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# HAPPY IN MOROCCO



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UNE TANGIER CAMPUS  
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CLASS WITH  
WOMEN WEARING  
TRADITIONAL  
MOROCCAN CAFTANS.

*On the back cover:*  
JANUARY, YES JANUARY,  
ON THE BEACH  
IN MOROCCO. OF  
COURSE STUDENTS  
FROM MAINE ARE  
HAPPY IN TANGIER!  
MARINA DOW,  
HANNAH CUTTING,  
ELIZABETH GROUT,  
KACIE HORSTMAN.



## **HAPPY STUDENTS**

Students participating in a semester in Tangier have the opportunity to explore several other cities in Morocco. Here high above the ancient city of Fez are students Marianne Weber, Ryan Kelley, Hannah Cutting, Kendra Skelton, Nathan Duchesne, Samantha Shannon and Taylor Cyr.



## A UNIVERSITY ON THE MOVE

As our students arrive for Fall classes at the end of another beautiful Maine summer, I pause to reflect on all we have accomplished together in 2014 at the University of New England.

It has been a year of firsts and new beginnings.

We welcomed UNE students to our Morocco Campus and celebrated the historic occasion with all the pomp and circumstance it deserved. Dignitaries from Maine to Morocco attended and our students shone, as they always do. The photos and story inside by Vice President for Global Affairs Anouar Majid provide a front-row seat to all the excitement.

We awarded the highest number of degrees ever in 2013-14, and our students are entering the work force and graduate school well-prepared to not only contribute, but lead in their chosen professions. They are reaping the rewards of the value of a UNE degree, which Payscale.com designates as the number-one return on investment of all higher education institutions in Maine.

UNE's inaugural class of College of Dental Medicine students completed their first year and the Oral Health Center opened its doors to patients. UNE dental faculty have already begun serving patients in our community, providing comprehensive care at reasonable cost. Students will do the same under their expert supervision as soon as January 2015. Our mission of serving the community with high-quality dental care is already well under way.

Our faculty continue to innovate in research and scholarship to the benefit of our students, who have enjoyed countless hands-on opportunities to work and learn alongside them in the lab, the field and the classroom.

2014 has been quite a year—and it isn't over yet.



DANIELLE N. RIPICH, PH.D. | PRESIDENT







We hope you enjoy our Happy in Morocco and Maine issue.

For more information about UNE, please check out our web site at [www.une.edu](http://www.une.edu).



UNE students and faculty enter the imperial city of Meknes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is surrounded by gated ramparts built by Sultan Moulay Ismail (1672-1727).



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Night falls in Tetouan and the colorful arches  
of the medina beckon travelers into its labyrinth.



# Happy in MOROCCO

*and Maine* BY ANOUAR MAJID,  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS





On April 22, 2014, with a clear blue sky smiling brightly on Tangier, a city known in Morocco as the Bride of the North, University of New England trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students, dressed in suits and colorful kaftans, hosted a number of distinguished guests to celebrate the dedication of UNE's newest campus. Built primarily for UNE students seeking to broaden their cultural horizons and eager to prepare themselves for our intensely globalized and competitive world, the campus is an innovative study-away site designed for all academic disciplines, including the sciences and health professions. Built in a record time of eight months, the campus already boasts state-of-the-art labs in organic chemistry, biology and physics, the most beautiful and sophisticated auditorium in Tangier, comfortable rooms for students, and a superbly equipped cafeteria. The food—to the inaugural class of students who sampled it in Spring 2014—is unlike anything they had experienced before. Even Moroccan connoisseurs were impressed by the quality of the cuisine.

This architecturally exquisite campus is built on one of the few green spots left in downtown Tangier, sharing rare space with the historic American School of Tangier. Across the street is the large Spanish compound that houses the Spanish consulate, Spain's K-12 school system, and Tangier's legendary Spanish hospital. To build such a campus was a daring undertaking, true to the entrepreneurial spirit that has defined UNE since its inception. We are not only making a major difference in our home state in Maine, but we are also beginning to make an impact around the world.

That's why our campus dedication was attended by a host of

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—Anouar Majid, Vice President for Global Affairs

U.S. ambassador to Morocco Dwight Bush Jr. delivers dedication remarks.



Left: Ribbon-cutting ceremony during campus dedication.







University of New England Provost James Koelbl welcomes dignitaries and guests.

dignitaries from the United States and Morocco, as well as representatives of American, Spanish and Moroccan universities and cultural organizations. They all knew that history was being made that day.

After brief welcoming remarks from UNE Provost James Koelbl, the internationally renowned pianist Marouan Benabdallah, who flew from Europe, led our students in singing the national anthems of the United States and Morocco. They performed the latter in almost flawless Arabic, leaving some Moroccans in the audience teary-eyed.

We were, of course, honored by Maine Governor Paul LePage's presence. To have a governor, along with one of his senior staff members and two security agents, make the trip all the way from Augusta to Tangier is no small feat. A public supporter of UNE's can-do attitude, the governor made his promise early (September 2013) and never wavered in his commitment. He didn't need a lot of persuading since LePage is a huge admirer of UNE President Danielle Ripich and knows all too well the contributions of our private institution to Maine's economy and the health of its citizens. The governor knew that a Maine institution was taking a bold step by going global in such an original and creative way, and was determined to show his support. He also knows that Maine



Anouar Majid, vice president for global affairs, greets U.S. ambassador to Morocco, Dwight Bush, Jr., before the dedication ceremony.





UNE and Moroccan students sing the national anthems of Morocco and the United States.





Above: Maine Governor Paul LePage presents U.S. ambassador to Morocco Dwight Bush Jr. with a gift from Maine.

Below: Trustee David Anderson and Board of Trustees Chair Mark Doiron with UNE student Elizabeth Groul.



needs to reach beyond national borders for business opportunities that are critical to the state's welfare, and used the occasion of the dedication to explore opportunities in Tangier, which is going through an economic boom.

