels. I am on the committee for my high school class's 50th reunion."

**William Consoletti** writes, "Retired from MeadWestvaco in 2013 as GIS analyst. Started my own company, Consoletti GIS Services LLC, in 2014. Collaborated with five other foresters to publish the book *How Forestry Came to the Southeast: The Role of the Society of American Foresters* (2014), available on Amazon."

**Caryn Ferris** writes, "Living in Farmington, CT. Pretty much retired, but doing a little work for the local Seniors Job Bank as a fundraiser. Also involved in charitable causes and occasional substitute teaching."



## 1971

**Robert Laverriere** writes, "I attended for a little over a year as a 'townie' and had a great experience. When I left SFC, I joined the Navy and saw the world — here we are all these years later! I'll be retiring this coming summer after almost four decades as a university enrollment management professional. I'd like to hear from anyone who remembers me or, in particular, **Don Perron '72**, **Hank Ouelette**, or **Pete Fleming**."

## 1972

**Peggy O'Toole Filloramo** writes, "John and I recently celebrated our 42nd anniversary. We are both still working. We are the proud grandparents to eight loving children. We have been lucky to do some worldwide travel over the years. This spring we will go to Sicily to explore the country where John's grandparents emigrated from. We started a volunteer vegetable garden in our town where everything that is grown is given to local food banks and soup kitchens. We started this in memory of our son, John Matthew, who passed away in 2011. The 'Colchester Giving Garden' is starting its third growing season and hopes to exceed last year's 1,000 pounds of fresh produce distributed to those in need. I hope to see some dear Westbrook friends for a mini-reunion soon!"

**Robert Repucci** writes, "Celebrating 43 years directing a state and federally designated anti-poverty agency. Attended Police Academy in 2004 and

became a Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff and remain active in both careers."

**George Sponder** writes, "I've had a total valve replacement; guess I have another 64 years now. Still doing three to four cruises a year, to everywhere."

**Cathy Blanchard Stewart** writes, "I've started oil painting! Mr. Perry would be surprised! I'm anticipating spending more time with our grandsons this year."



**Alfred M. Zappala** was a founding trustee of the Massachusetts School of Law, as well as the founder of MTS Bar Review. He has had a long career as a professor and lecturer at several law schools. Mr. Zappala is the author of several books and produces the television program "You, Me & Sicily!" on location in Sicily. For his work promoting Sicily, in 2010 Mr. Zappala was the recipient of The Distinguished Service Award from the Italian Trade Commission. He splits his time between America and Sicily and has three children and four grandchildren."

## 1973

**Teresa Ward Cotton** writes, "Our daughter, Jessie, and her husband, Adam, blessed us with our first grandchild in September. Little Owen is just a delightful little guy."

**Patricia Cyr Fournier '73, '75** writes, "My husband and I spend time at the lake house on Long Lake every fall but winters are spent in Los Angeles. I still work full time as a clinical lab scientist and still have the passion for the career path I chose. Our older son (32) lives and works in Northern California and our younger son (28) is finishing up his Ph.D. at the UCSB Business School."

**Dennis Grossano** writes, "Finished 38 years as oncology pharmacist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Adjunct 14 years at UNE, ending in 2009, in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Married 30 years. Three children: Daniel (28) Jenna (25) and Stefanie (21)."

**Jane Irmgard Kearney** writes, "Still working at AT&T here in NJ as an IT project manager, 32 years now. I've been back to the Westbrook campus several times the past few years and am sad at how things have changed. Still in touch with my dear friend **Kathy Harper '72** but wonder where **Sally Peters**, **Linda Franchi**, **Katie Athaide** and so many others from Proctor Hall are!"

**Bill March** writes, "I recently retired from 40+ years in the graphics arts industry. Started in the industry in the

pre-desktop, hot type, heavy metal era. I have been living in Quincy, MA. Available via email at [wmarch2278@aol.com](mailto:wmarch2278@aol.com) to correspond with classmates. Lucens et Ardens."

**Jean Manning McNamara** writes, "I am still teaching fifth grade at Barnstable United Elementary School. I have been blessed with three grandchildren so far. I will be spending time on the East Coast and West Coast now, as I have a new grandson in California. Sounds good to me!"

**Suzanne Wyer McNeil** writes, "In December I met **Charlotte Graham Rice** for lunch and a walk through Victoria Mansion. I enjoyed receiving Christmas cards from all of my Westbrook College friends. Currently I am semi-retired. Enjoying travelling and a slower paced life!"

**Peter Rappoccio** writes, "Started my 38th year as property manager at Silver Spring Country Club in Ridgefield, CT. My wife Birdie (39 years married) and I are enjoying our four grandchildren, ages 5, 4, 3, 2. They are keeping us young. I am still coaching football at Fairfield Prep in Connecticut and will be coaching the varsity squad linebackers and running backs. Hope to make it back soon for an alumni weekend and to reconnect with some old friends from the SFC days."

**Irene Ferland Theriault** writes, "Visited daughter Jocelyn and husband Jason and two-year-old grandson Logan stationed in Germany. Toured Venice, Croatia, Slovenia, Budapest

and Vienna with them. Still volunteer dental director of Space Coast Volunteers in Medicine Dental Clinic. Enjoying Florida with **Helen Terlalis Dorn**."

**Bill Tynion** writes, "Retired, five kids, three grandkids and counting. Living the dream with my lovely wife, Linda, in sunny SW Florida!"

## 1974

**Roanne Becker Fortin** writes, "We became first-time grandparents in 2014! Our oldest son, Jeff, and his wife had a baby boy, William. Our middle son, Russ, and his wife are airline pilots and live in Atlanta, GA. Our youngest son, Greg, is getting married in May 2015. We both retired two years ago and are enjoying traveling, gardening and working around the house."

**Sandra Sawtell Herbert** writes, "Our first granddaughter, Reagan, was born in March to our daughter Shauna and her husband. She is such a joy in our lives. Since we couldn't attend our 40th reunion, I travelled to Burlington, VT, in June for a three-day weekend at **Laura Bendersky Lurie**'s home. **Candy Love Tordonato** and **Ann Washburn Tucker** also enjoyed the weekend celebrating our 60th birthdays. Felt like we had just graduated!"

## 1975

**Amy Wandrisco Robinson** writes, "We spend our winters in Kansas for Calvin's guiding business, Cottonwood

Quail Company. I'm still doing my miniatures. Am a docent for Wood Island Lighthouse in the summers."

## 1976

**Joseph Crawley** writes, "Retired in 2014 after 33 years in the pharmaceutical industry. Volunteering as a literacy tutor at the county library. Moved to Florida."

**Joni Hardwick Maliszewski** writes, "My message is simple! I encourage each classmate to reach out to an old WC friend and reconnect with someone! It's amazing how much of an impact it can make on your life! With social media, it's so easy to find someone! I would love to find **M. A. Mahaney** and **Wendy Knowles** for starters! So happy for my WC friends Nancy, Lisa, Sarah, Liz, Linda, Lin! My life is richer for you all!"

**Robin Jane Solvang** writes, "I live in Manhattan in Greenwich Village. I still work in the same private practice as a dental hygienist for 30 years. I also work upstate (where I have a farm) as an RDH treating special needs patients. My art career continues to evolve into oil painting, monotypes, drawing and printing."

## 1977

**Teri Tombarelli Blouin** writes, "All is well in the Blouin household. My husband and I purchased property on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, in 2012. The property had been vacant for four years, so our ownership has involved a

lot of work to restore the buildings, deck and dock. Our children and grandson enjoy visiting the lake. The property has already given our family many wonderful memories, and I am sure it will provide many more in our retirement years."



**Betty Smith Caton '75, '77** and a group of alumnae send a photo from Marco Island celebrating their 60th birthdays! Pictured left to right: **Lisa Guidi DiPietro '77**; **Nikki Evmorfopoulos Richio '75**; **Suzanne Vickerson McManus '75**; **Susan Norton Gould '76, '01**; **Karen Joyce McCallum '75**; **Pam Weston Jordan '75**; **Gale Clarkin Tetrault '76, '01**; **Betty Smith Caton '75, '77**; and **Jane Hutchings Smith '76**.



**Carol Knybel Graziano, RN '77** writes, "**Ruth Long '77** and I enjoyed spending the day in Newport, RI, over the

summer. Here we are on a Bay cruise in a refurbished lobster boat!"

## 1978

**Kathy Bascom-Rich** writes, "My husband and I are settled into living in NH where I grew up. We have been puttering around the house that my great grandparents built, trying to bring it into the current century. We visit Maine often to see our daughter and granddaughter. Who knew being a grandparent would be so much fun! I have just joined the WC Alumni Board of Directors, and I am looking forward to that involvement, learning and understanding more of UNE's goals for the future. If you get to Portland, stop in at the old WC! You will be pleasantly surprised and impressed. If you receive a call from the annual giving campaign, please consider a donation. Your dollars are being put to good use. Thanks, and I hope to hear from you."

**Paula Formeister** writes, "Kirk and I became grandparents February 16, 2014 to a baby boy, Owen. Babies, of course, are a lot of fun. I still work fulltime as a hygienist; hard to believe it will be 37 years. Kirk built his man cave in the backyard. Largest tool shed I've ever seen, fancy too. He's a mason so it's stucco. Go figure. Hope to rent an RV this summer and drive Route 1 from CT to ME, of course through Portland. Hope to hear good news from other classmates."



1981

**Kim Noble Hubbard** writes, “All is well with the Hubbards. John and I still live in Parsonfield, ME. I enjoy my job at Sacopee Valley Middle School as a special education tech. John is busy with his carpentry business and our rental apartments. Both our children are doing well. Colin (21) purchased his first house and works full time for Poland Springs. Our daughter, Lydia (18) works part time for Poland Springs.”



**Diane Breaupre ’81 MSW ’97, Deborah Jackson Komich ’81** and **Mary Beth Hannum Jones ’81** joined fellow St. Francis College, Westbrook College and UNE Alumni for a networking reception in Portland in March. It was a great time to reconnect!

1982

**Sharon Patrick Coulombe** writes, “I am still working as a dental hygienist, in my current office for 18 years! I will celebrate 32 years of marriage this year. We have a 27-year-old son and a daughter who will turn 15. I have been

active in community theater, most recently in *Oliver*, I have kept busy with running and racing, completing my first marathon — “The Maine Coast”— and competing in several local triathlons, 5Ks and the popular ‘Beach to Beacon’ 10K. I can’t believe I have a 35th college reunion coming up! I hope to see many old friends!”

**Lila Payson Littlefield** writes, “Retired. Twenty-one years volunteer at the Maine Wildlife Park. Had a small dogsled team for 16 years, now go to Newry, ME, once a year. I’m involved at the YMCA and keep healthy.”

**Peter Markos**, D.O. is putting lot of his “mostly retired” time to good use by returning to his roots as a swimming and distance running coach, augmented by his rehab medicine specialty training that accentuated the excellent UNE primary care education. Peter’s prime pupil is daughter Haley (17) who finished 9th among USA nationals, and 26th overall at the North American Sprint Triathlon Championship for 16 to 19 year-old elite females. Haley will again represent the USA National Team at the ITU World Age Group Championship to be held in Chicago this September.