The governor was welcomed with pomp and circumstance. A motorcade escorted him everywhere he went, stopping traffic in a city of more than a million inhabitants to make sure he traveled unhindered. A special unit of Morocco's security services was dispatched from the capital to guarantee his safety. He was given a tour of the old city (Medina) and of the American Legation, the first U.S. property in a foreign country to be designated a National Historic Landmark. He was hosted by Mehdi Tazi-Riffi, the dynamic director of the award-winning Tangier Free Zone, toured the site of an American company, the largest plant of Renault-Nissan in Africa, and explored the Tanger-Med, one of the biggest cargo ports of the Mediterranean and Africa.

Morocco certainly kept LePage busy. By the time he arrived at UNE's Tangier Campus, he was already inspired. He opened his speech in his native French, thereby reminding the audience in

attendance that Maine has a strong Francophone heritage. He praised UNE's pioneering group of students who signed up for the inaugural semester and told them that he was jealous of their opportunity. And he told Moroccans how impressed he was by the economic and industrial projects he had been introduced to the day before. There was no doubt that Governor LePage was a good ambassador for the state of Maine.

The newly appointed U.S. ambassador to Morocco, Dwight Bush Jr., in one of his first activities in the country, reminded those in attendance of the special history that binds Morocco and the United States, the former nation being the first one to acknowledge the fledgling republic as its own independent state. Ambassador Bush had already toured the American Legation, a gift of Morocco to the United States in the early 19th century, and was well aware of the people and events that played a role in consolidating this relationship. Morocco supported the Union during the Civil War and was a steadfast ally of the West during World War II. For Ambassador Bush, UNE's new campus in Tangier was yet another important chapter in American-Moroccan



relations. Like Governor LePage, he expressed his jealousy of the 23 students who volunteered to pioneer the program and thanked UNE's trustees, president and administration, as well as the Moroccan officials who helped bring the project into existence.

UNE Board of Trustees Chair Mark Doiron acknowledged the students and their courage, the guests in attendance, including the co-chair of the board of the American School of Tangier, and then introduced President Danielle Ripich, whose leadership in this and other projects related to the growth of the University is already legendary. Upon the mention of her name, Governor LePage stood up with a hearty applause and was followed by everyone else. It was a moving moment, one that reflected well on our institution. At moments like these, members of the UNE community know that they couldn't have better representation. The faces of UNE folks and friends were beaming with pride.

And they had every reason to be. When President Ripich walked to the podium, there was a glitch in the audio system, but she gracefully turned the challenge into an occasion to display UNE ingenuity and humor, resorting to her own unmediated voice to keep everyone listening.

As is typical of her presentations, President Ripich kept the audience energized by her vision, thanking and applauding the students, trustees, faculty and many official guests by name, including those that were hard to pronounce. She acknowledged all the people who played a role in making the newest UNE campus become reality.

One could easily see why her leadership had been so decisive. Everyone felt positive and excited by UNE's project in Morocco. To explain why, exactly, she chose Morocco to build UNE's first global site, she screened a video made by UNE's film producer, Dan Lambert, appropriately titled "The Road to Morocco."

The video was a reminder that the history of institutions is also the history of people. UNE first explored the possibility of this project more than 10 years ago, but circumstances were not right then. It was only when Dr. Ripich assumed the helm of the presidency and a post was created for an associate provost of global initiatives that the University started thinking about implementing the idea. Lambert's video



UNE student Morgan Hill is interviewed during the dedication ceremony.





## AL-HALQA

In the tradition of Moroccan storytelling, students tell the tale of their first impressions of Tangier to the delight of those attending the dedication ceremony. Left to Right: Brittney Lashier; Morgan Hill, Iliana Flefel (standing), Marianne Weber; Josh Powers, Russia Hassan, Haleigh Parker; Jennifer Dinwiddie.





Mourad Benkirane, Tangier Campus Manager, with UNE Trustee Cynthia J. Milliken Taylor.

portrays this writer as a Zorba-like figure, trying to persuade his prudent boss to go along with his “crazy plan.” In the film, Zorba’s construction plan for a mine comes crashing down, but our steel-and-cement campus stands like a cathedral or pyramid, a monument for ages to come. At UNE, we have daring visions, but our initiatives are always tested by the cold eye of reality. We embrace innovation only if it strengthens our University and enhances our reputation.

As we predicted, our Tangier Campus got the international media’s attention almost immediately. The dedication was covered on Morocco’s first

TV channel and by several world news organizations that deal with higher education. They noted that ours is the first American campus in Morocco and that our model—building science labs for our science and health science majors—is rather unique. We avoided the trap many American universities fall into when they go abroad. We built the campus first and foremost for our students because we want the UNE degree to reflect the fact that we take globalization seriously.

Following the screening of the video and brief remarks by the vice president for global affairs, the stage was open for a theatrical performance by our students on their experiences in Morocco. Wearing Moroccan costumes, they used the art of storytelling—known as *hilqa* in Morocco—to describe their encounters with Moroccans and experiences in Moroccan society. Even though our audio system was not prepared to transmit their words live online, people in the audience could hear every word clearly, and they were thoroughly entertained. At that very moment, our students showed the advantages of global exposure and the willingness to honor another cultural tradition, which is the hallmark of any genuine international education. We could only applaud and say *bravo*.



Bartering for jewelry in Fez is UNE student Haleigh Parker.



Top: Special Advisor to the President John Tumiel and Tangier Campus Manager Mourad Benkirane.  
Bottom: President Ripich and Tangier Governor Mohamed Yacoubi.  
Background: Sunset in Fez.





Dressed in traditional Moroccan caftans, Samantha Shannon, Britta Brown, daughter of Professor Stine Brown, Hannah Cutting, and Kendra Skelton greet U.S. ambassador Dwight Bush Jr. during the dedication ceremony.



**AT UNE** WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE HAPPY.



UNE trustees and guests take a photo at a reception following the campus dedication ceremony.



Nathan Duchesne in front of residence hall.