**John M. Peterson, D.O.** is “celebrating” 30 years... first as the “clerk,” then secretary/treasurer, then as the executive director and now once again as the secretary/treasurer for the Vermont State Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons. He

writes, “I’m still in solo practice in VT, doing OMT and IMEs as well as being a consultant at Concentra for work-related injuries. It continues to be a great ride!”

1983

**Peter Drennan**, D.O. writes that as an original participant in the Alfond Grant that built the Alfond medical building, he was happy to hear Senator King’s comments about UNE and its work in neuroscience, the brain and the disease state of chronic pain. He believes that as an internal medicine physician, this work will benefit practitioners like him working with patients who suffer from neurological maladies and chronic pain. He reflects, “The dream of those original osteopathic founders continues to live on.” Dr. Drennan has also published a book, *Sixteen, An American Hockey Story* (2012). It is in the program this year for the MIAA state hockey tournament.

**Anne Bishop Harris**, writes, “My son Ethan in enrolled as a freshman at UNE in Biddeford. He is at this point in the medical biology degree program. Yeah... two generations at UNE.”

1984

**Roberta “Robin” Dickerson-Gebhard, D.O.** in April was named the recipient of the “Bertha Van Hoosen Award” from the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA). AMWA is the oldest multi-specialty organization dedicated to advancing women in medicine and improving women’s health.

**Jeffrey W. Glassheim, D.O.** has served as the medical director of the Central New Mexico Treatment Center since October 2014. Eldest daughter Elyssa, now 21, is a senior at the University of New Mexico with a GPA of 4.25 (A+)! Youngest daughter Brenna will graduate New Mexico’s top-rated public high school with high honors and has been receiving university acceptances. We are enjoying our third year of living in the Land of Enchantment here in sunny New Mexico after runs in Wisconsin and California. My best to all classmates and professors and administrators still at work at UNECOM!”

**Lisa Forrest Mathews** writes, “In fall, I will have four college children. Geoffrey is a student at Western New England University in Springfield, MA, majoring in engineering. Triplet daughters are in the process of determining where they will be heading. Shannon and Erin will graduate from Deering H.S. and Colleen from Portland H.S. It will be a quiet house in the fall, as all kids will have left the ‘nest!’ My husband and I will have to plan a trip!”

**Ruth Gagnon Shaw** writes, “With a 1984 B.S., 2003 Ms.Ed., and 2014 CAGS in Leadership from UNE, I am thrilled that my youngest child, Olivia, will be attending UNE in the fall of 2015! I was director at an environmental testing firm before leaving in 1993 to teach chemistry and to coach at Biddeford High School. I started the school’s AP chemistry program, and then the Women’s Volleyball team in

1999 (won a State Championship — 2010)! I have been happily married for 22 years to George Shaw. Our children attend college, with Olivia’s brothers George (22) graduating from Bentley University and Connor (21) graduating in 2016 from Unity College.”

**Nancy H. Wilburn** writes, “Proud Nana of five grandchildren: one out of college, three in college and one in middle school.”

1987

**Debra Reich-Sobel** writes, “Own family practice in Linden, NJ, called Caring Family Medical. Have three children: one graduated college and heading to graduate school, one graduating college this year, and one is a freshman in high school. Husband Stephen works in Medical Communications in NYC.”

**Kenneth Simone**, writes, “Recently I received the Society of Hospital Medicine’s (SHM) 2014 award of Excellence for Outstanding Service in Hospital Medicine. This award recognizes exceptional service within the discipline of hospital medicine.” Dr. Simone is currently the president of Hospitalist and Practice Solutions, located in Veazie, ME, and is the lead physician for an Eastern Maine Medical Center family medicine practice.

1988

**Mark Henschke, D.O.**, Pharm.D. in March was awarded the National “America’s Most Compassionate Doctors” Award for the fifth year. The award pays tribute to his exemplary care and bedside manner and is an honor accorded to only 3% of U.S. physicians. Dr. Henschke maintains a hospital based practice in York, ME. He is a clinical assistant professor in Internal Medicine at UNE. He is a local, regional and national speaker on a multitude of medical and pharmaceutical related topics. When not working, he can usually be found surfing off the New England seacoast.

1990

**Raina Dwinal Brooks** writes, “Have been working at L.L. Bean for 10 years. Have two boys, ages 16 and 14. Still keep in touch with Kim, Michelle, Angie, Kathy, and Sheri (all friends I made at Westbrook College)!”

1994

**Eileen Brady Davis** writes, “My husband Dustin and I have had our own practice on the coast in Delaware for the past 14 years. We continue to do OMT, offer nutraceuticals and integrative care.”

1995

**Polly Leonard, D.O. ’95, M.S. ’11** writes, “I’m currently one of the

tri-course directors for Osteopathic Medical Knowledge II, UNECOM’s second year didactic program. I am sharing the position with **Shannon Kenney, D.O. ’01**, and David Mokler, Ph.D. I’m in private practice in Warwick, RI. I still admit and follow my own inpatients, but I stopped nursing home care. I serve as president of NEOMEN, the OPTI of UNECOM, and I’m vice-president of the Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators. If you are in a professional meeting or lecture, and you see someone knitting, that is probably me!”

**Kay Long** writes, “I still live in Weymouth, MA, and have been working for the same company for 16 years, and I am currently looking to explore new career interests in the fitness and health field. I have four children: Riley (9), Genevieve (7), Reagan (4) and Beckett (3). Riley recently started playing in a Gaelic football league, while Genevieve enjoys art classes. Maureen and I recently joined a woman’s softball league and have a great time together. Though I was not able to continue coaching basketball, I still enjoy playing occasionally and catching up with my former team.”

**Leah Perocchi Wright** is busy with her new position at VNA Home Health Hospice, as the V.P. of Performance Improvement and System Integration. This promotion gives her statewide responsibility for quality, compliance, and IT services for HomeCare. She led the implementation of the Agencies Electronic Medical Record and was

awarded an Excellence Award from the software company. Her oldest daughter is 13, and a typical teenager, and her youngest keeps her busy with dance classes. Darryl Wright is working at Peoples United Bank and serves on the Gorham School Board.

1996

**Molly Hodsdon Rossignol** writes, “My family agreed to move to Madison, WI, while I pursue a fellowship in Addiction Medicine. We are on our way back to NH this summer where I had been practicing family medicine for the past 15 years! I have a 15 year old son, Max, and an 11 year old daughter, Hadley. My husband owns a cycling business called Tooky Wheelworks, and he intends to open that again when we return.”

**Dan Schlieben, M.S.W.** Retired as a clinical social worker, Psychiatry, Queens Hospital, NY. Lives in NYC with his wife, Barbara, a retired librarian from the Metropolitan Museum. Summers, cruises a Bristol 40 along the Eastern Coast, having spent several weeks in Block Island, RI. Winters, attends many concerts, plays and other cultural events, and issues long rants about the state of the state, nation and world. Wishes recent grads best in this messy world. He writes, “UNE is a good preparation but keep studies up-to-date. Marry late and often.”



## 1997



**Patricia Gagnon '97, PA-C '99** recently earned a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Gagnon, employed at Kennebec Behavioral Health in Maine, was awarded a CAQ in Psychiatry, a distinction earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing an exam in the specialty. She is one of only 20 certified PAs in Maine and approximately 800 certified PAs nationally.

## 1998

**Katharine Stewart, M.S.W.** writes that she retired after holding a rewarding position as clinical social worker for a major mental health agency. In 2007 she started growing seedlings, selling leftovers on a stand. Expanding her plantings and offering more for sale, Katharine's Garden and Greenhouse at

Harbor de Grace and The Little Long Island Farm Cooperative came to fruition with a growing green on Long Island, Maine. Philosophy: to use no pesticides or chemical fertilizers; eat food from a "close-to-home" source; and create beautiful, diverse, organic gardens. She is able to share the fruits of her labor and expertise — a joyous experience for this gardener...

**Bonnie Gray Thomas** writes, "I have published three books that incorporate clinical and general social work practice with youth: *How to Get Kids Offline, Outdoors, and Connecting to Nature: 200+ Activities To Encourage Self-Esteem, Mindfulness, and Wellbeing* (2014); *Creative Coping Skills for Children: Emotional Support through Arts and Crafts Activities for Teens: Exploring Identity through Art, Craft, and Journaling* (2011). All can be found on Amazon.com or via the publishers at JKP.com.

## 2000

**Todd Ochsner, D.O.** writes, "Our daughter Lenée, born the first semester of medical school at UNECOM, has just finished her first year of college! Our son Caleb is about to enter high school. Anna and I are about to move to Florida for our, hopefully, last tour of duty for the Navy before I can retire!"



**Miklos Oylar '00** hosted an Après Ski Alumni reception in NH, then set out for Vail, CO, where he saw even more UNE alumni! Pictured here are Mik and his wife Katelin, Hank Williams, **Clint Banks '99**, and Clint's wife Ashley in Vail.

**Sandra Peluso** writes, "To all of my UNE alumni, I am a licensed real estate agent located in Massachusetts, who would love to help any of you with local or global real estate needs. Hope everyone is doing well."

## 2001

**Kristina Orio, D.O.** and **Peter Orio III, D.O.** are doing very well. Peter is the medical director of Radiation Oncology at Brigham and Women's. Kristina is the medical director at Doctors Express Urgent Care in Burlington, MA. Their kids are now 5, 7 and 9. They recently returned from a trip to Japan.

**Eric H. Slayton** writes, "My wife Shannon and I welcomed our daughter Ainsley Kathryn Slayton in April. She joins older brothers Galen (2) and Gideon (7)."

## 2002

**Kelly Owens Parnell, M.S.W.** is now the clinical manager at APS Healthcare in South Portland, which provides utilization review for behavioral health services. Kelly is the supervisor of fourteen independently licensed clinicians and one master's level social work intern.

## 2004

**Barbara Wells Alexander, M.S.W.** writes, "After seven years with an agency and four years of private practice, started my next chapter as regional director with Providence Human Services in April 2015. It is amazing that it's been 11 years since I graduated. It seems not so long ago I was in my last class, Group Dynamics with Dr. Kate Delois, but I've gone from fear to some level of confidence in working with the wonderful clients whose paths have crossed mine."

**Aimee Glidden, D.O.** writes, "Married in October 2013, one son, one baby expected in August 2015. Working as a full partner of Waterville Women's Care."

## 2005



**Janicanne Shane '05** in Boston with a piece of her artwork

## 2006

**Carl Mummenthey** became superintendent of the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District in New York. Carl had served as superintendent of the Jefferson Central School since 2005. Under Carl's leadership, the school earned citations from *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's top high schools in five of the last nine years. Carl reports, "I've had the pleasure of leading a talented and dedicated team of professionals and working with a focused and professional board of education. I've also enjoyed working with our district's students and I'm extremely proud of all their accomplishments."