And so a great day ended with a dance. Our pioneering students, with President Ripich in the lead, danced to Pharrell Williams' *Happy* song, moving from place to place on campus, to express their happiness in Tangier, until some students pushed each other and all jumped into the pool still wearing their clothes.

This happy moment turned out to be too infectious not to repeat the following month at the 2014 graduation ceremony in Portland's Civic Center. In the presence of a packed arena, the president once again led the way in dance after our graduates received their degrees.

At UNE, we certainly have every reason to be happy. ●

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There are a thousand and one reasons to explore Tangier on foot. The winding cobblestone alleyways, gateways and doorways of the medina, or old city, cry out to be explored and photographed. Taylor Prue, Hannah Cutting, Nathan Duchesne, Morgan Hill, Kacie Horstman, and Megan Perry couldn't resist this doorway in the kasbah, the old fortress of Tangier.



Assistant Vice President for Planning Alan Thibeault greets arriving students, faculty and staff to the Tangier Campus.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## BEN SLOCUM'S HUNGER TO HELP OTHERS

BY JENNIE ARANOVITCH

Medical students refer to the summer between their first and second years of medical school as “the last summer.”

“It’s the last summer vacation you have before preparing for board exams, before the real craziness begins,” explained Ben Slocum, a third-year medical student in UNE’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, who, at present, is newly entrenched in his rotations at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

While some medical students may choose to spend their “last summer” enjoying some well-earned downtime, Slocum, who has a deep interest in community health, tenaciously sought out a public health project. The result—a cooking guide aimed at teaching others how to stretch their grocery dollars while keeping meals healthy and easy to prepare. *30 Days on \$200—A Cooking Guide for Good and Healthy Eating on a Budget* was

conceived when Slocum met with Vicky Edgerly, the director of Health and Human Services for the City of Biddeford. Edgerly was receptive to Slocum’s desire to help. When he inquired about Biddeford’s biggest health problem, he was surprised to learn that hunger is one of the most pressing issues Biddeford residents face.

Slocum interviewed several managers of local food pantries and soup kitchens, who all reported the same dilemma: low-income residents’ food assistance funds were not lasting them through the month. Based on his conversations with Edgerly and pantry managers, Slocum suspected that the root cause of the problem was a lack of public education on how to best utilize the resources available—both the financial assistance and the pantry donations.

“Getting free food at a pantry isn’t all that helpful if you don’t know how to prepare it,” said Slocum, who



recalled the story of a woman who asked how to prepare the green beans that were being offered at a pantry. “When the pantry worker told her that she could steam them, she asked if she should do that with a clothes iron,” he said.

Slocum sought to learn whether the standard amount of money allotted per person in state food assistance—\$200 a month—could provide a full month’s worth of nutritious meals. He found that it was, indeed, possible. “It’s not easy,” he said. “But the key is organization.” With simple-to-read, image-based instruction, the book teaches the basics of how to budget, plan meals, make shopping lists and prepare food. It assumes no prior cooking experience, and while anyone can benefit from the book regardless of their income level, it makes a particular effort to demonstrate the preparation of foods commonly available at food pantries.

When Edgerly informed Biddeford Mayor Alan Casavant of Slocum’s project, he quickly got on board. “I acted as a facilitator of sorts, linking Ben’s efforts with the support of the city,” Casavant explained. One of Casavant’s primary goals was to find a sponsor for the cooking guide.

Casavant approached the manager of Biddeford’s Hannaford supermarket, Barrett Johnson, who shared the story of Slocum’s project with the chain’s headquarters in Scarborough. Hannaford agreed to publish and distribute copies of the book throughout New England, wherever Hannaford has a presence. Hannaford spokesperson Eric Blom stated, “Ben’s resource guide excited us because it is such a good fit with our commitment to help people make healthy food choices and with our longstanding effort to provide local people who are at risk of going hungry with access to the nutritious food they need.”

The cooking guide will become available in September, which, fittingly, is Hunger Awareness Month. According to Blom, Hannaford will print several thousand copies. He noted that “these books will be donated to organizations that work with low-income individuals, distributed by registered dietitians at Hannaford stores across the Northeast, and provided to others who can help get them to people in our communities who are struggling to make ends meet.” The guide will also be viewable in pdf form on the City of Biddeford’s website: [www.biddefordmaine.org](http://www.biddefordmaine.org).

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—Eric Blom, Hannaford spokesperson

## UNE'S VOLUNTEERISM

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—Biddeford Mayor Alan Casavant,  
describing UNE medical student Ben Slocum

It is not just Hannaford that has recognized Slocum's efforts to make a difference in the lives of those struggling with the issue of food insecurity. Two days before he was to take his medical board exam, Slocum was unexpectedly asked by Casavant to attend a Biddeford City Council meeting. To his surprise, representatives from Hannaford were present, as was Vicky Edgerly. The first item on the agenda was to honor Slocum for his work by naming him the recipient of the first City of Biddeford—University of New England Volunteer of the Year Award.

Casavant said that he had been aware for years that UNE students volunteered in a number of ways in Biddeford. But it wasn't until he became mayor that he learned the full scope of UNE's volunteerism. In fact, UNE students volunteer more than 10,000 hours of community service each year to more than 150 community agencies, organizations and schools. Casavant said he “decided that it would be appropriate to develop an award, specifically for a UNE student volunteer, in order to demonstrate the city's appreciation for that student's efforts.”

“I chose Ben as the first recipient,” he stated, “because I was so floored by all he did in that project. Thinking of his medical

background and his care for people, I kept thinking through the entire process that he exemplified everything that I would want to see in a doctor...I continue to be so impressed by his character and his commitment.”

The award is not the only major honor Slocum has received. He was also granted a scholarship through the Doctors for Maine's Future program, which was established in 2009 to address Maine's acute shortage of primary care physicians and the high cost of medical education. The scholarship provides up to \$25,000 annually to eligible Maine medical students.

Slocum is incredibly appreciative of receiving the scholarship, and cited many reasons why he would consider practicing in Maine after receiving his degree. “I grew up in Maine,” he said. “I really like the people and the sense of community, and in Maine, as well as in a number of areas in New England, there are real health needs that have to be met.”

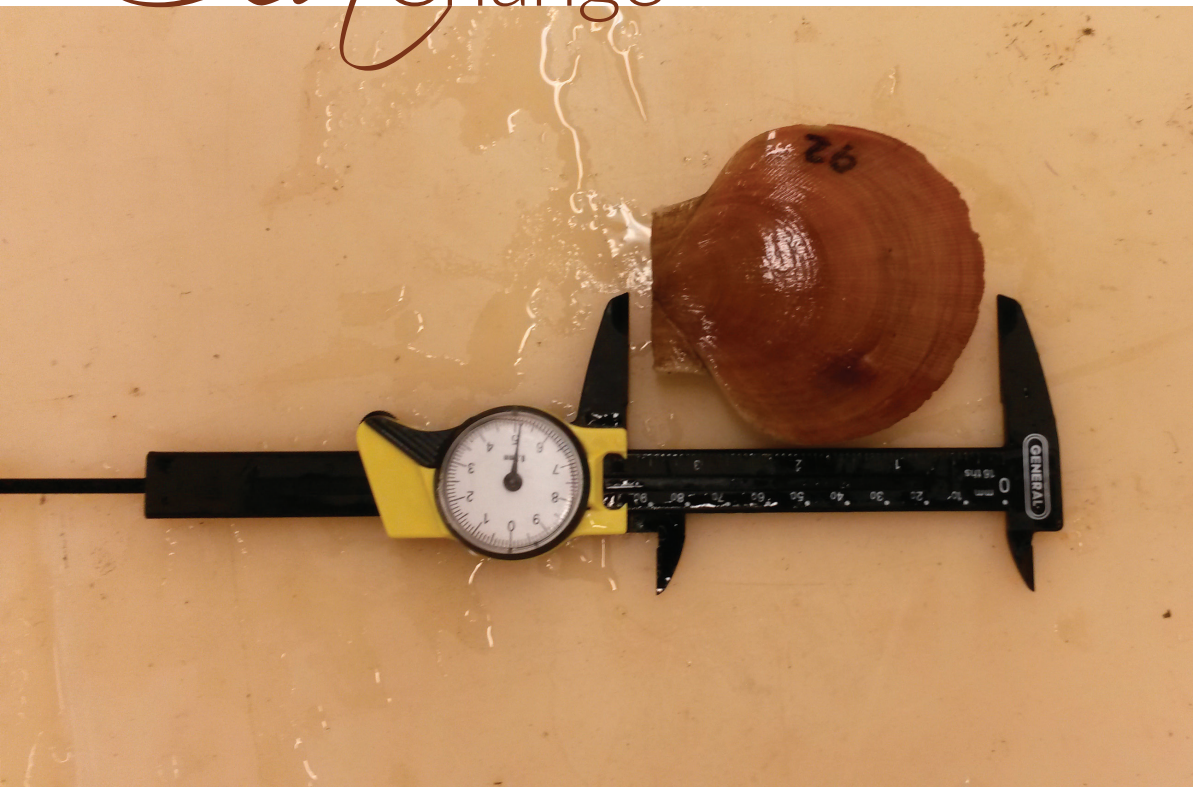
By dedicating his “last summer” to creating the cooking guide, Slocum has already begun addressing those needs.

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# SeaChange

**SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH AWARDS, PARTNERSHIPS AND NEW MAJORS  
PREPARE FUTURE COASTAL LEADERS** BY KATHLEEN TAGGERSELL



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Barry A. Costa-Pierce, Ph.D. FAAAS, Henry L. & Grace Doherty Professor and Chair of Marine Sciences at UNE, says, "We have expanded our marine science programs to prepare UNE students to enter innovative careers in this 'ocean century,' and ongoing, high-profile, collaborative research by UNE marine science faculty and students continues to make a huge impact on marine economy and policy."

UNE's new majors include Ocean Studies and Marine Affairs; an interdepartmental, interdisciplinary major in Aquaculture and Aquarium Sciences, which is a joint program with the Biology Department; MARMAT, a double major in Marine Sciences and Applied Mathematics; and a 4+1 B.S./M.S. degree in Marine Sciences. Other innovative majors and joint programs are also under development and will be announced in the coming months.

The Marine Sciences Department has embarked upon a new strategic priority called the SEAFISH program (The Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture

And Fisheries Program) that focuses on developing Maine, New England, and global sustainable aquaculture and fishing systems and practices via a newly established "research incubator" at the UNE Marine Science Center.

Two recently announced research awards will provide experiential learning opportunities in these areas.

Marine Sciences Professor James Sulikowski, Ph.D., and two co-investigators were recently awarded a \$1.6 million National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant to study incidental mortality of Atlantic sea scallops, the nation's highest-valued single species commercial fishery.

The grant awards the funding for UNE and its partners to study "Discard Mortality of Sea Scallops Following Capture and Handling in the Sea Scallop Dredge Fishery." Principal investigators on the project are Sulikowski together with John Mandelman, Ph.D., from the New England Aquarium, and David Rudders, Ph.D., of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, who is the lead scientist on the project. The researchers will investigate the rate of incidental mortality of sea scallops exposed to commercial dredging.



Ten undergraduate and two graduate UNE students will also actively participate in the research.

In 2013, NOAA Fisheries instituted several measures aimed at protecting young scallops and maximizing future harvest potential, including reduced catch quotas. Since 2007, Maine fishermen and the Department of Marine Resources have worked together to rebuild Maine's scallop resource, and in 2013 the value of the fishery was the highest in 15 years, at more than \$5 million; landings alone were 424,547 meat pounds, the highest in 13 years.

Sea scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*) management efforts over the past 20 years have encouraged the harvest of larger animals through gear modifications, effort controls, crew size limitations and spatial management to protect juvenile scallops.