## 2008

**Charles LaGoy, D.O.** writes, "I have been working in Libby, MT, since 2011 to fulfill my National Health Service Corps Scholarship obligation. Will be moving with my wife, Melissa, and two children, Hannah (11), and Finn (8), to Newport, VT, this summer to North Country Hospital."

## 2009

**Ty Gowen** was featured on the *Maine-Dreams* website, a repository of stories about Maine people who are living their dreams. Gowen, who has been captivated by the paranormal since a young age, is a lead ghost investigator on the show *Haunt ME*, a ghost hunting web series that takes place in historical buildings in Maine.

## 2010

**Courtney Klenk, P.T., D.P.T.**, was selected as one of the American Physical Therapy Association's Emerging Leaders for 2014. The Emerging Leader Award identifies and honors one physical therapist or physical therapist assistant from each APTA chapter who has demonstrated extraordinary service early in his or her physical therapy career.

## 2011

**Tyler Raymond '06, D.O. '11** writes, "Completed my family medicine residency as chief resident at the

Army's largest family medicine residency in Fort Bragg, NC. Received additional training over the summer in aerospace medicine and now serving as a flight surgeon with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade in Fort Lewis, WA."

**Mark S. Umphrey II, D.O.** and his wife, Angee, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Maximiliano, born on April 11, 2015! Also, in June, Dr. Umphrey will be completing his residency in NYC in Family Practice, where he was the chief resident in his final year, and will be moving to the South Shore area of Greater Boston, where he will be joining an office-based group practice.

## 2012

**Megan Germscheid** and **Swapnil Sharma** were married in September 2012. They currently live in VA where Sharma is repaying time to the Navy and Germscheid is completing a residency in family practice.

**Ryan Philbrick** writes, "I am currently serving in the Peace Corps and am teaching English as a university professor in China."

## 2013



**Sadia Hussain, MS.Ed.** writes, "I am married with a wonderful husband for the last 18 years and living in Pakistan currently with three children. I am working diligently to sustain my new education consultancy firm, which I launched immediately after graduating from UNE in 2013. The wonderful UNE experience of MS.Ed. has enabled me to compete in a challenging environment, and I am continuously involved in making a difference in the lives of marginalized children here."

## 2014

**Alexandra Malinowski Pharm.D.** has been promoted to medical science liaison for the northeast region at Synageva BioPharma. In her new role, Dr. Malinowski will be responsible for interacting with thought leaders and other health care providers to advance Synageva's medical and scientific programs. Dr. Malinowski will continue to serve as co-director of the elective UNE College of Pharmacy course Introduction to the Pharmaceutical Industry and Biotechnology, and as co-preceptor of UNE students at Synageva.