While these measures have been effective in reducing the harvest of small scallops, their capture still occurs.

The sea scallop fishery is the most valuable single species fishery along the East Coast, valued at more than \$558 million. Estimates of discard mortality have wide-ranging implications, starting with assumptions in the stock assessment models that ultimately manifest themselves in the manner by which the fishery is managed. Understanding this complicated process is essential to characterizing the impact that the fishery has on the resource.

Sulikowski says, "The findings from this study will contribute to better management of this incredibly valuable resource, and help invigorate the scallop fishery here in Maine. We are also pleased to offer unique and significant hands-on research opportunities to our students, better preparing them for successful and meaningful careers in the marine sciences."

Also just announced is a \$20 million National Science Foundation EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) grant to establish the Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture Network (SEANET) program, in partnership with the University of Maine and other institutions in Maine.

SEANET's goal is to help create more sustainable coastal communities and ecosystems through a deeper understanding of how these systems interact with and influence each other. This multi-institutional, public-private partnership will use Maine's 3,500-mile coastline as a living laboratory to study physical oceanography, biophysical, biogeochemical, socio-economic and policy interactions that have local, bioregional, national and global implications.

The grant partners have world-class expertise in marine sciences, climate change, social sciences and engineering, and will collaborate with other stakeholders on SEANET's research, education, workforce development and economic development activities.

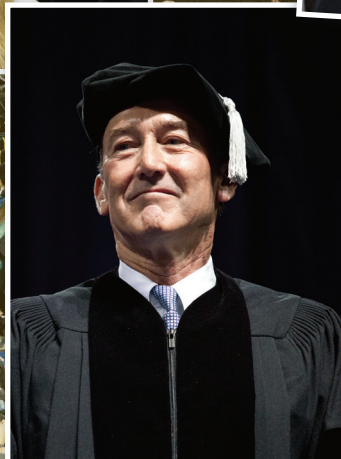
UNE President Danielle Ripich said, "UNE is committed to building research and programs to support the marine economy of Maine. This public-private partnership brings two great institutions together to improve our coastal enterprises. Together with all the partners, we can do good things for Maine."

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Left and above: UNE Marine Science students engage in hands-on research experiences.





The University of New England conferred 1,374 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at its 179th Commencement ceremony held at the Cumberland County Civic Center on May 17th, 2014.

Students were awarded degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences, Westbrook College of Health Professions, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and College of Pharmacy. Each college

recognized its own student achievements at pinning and hooding ceremonies throughout the week.

Gregory W. Powell, chief executive officer and president of Dexter Enterprises, Inc. and chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation, the largest charitable foundation in Maine, was the Commencement speaker. Powell was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the ceremony.



# COMMENCEMENT 2014





## UNE Named Best Return on Investment in Maine

Payscale.com, a national firm providing data and insights about salary and careers, has rated the University of New England first in return on investment (ROI) among all colleges and universities in Maine.

The 2014 Payscale College ROI report includes both public and private institutions, which it evaluates on the basis of the 20-year return on investment graduates receive.

Nationally, UNE placed No. 188 of 1,310 schools ranked, placing it in the top 15 percent of public and private higher education institutions in the country.

Last fall, Payscale.com listed UNE as second in the nation for alumni reporting high job-meaning.

A recent survey of the UNE Class of 2013, conducted six months after graduation, confirmed that 89 percent of UNE graduate respondents were either employed in their field or had been accepted into graduate school (6 percent were awaiting graduate school admission).



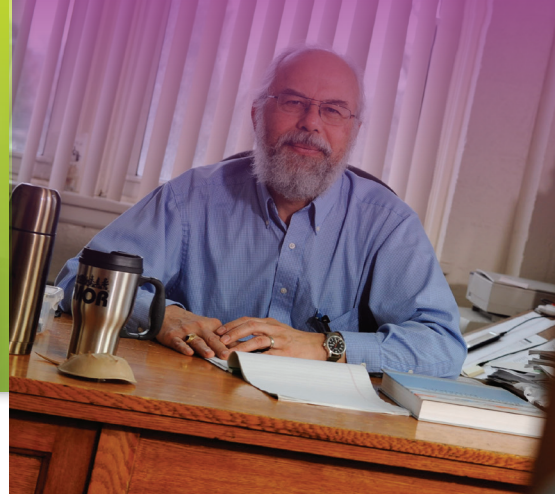
## Marine Scientist Stephan Zeeman Receives Fulbright Award

Stephan Zeeman, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Marine Sciences, has been awarded a 2014-15 Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Zeeman received the prestigious award to teach at Universitas Diponegoro (UNDIP) in Semarang, Indonesia, focusing on his expertise in marine science as well as remote sensing and geographic information systems.

UNDIP offers programs in fisheries and marine science, including a marine lab at Awur Bay Marine Station in Jepara, about 70 kilometers from campus. UNDIP's focus on coastal area development as well as academic and policy research aligns with UNE's strengths in marine sciences and newly launched programs in ocean studies and marine affairs.

"This will be a great opportunity to share mutual interests and expertise with my counterparts in a very important region known for its more than 18,000 islands and maritime traditions that date back a half a million years or more," Zeeman said.



UNE Professor Stephan Zeeman.



## UNE Hosts Entrepreneur and Best-Selling Author Eli Pariser



*Eli Pariser with UNE students.*

*Innovation: Can Technology Change the World?"*

Pariser's book is the subject of a TED talk that has been viewed more than two million times and called one of the top talks of the year by TED curator Chris Anderson. An online organizer, Pariser is co-founder of Upworthy, a startup focused on making "content that matters" go viral. During his time at MoveOn.org, from 2001 to 2008, the organization grew ten-fold and collected nearly \$120 million in small donations.

Pariser, a native of Lincolnville, Maine, also helped start Avaaz.org, a global online movement with more than 24 million members in every country on earth, and has served on the boards of the Open Society Foundations' U.S. Programs, the New Organizing Institute, Avaaz, MoveOn, Access and a number of other organizations.

Pariser met with UNE Business students to discuss his book and offer other insights, and dozens of them attended his talk, which was relevant to one of the two newest concentrations now offered in the department—sustainable entrepreneurship. Beginning in their junior year, business majors may select one of six concentrations, including sustainable entrepreneurship, international business, management, marketing, economics, and health sector management—the second new focus offered in the department.

The 7th Annual Paul D. Merrill Business Ethics Lecture, hosted by UNE's Department of Business, featured Eli Pariser, co-founder of the viral news website Upworthy, and author of *The Filter Bubble: What the Internet is Hiding From You*—a New York Times bestseller. His lecture focused on "Mission Driven

## UNE Selected to Participate in Bill and Melinda Gates Education Initiative

UNE was chosen as one of only nine institutions nationwide to participate in the 2014 Breakthrough Models Incubator, held in Washington, D.C., July 22-25.

The Next Generation Learning Challenges initiative is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It aims to improve the learning experiences available to U.S. students through the development of high-quality, low-cost models of education delivery.

Each of the participating colleges and universities sent a seven-member team of faculty and staff to Washington to participate in meetings, conferences and brainstorming sessions. They shared with one another innovative learning approaches their institutions are already employing, and worked to envision new ways of preparing students. This year's cohort focused on innovative approaches to competency-based education (CBE), which rewards students for the skills they have acquired rather than for the time they have spent in the classroom.

Each incubator team consisted of a president, provost, chief financial officer, chief information officer and at least one faculty member. Each worked to develop a new degree sequence rooted in CBE that can be ready for student enrollment in 2015.

"UNE has never done 'business as usual,'" said UNE President Danielle Ripich. "We are an innovative disruptor in higher education, and our students and faculty are fully engaged in new models of learning. We are honored to have been selected for this prestigious Gates-funded initiative to take our models to the next level."



*Members of the UNE senior leadership team gather in Washington for the Breakthrough Models Incubator meeting in July.*



# NOREASTER NEWS





## 2014 GRADUATE ANGIE BRUNETTE

### STUDENT-ATHLETE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE ON THE COURT, IN THE CLASSROOM, AND IN THE COMMUNITY

BY CURT SMYTH

Recent University of New England graduate Angie Brunette was chosen the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) nominee for the 2014 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

More than 120 NCAA female student-athletes representing multiple sports across NCAA Divisions I, II and III were selected as 2014 Woman of the Year honorees by their athletics conferences and by independent schools.

Brunette, a four-year member of the Nor'easters' volleyball program who graduated this past May, was a Dean's List Student who was selected UNE's Female Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the CCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year in volleyball. She was a three-time academic all-conference selection and a member of Chi Alpha Sigma—the national student-athlete honor society. On the court, Brunette was a three-time all-conference pick, earning first team honors as a senior. She

served as a captain her senior season and participated in more than 25 community service projects over the past four years. Brunette, who was also the recipient of UNE's Female Senior Leadership Award, is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy at UNE.

"Angie is a very special individual and truly embodies what it means to be a Division III student-athlete," commented UNE Director of Athletics Kim Allen. "Her academic resume coupled with her performance on the volleyball court and involvement in the community make her an exceptional candidate for such a prestigious honor. We are very proud of Angie and the fact that she is the CCC nominee and advancing in the process."

Brunette was surprised upon hearing the news.

"I am so honored that my accomplishments stood out in the eyes of others, because to me I'm just being what my idea of a

student-athlete is," Brunette said. "It was never my intention that my volunteer activities or academic and athletics achievements would win me awards and gain me recognition; I simply grabbed hold of opportunities that were presented to me and strived to do my personal best. I could not have been successful without the help of the tremendous support I received along the way."

The NCAA Woman of the Year selection committee will select the top 10 honorees in each division from this pool to be recognized. The selection committee will then choose and announce the top nine finalists (three from each division), then the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will vote from amongst those nine finalists to determine the 2014 NCAA Woman of the Year.

The top 30 honorees will be honored and the 2014 NCAA Woman of the Year winner will be announced at the annual ceremony in Indianapolis on Sunday, October 19.



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—Angie Brunette



WESTBROOK COLLEGE

# REUNION

2014



THE CLASS OF 1964 HAD OVER 30 CLASSMATES IN ATTENDANCE TO CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH REUNION.



**MORE THAN 130 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS** gathered on the Portland Campus to celebrate Reunion 2014. Alumni enjoyed tours, receptions and spa services, while also learning about the **UNE >>> Moving Forward** campaign and the planned renovation of Alumni Hall. The Tower bell was ringing throughout the weekend!



Deb Schofield Reed '64 (center) joins class officers and 50th Reunion organizers Martha Wentworth Sanborn '64 (left) and Sibyl Nye Erdman '64 (right).



Wilma Additon Bradford '39 and Bella Rolnick Cowan '39 (pictured here) were on campus to celebrate their 75th Reunion.



Fern Wilson Orr '47 shares a memory book with Jennifer S. Tuttle, Dorothy M. Healy Professor of Literature and Health, and UNE librarian Bobby Gray HA '00 in Alumni Hall.



Class of 1959 gathers in Goddard by the Portland Campus History Wall.



Dianne Smallidge '79 presents her remarks as the Heloise Withee '40 Alumni Service Award winner.

**Left page  
from top to bottom:**

Ardeth "Sunny" Meserve Harmon '49, Jane Lewis Gleason '49 and Peggy Smith Goode '49 enjoy lunch in the Nor'easter Café. Fourteen members of their class were on campus to celebrate their 65th Reunion.

Amanda Mooers Ovington '99 and Shannon L. Ducret '99 celebrate their 15th Reunion.

Cheri Perkins '64 and Carolyn Meader Goodwill '64 enjoy catching up at their class meeting.

Eleanor Deering Jessum '44, Marilyn Hall '44, and Pat Hayden Langlin '44 get ready for the Parade of Classes into the Annual Meeting in Eleanor Ludcke '26 auditorium.