IN MEMORIAM

1935

**Elizabeth Chesebro Kingsley**  
Westbrook Junior College  
September 19, 2013

1936

**Phyllis R. Johnson Moore**  
Westbrook Junior College  
November 18, 2014

1937

**Elizabeth Bradford Peterson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 26, 2014

1938

**Celia Galli Mooney**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 12, 2014

1939

**Marjorie Louise Knudsen Spencer**  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 16, 2014

**Maxine Masterman Sait**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 25, 2014

1940

**Anna Wiesenthal Sulkowitch**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 20, 2012

**Mary Catir Clancey**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 14, 2013

**Alice J. Baum Robinson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
June 9, 2013

**Phyllis Schnurle Foreman**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 1, 2014

**Jane Norton Cleary**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 22, 2014

**Florice Baker Hubbard**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 28, 2014

1941

**Charlene Minott Thomas**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 23, 2014

**Barbara Anderson Douglass**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 10, 2014

**Phyllis Goldberg Dorfman**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 11, 2014

**Elizabeth Caldwell Wilson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 15, 2015

**Ruth Lunt Duff**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 7, 2015

**Wilma Parker Redman HON '92, '02**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 7, 2015

**Grace Warner Fox**  
Westbrook Junior College  
September 28, 2013

1942

**Ruth Lemoine Bass**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 4, 2013

**Priscilla Wood Wheelock**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 27, 2014

**Alice Lloyd Turrell**  
Westbrook Junior College  
December 15, 2014

1943

**Marjorie N. Paulson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
May 7, 2015

1944

**Jane Marie Armstrong Haviland**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 20, 2015

1945

**Anne Driscoll McManus**  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 25, 2014

**Janet Brown Coombs**  
Westbrook Junior College  
September 23, 2014

**Jean Farren Thompson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 4, 2014

**Marguerite Lunt Peters**  
Westbrook Junior College  
November 20, 2014

**Joanne Marr**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 21, 2015

**Katherine Roberts Hale Arnold**  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 8, 2015

**Catherine Lewis Beach**  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 28, 2015

**Jane Hendrickson Carr**  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 30, 2015

**Edwaina Hutchinson Tyner**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 14, 2015

1946

**Mary Bishop Hanson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 27, 2014

**Jane Pendexter Swan**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 4, 2014

**Barbara Tubbs Masury**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 19, 2014

**Arlene Wormwood Cooper**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 23, 2014

1947

**Lorelei E. Waite Parker**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 16, 2010

**Eleanor Simmonds Richmond**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 14, 2013

**Mary Ahrendtsen Brostoski**  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 21, 2014

**Joan Gardner Kelly**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 5, 2015

1948

**Pauline Davis Lorfano**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 8, 2014

**Marcia Stanley Milne**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 31, 2014

**Sally Pebbles Shufelt**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 18, 2015

1949

**Norma Jannell McLoughlin**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 12, 2014

**Margaret Gerden Roche**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 6, 2015

1950

**Barbara Thomson Fownes**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 1, 2014

**Jean Curtis Frost**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 11, 2015

1951

**Arlene Prolman Oppenheim**  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 17, 2014

**Earlene Adams Dumais**  
Westbrook Junior College  
September 24, 2014

**Elizabeth Merrifield Ruby**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 1, 2015

1952

**Marcia Balkan Sohmer**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 25, 2014

**Laverne Gustafson Deoss**  
Westbrook Junior College  
November 26, 2014

**Nancy B. Eldridge**  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 8, 2015

**Evelyn W. Lamb**  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 20, 2015

1953

**Jean Denise Rochford**  
Westbrook Junior College  
November 29, 2014

1955

**Charlotte Blake MacDonald**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 8, 2014

**Joan Trombley Blake**  
Westbrook Junior College  
November 1, 2014

1957

**George J. Poulin**  
St. Francis College  
March 9, 2015

**Carol Shute Quigley**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 8, 2011

**Barbara Bessey Hammond**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 30, 2015



1958

**Carol Ann Enos Brunson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 18, 2014

1959

**Donald G. L'Heureux**  
St. Francis College  
November 26, 2014

1960

**Judith Ann Carlson**  
Westbrook Junior College  
January 16, 1996

**Susan Miller Freeman**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 2, 2014

1961

**Arthur Gallant**  
St. Francis College  
April 30, 2015

**Joan Munday Warr**  
Westbrook Junior College  
September, 2014

1962

**Richard G. Hawes**  
St. Francis College  
October 5, 2014

**Barbara Fay Roder**  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 18, 2015

1963

**Rev. Paul Damian Johnston, SOLT**  
St. Francis College  
July 22, 2014

**Michael A. Poulin**  
St. Francis College  
July 22, 2014

**Sharon Roberts Phelps**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 20, 2014

1964

**Arleen Wessels Hardy**  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 5, 2013

1965

**Joseph I. Guiffrida**  
St. Francis College  
September 20, 2013

1967

**Robert J. Tapley**  
St. Francis College  
December 12, 2014

1970

**Kenneth A. Stevens**  
St. Francis College  
February 3, 2012

**William G. Stevens II**  
St. Francis College  
October 4, 2014

**Cathy Farley Delcourt**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 27, 2015

1971

**Sean P. Malloy**  
St. Francis College  
December 2, 2014

**Jane Ann Gould**  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 25, 2014

1974

**Thomas E. Smith**  
St. Francis College  
December 11, 2014

1976

**Mary Zeegers Guiseley**  
Westbrook College  
August 5, 2014

1977

**Austin L. Lawther**  
St. Francis College  
June 27, 2012

1978

**Christopher J. Quinnan**  
St. Francis College  
October 3, 2014

**Carlton O. Ballard**  
Westbrook College  
October 14, 2013

**Pierre Desjardins**  
Westbrook College  
December 25, 2013

**Arthur N. Balcom, Jr.**  
Westbrook College  
July 21, 2014

1979

**Gordon T. Stanhope, Sr.**  
Westbrook College  
October 28, 2014

**Larry DeLorme**  
Westbrook College  
December 19, 2014

1980

**Carmen Beaudoin Rice**  
Westbrook College  
February 11, 2015

1984

**Prudence Sullivan Maloon**  
Westbrook College  
October 30, 2014

**Jane Avery McNeil**  
Westbrook College  
March 1, 2015

1988

**Constance A. Rowley-Colulmbo, D.O.**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
September 30, 2014

1989

**Mary Roberts Dubé**  
Westbrook College  
December 4, 2014

1993

**William O. DeBery II, M.S.W.**  
Westbrook College of  
Health Professions  
October 10, 2014

1994

**John J. Kazalski, D.O.**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
March 6, 2015

1995

**Randall D. Lavigne**  
University of New England  
November 15, 2014

1997

**James A. Bernier**  
Westbrook College  
April 30, 2015

**Marc S. Quirion**  
Westbrook College of  
Health Professions  
March 16, 2015

1999

**Barbara Ann Mangiaficio Gordon, M.S.W.**  
Westbrook College of  
Health Professions  
December 17, 2014

2000

**Emily Scott Shandorff, M.S.W.**  
Westbrook College of  
Health Professions  
December 16, 2014

2004

**Sean A. Beaudet**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
March 14, 2015

2010

**Gregory K. McCoy, D.O.**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
January 5, 2015

FRIENDS

**William J. Carney**  
April 1, 2015

**Peter Daoutakos Danton**  
March 16, 2015

**John D. Daugherty**  
April 6, 2015

**Thomas A. DiSilva**  
April 7, 2015

**John G. Goulding, D.O.**  
February 16, 2015

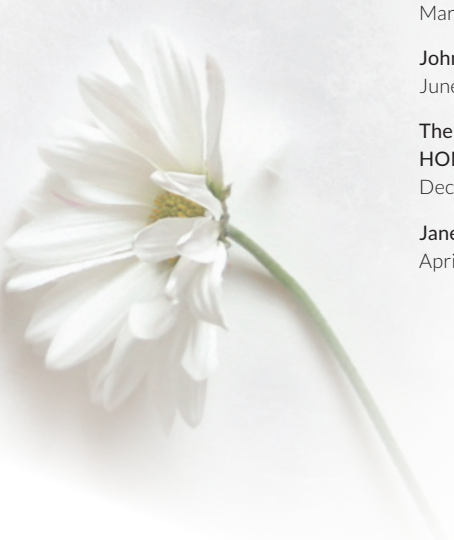
**James B. Hanley, D.M.D.**  
May 26, 2015

**Georgia Merriman Hindley**  
March 7, 2015

**John G. Kittredge**  
June 11, 2013

**The Honorable Vincent L. McKusick, HON '08**  
December 3, 2014

**Jane McLane Smith Moody**  
April 24, 2015





# Remembering WILMA PARKER REDMAN

BY AMY HAILE



For more than 75 years, beginning when she enrolled at Westbrook Junior College in the fall of 1939, Wilma Parker Redman '41 was a leader, an advocate for and a loyal friend to the University of New England. Wilma passed away on April 7, 2015.