Kimberly A. Grubka '84 reunites with her dental hygiene faculty member and fellow alumna Daryl Geer '64.

*For more photos, go to*  
**[www.facebook.com/UniversityofNewEnglandAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/UniversityofNewEnglandAlumni)**

# UNE MOVING FORWARD

A Campaign for the University of New England





## campaign update



*\*As of August 22, 2014*

“ You are alumni, parents, faculty, trustees, friends—the best of friends—who see and appreciate what UNE does for our community and our students. Please seize this opportunity to spread the word! ”

—President Danielle N. Ripich  
President's Gala address, May 29, 2014



Sumner Field, former UNE Trustee Jean Wilkinson and President Danielle Ripich at the President's Gala in May.

**Happy New Fiscal Year!** Yes, we know it's the middle of the calendar year, but in our development work, we start counting on June 1!

We're happy to report that 2,030 alumni, parents, and friends contributed to the **Annual Fund** last year, for a total of \$1.36 million to support 2014-15 student scholarships, interprofessional education, research, athletics, study abroad programs, the care of our historic campuses, and much more. *Every gift, every day, every year, keeps UNE students moving forward.*

The campaign for the restoration of **Alumni Hall** officially launched during Westbrook College Reunion weekend in June.

The School of Social Work welcomed alumni back to campus on July 18, and announced an anonymous lead gift to the SSW 25th Anniversary RICE Stipend Fund. The Fund provides financial support for new UNE social workers in underserved rural and urban Maine communities.

# opportunity

**Goal** \$20 million

**Raised to Date** \$9.4 million\*

Gifts to **Opportunity** provide scholarship support to students who otherwise may not be able to afford a college education, who are weighing college decisions against the anticipation of a significant debt burden.

**47.3%**  
OF GOAL  
RAISED

*\*As of August 22, 2014*

“Moving forward, every scholarship I’ve received is serving as a gentle reminder of how far I’ve come. There is no way I can let up on my efforts now.”

—Carlos Agüero '16

Carlos Agüero '16 receives the 2014 Alumni Council Scholarship from Campaign Committee member Joe Valenza SFC '68, Ph.D.



Read more about student scholarship recipients like Carlos Agüero who are realizing dreams at [une.edu/movingforward](http://une.edu/movingforward).



## WEST MEETS EAST

### FROM COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA TO BIDDEFORD, MAINE

BY CAMILLE SMALLEY '08

For Carlos Agüero '16, an Applied Mathematics major, Maine was the place that captured his imagination and sense of adventure. Agüero grew up in Coachella Valley, Calif., in the arid and mountainous Sonoran Desert. "Maine offered everything the Valley didn't," he says. "The diverse climate, the consequent coming and going of four seasons, the forests, the European ancestry, the small towns, food that didn't involve tortillas, the interstate travel, the snow pants!"

Growing up in a largely Hispanic community with a strong focus on agriculture, Agüero and his La Quinta High School classmates had the notion that their parents simply could not afford to send them off to pursue higher education. Many people who are born in the Sonoran Desert remain in the area for their entire lives.

In spite of this, Agüero explains that his hometown has a strong sense of rallying together to offer a support network for achieving a college education. He credits this community and his high school teachers with identifying scholarship opportunities for him. In addition to hometown support, Agüero received the Jonathan Smith Endowed Scholarship as part of his financial aid package, and is also a two-time winner of the UNE-St. Francis Alumni Council Scholarship, an annual essay contest and scholarship created by the St. Francis-UNE Alumni Council and funded through support to the Annual Fund.

Agüero has made the most of his time at UNE by being an active participant in a variety of campus

clubs and events. He has penned political columns for the *Nor'easter News*, served as treasurer for the UNE Math Club, and has been the lead saxophone player for Storm Surge. Agüero has also taken on leadership roles, serving as a 2013-2014 Orientation Leader, as a student mentor in the ULead Sophomore Scholar program, as an Undergraduate Student Government (USG) First-Year Representative, and as a member of UNitEd, UNE's multicultural group. Most recently, he is the 2014-2015 recipient of the Boren Scholarship, a highly selective national award which will allow him to spend the coming academic year at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

Without the generous award packages he had received from UNE, Agüero could not have followed his pioneering spirit to Maine and beyond. "Moving forward, every scholarship I've received is serving as a gentle reminder of how far I've come. There is no way I can let up on my efforts now," says Agüero, who is proud of his hard work, and preparing for the upcoming challenges. Agüero states that after he graduates, he would be proud to serve his country through language, diplomacy and mathematics. In addition to scholarship support, Agüero credits College of Arts and Sciences faculty for his continued successes. UNE gave Agüero the map to success through opportunity and his professors have helped him read it. "My professors are invaluable," Agüero says. "They have introduced me to the paths that I may not have taken on my own."



Camille Smalley '08

Camille M. Smalley '08 holds a B.A. in English with a minor in Gender Studies from UNE, and an M.A. from the University of Southern Maine. She is the author of *The Saco Drive In: Cinema Under the Maine Sky* published by The History Press in June 2014.

# innovation

**Goal** \$25 million  
**Raised to Date** \$20.8 million\*

Gifts to **Innovation** support physical and educational infrastructures like UNE's nationally recognized Interprofessional Education (IPE) program, which received a grant supporting 2014 programming from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation.

**83.4%**  
OF GOAL RAISED

*\*As of August 22, 2014*

“ We're taught to be right all the time, and yet we need to ask for help. We don't do that well. That's why we need IPE. ”

—Michael Light '09 D.O. '14



Stephen Shannon D.O. '86, M.P.H., Frederick Chen M.D., M.P.H., George Thibault, M.D. and Barbara Brandt, Ph.D. at the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Summit in May on the Biddeford Campus.

Read more about interprofessional education and other innovative programming at [une.edu/movingforward](http://une.edu/movingforward).