“Wilma was a treasure, a big sister to everyone on campus, a charmer in every sense of the word,” says Joan Fowler Hughes '42. “WJC benefitted immensely from her input in so many ways.”

After graduating from Westbrook Junior College with an Associate of Arts degree, Wilma continued her education at Connecticut College from which she graduated in 1943. She married Charles W. Redman Jr. in 1945 and with their two sons moved back to Portland from Massachusetts in 1956. Charlie passed away in 2012.

Wilma was dedicated to the betterment of greater Portland through cultural institutions, such as the Portland Symphony Orchestra and Portland Stage Company. To Westbrook College and UNE she was a committed alumna, who supported the efforts of the Alumni Association by serving as class officer, participating in Reunion and other events and helping with fundraising efforts. She was awarded both the Alumni Service Award and the Tower Award of Alumni Achievement. As a member of the Board of Trustees from 1967

to 1991, when she was named a Trustee Emerita, and as chair of the board from 1978 to 1981, Wilma was a key partner to several presidents of Westbrook College and UNE. As a measure of the respect and value she brought to both Westbrook and UNE, Wilma was the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Letters from both institutions in 1992 and 2002 respectively.

Wilma didn't just “serve” on boards or committees — she acted. She made phone calls, wrote letters, had lunches and meetings, and made connections. As a member of the Deborah Morton Society, Wilma was an active member of the committee, recruiting other women leaders of Maine to be recognized for and connected through their accomplishments.

Bill Chance, vice president for Institutional Advancement, said, “I remember reading some essay on social networks years ago which stated that at the heart of any well-knit community there are one or two key individuals who help make connections among different groups and individuals, tying them together in ways that strengthen. I immediately thought of Wilma, who seemed to know everyone and whom everyone knew — no matter what circles one might happen to be in. Long before the internet, there was the Wilma Wide Web.”

As a member of two of the most recent fund-raising campaigns for the University, chair of the Campaign for Westbrook, and a longstanding member of the President's Circle fundraising committee, Wilma made the most of these connections to support the students of Westbrook and UNE. She was also passionate about the arts at Westbrook and UNE, including the Art Gallery and Maine Women Writers Collection.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS  
Seated (left to right): ISABELLE GINN, WILMA PARKER, ANNE ROWSE,  
Standing: CAROLYN KIDDER, BARBARA THOMAS.

CAPTIONS  
Left page: Wilma Parker Redman  
Clockwise starting from bottom left: (Left to Right) Wilma Parker Redman '41 and husband Charlie Redman join Wilma's sisters Eleanor Parker Merrill HA'93, and Louise Parker James '43 at Parker Pavilion; Wilma's senior photo from the 1941 Tower yearbook; (Left to Right) Louise, Wilma and Eleanor at the 2005 Deborah Morton Society luncheon; Betty Honan '41 (on left) and Wilma chat during a Reunion gathering; Wilma (seated, center) with other senior class officers from the 1941 Tower yearbook.



UNE PORTRAIT

PIECING TOGETHER THE PUZZLE... WITH KATIE GILBERT

BY JOSH PAHIGIAN



For as long as she can remember, UNE marine sciences alumna Katie Gilbert ’15 has loved building puzzles. The process of starting with so many disparate pieces and turning them into something whole and meaningful has always entranced her.

As a four-year-old, she spent hours piecing together a giant floor puzzle of Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*. She built it over and over again. Before long, she had graduated to more complex designs, tackling intricate jigsaws of the New York City skyline and Paris landscape. Eventually, her hobby dovetailed with another burgeoning passion of hers as she began building vivid depictions of tropical beaches and underwater scenes.

You see, the western Massachusetts native’s other most cherished childhood recollections involve family trips to the beaches of Cape Cod and southern Maine, where she would wade through tide pools exploring the creatures they held.

“I loved going into the water to find crabs and hermit crabs,” Gilbert explains. “Around the fifth or sixth grade, I remember thinking I would like to steer that way as a career. I’ve always had this love of and curiosity for the ocean.”

Gilbert decided to attend UNE after falling in love with its beautiful coastal setting during a

campus tour. She immersed herself in work at the Marine Science Center, becoming a research assistant in Associate Professor Kathryn Ono’s marine mammal lab. That position led Gilbert to her most ambitious puzzle yet.

After Ono showed her a box of unmarked, unorganized grey seal bones that had once belonged to an adult male, Gilbert decided to devote her senior year to reassembling the skeleton.

First, she bleached the bones to remove the remnants of skin and tissue. Next, she labeled each bone with the animal’s ID number. Then, she began putting together the puzzle. Identifying each bone and placing it in its proper position on a lab table took nearly a month.

“The layout of the skeleton really was like a giant jigsaw puzzle,” Gilbert explains. “Every bone has its exact place, but a lot of bones are very similar to others, like the ribs and vertebrae. Determining which pieces go where is a very fine process.”

Eventually, this stage of the project led Gilbert to a startling and unwelcomed revelation: one of the puzzle pieces — the left patella — was missing.

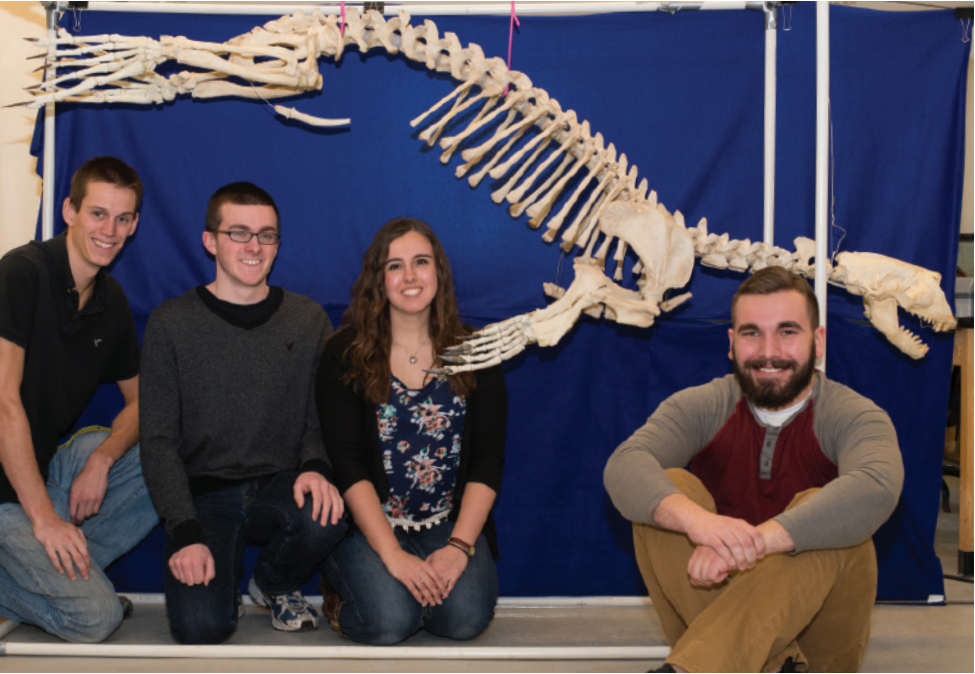
Undeterred, Gilbert and Ono sought out UNE Simulation and Technology Specialist Michael

Vickery, whose expertise includes using UNE’s 3-D printer. Vickery photographed the seal’s right patella, created a digitized mirror image, and then printed it. In less than a week, Gilbert had a plastic left patella, which she painted to match the rest of the bones.

With all of the pieces in place, Gilbert began articulating and reconstructing the skeleton.

“I had to drill through each bone and put a wire through it,” Gilbert recalls. “It was a very slow and tedious process because I didn’t want to break any of them. They’re very fragile. The smallest are the little finger and knuckle bones within the flippers. Then, you have huge vertebrae... but even those aren’t easy to drill through because you need to build up using [progressively] larger drill bits so you don’t crack them.”

Completed with the help of fellow marine sciences students Thomas McManus ’15, Matthew Sheehan ’15, and Brenton Murphy ’18 in the spring, the skeleton now hangs beside the skeleton of an Atlantic white-sided dolphin at the Marine Science Center. The pair will allow future UNE students to compare the differences and similarities of two marine mammal species — cetaceans (whales and dolphins) and pinnipeds (seals, walruses and sea lions) — so they can better understand their adaptations and features.



“I think it’s wonderful that I can help expand future students’ knowledge and skills by giving them something physical to look at rather than just a picture in a book,” Gilbert says.

Having graduated this spring, Gilbert plans to take a gap year before pursuing a graduate degree in marine sciences. She doesn’t know whether she will ultimately spend her life working in a research lab, in the field or at an aquarium. Wherever she lands, there can be little doubt that as life’s opportunities arise, Katie Gilbert will get to work on another masterpiece.



CAPTIONS  
Left page: Katie Gilbert  
Top to bottom: Katie Gilbert and her team pose with the completed seal skeleton: (from left to right) Thomas McManus, Matt Sheehan, Gilbert and Brenton Murphy; Gilbert reassembles the vertebrae.



More than 200 guests who made leadership or legacy gifts to UNE were celebrated at the annual President's Gala.

The menu, designed by guest chef Barton Seaver, focused on sustainably harvested and locally grown ingredients, including smoked steelhead trout raised in UNE's Marine Science Center.

Guest speaker David Shaw, founder of IDEXX Laboratories and founding chair of the Sargasso Sea Alliance, described the importance of conserving deep sea habitats and praised UNE's expanding marine science programs.

UNE President Danielle Ripich thanked guests and shared a video featuring three gifts in support of the UNE Moving Forward Campaign: Trustee Sandi Goolden's gift to fund UNE's first entrepreneurship contest, Art and Fran Girard's donation of Ram Island and the gift of an endowed scholarship from Eleanor '49 and Dick Morrell HA'96.







CAPTIONS:

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UNE President Danielle Ripich with guest chef Barton Seaver

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*Background image:* President Ripich poses with student guests in the Ketchum Library Art Gallery. *Bottom images from left to right:* Bob Taylor and Trustee Cynthia Milliken Taylor with former Trustees Dan D'Entremont and Brian Dallaire; Guests enjoy the reception in the Ketchum Library Art Gallery; Senior Advisor to the President John Tumiel chats with Trustee David Barber and Dorie Barber.

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*Background image:* Art and Fran Girard, who gifted Ram Island to UNE. *Bottom images from left to right:* Eleanor Manning Morrell '49 and Dick Morrell HA'96 talk with Joan Sandell; Debbie Lamb and Joe Valenza '68 with the whale — drawn by UNE students — that appeared on the Gala invitation; President Ripich with Greg Powell (left), chair of the Harold Alfond Foundation, and David Shaw (right), founding chair of the Sargasso Sea Alliance.

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Guest speaker David Shaw