## PHILANTHROPY EQUALS IMPACT

ELLEN RIDLEY  
SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR FOUNDATION AND CORPORATE RELATIONS

Born into a philanthropic family, Josiah Macy Jr. enjoyed a prosperous life in New York City in the oil business and was recognized as a prominent donor in his day. Although he died an untimely death from typhoid fever in 1876, Josiah passed along his philanthropic convictions to his daughter Kate Macy Ladd, who honored her father's memory by establishing the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation in 1930.

Today, the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation plays an influential role as the only U.S. foundation dedicated exclusively to improving health professions education. Amidst a rapidly changing and sometimes chaotic health care landscape, foundation president George Thibault, M.D. and his small staff are on the front line of health education leadership. The Macy Foundation team believes that all partners in the health care delivery system—including patients—must have a voice. UNE is extremely honored to be a 2013 Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation grantee with an award of \$35,000 for innovative interprofessional education.

Interprofessional education occurs when two or more professions learn with, from and about each other to improve collaboration and quality of care. UNE has leveraged its strengths as the largest educator of health care professionals in Maine by building a comprehensive program that brings health professions students and faculty together for shared experiences from their first days on campus.

In May 2014, UNE hosted the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) Summit with

funding from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation. Attended by more than 100 community health education and health care leaders, the IPCP inspired development of a shared vision and understanding of the benefits of team-based practice. The Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network also provided important financial assistance, supporting the attendance of the Summit's rural partners and adding to the geographic diversity of the audience. Eight teams from Maine community health organizations left Day Two of the Summit with a working blueprint for studying and implementing a unique UNE interprofessional rotation in the future. Keynotes were delivered by an impressive group of national experts, including Barbara Brandt, Ph.D., director of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education at the University of Minnesota; Stephen Shannon D.O. '86, M.P.H., president of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and former dean of UNE's College of Osteopathic Medicine; Frederick Chen, M.D., M.P.H., senior advisor to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions; and Thibault.

UNE is grateful to the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation for helping to launch this essential and transformative learning experience for UNE students.



Community Health Outreach Worker Nelida Berke listens to Toho Soma, Health Equity and Research Program Manager for the City of Portland during the IPCP Summit.

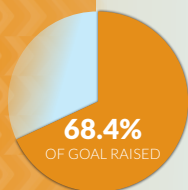


# place

**Goal \$15 million**

**Raised to Date \$10.9 million\***

**Alumni Hall** opened its doors during Westbrook College Reunion weekend in June for a campaign kickoff reception and special exhibit of photographs tracing the building's history. The exhibit is open by appointment; please contact Amy Haile HA'12, senior director for advancement operations, at (207) 221-4228 if you would like a tour or more information about supporting the restoration of this Westbrook College landmark.



\*As of August 22, 2014



Tom Wood and Connie Strout-Wood WJC '54.



## LOVE AND LEGACY

### AN ESTATE GIFT FROM A WESTBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE ALUMNA WILL HELP TO RESTORE ALUMNI HALL

AMY NADZO HAILE, HA '12, SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR ADVANCEMENT OPERATIONS

A planned gift is a unique kind of philanthropy. The decision to direct a planned gift to the University of New England is a thoughtful one, as if UNE has officially become a member of the donor's family. A planned gift is often the culmination of a lifetime of dedication and hard work that creates this special expression of love, gratitude and legacy. When a donor informs us of a planned gift and we can celebrate together their generous intentions, it's an exciting day.

Throughout her life, we had the opportunity to enjoy many exciting days with Connie Strout-Wood WJC '54. Connie was exuberantly dedicated to her alma mater in service and philanthropy. A legacy alumna (Strout-Wood's grandmother and great-aunt attended Westbrook Seminary), she was a class secretary, served several times on the Westbrook College Alumni Board of Directors, and was a 2002 recipient of the Heloise Withee '40 Alumni Service Award. She attended many Reunions, and contributed frequently to class notes, where readers followed her celebrated 48-year career with the Bangor International Airport.

In addition to her service to Westbrook, Connie and her husband, Tom, were consistent donors to the Annual Fund, eventually becoming members of the President's Circle. They also made generous contributions to the previous capital campaign to support the renovation of Goddard Hall. While the plans to renovate Alumni Hall were only a glimmer on the horizon when Connie and Tom set up their planned gift, she would be proud to know that her

gift will help restore another Westbrook College icon for the future UNE community. In a 2007 interview for *UNE Magazine*, Connie stated, "My memories of Westbrook are so fond, and I know my mother, grandmother and aunt would want to see Westbrook live on forever." Those memories and her strong family connection inspired Connie to create a gift that would honor the Westbrook legacy.

Connie passed away on July 15, 2012, leaving the University \$337,567, an estate gift which is considered foundational to the planned renovation of Alumni Hall, a 10,000-square-foot project to provide much-needed space on the Portland Campus. At an estimated total cost of \$4.5 million, the reborn Alumni Hall will be a central hub on the Portland Campus and home to its students. This spring, as Connie's class prepared for its first Reunion without her, which included unveiling the plans for Alumni Hall, Nancy Parker Vanites '54 reflected, "It is wonderful to be part of the history and a part of the renewal." Through her planned gift, Connie Strout-Wood '54 was able to do just that.

For more information on creating your own legacy at the University of New England, please contact Scott Marchildon HON '03, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement, at (207) 221-4230 or [smarchildon@une.edu](mailto:smarchildon@une.edu).





## ways to give

[www.une.edu/givenow](http://www.une.edu/givenow)

All gifts made or pledged to the University of New England by **May 31, 2017** will help us reach our \$60 million fundraising goal.

**ANNUAL FUND GIFTS** support scholarship, academic enrichment opportunities, student life programs, facilities, sports and recreation, student and faculty research, and much more.

**ENDOWMENT GIFTS** provide lasting support for the University through scholarships, professorships, student research and a range of other opportunities.

**CAPITAL GIFTS** fund the construction and renovation of the places where learning happens at UNE. There are numerous naming opportunities for projects throughout this campaign to help fund the buildings and equipment that will provide our students with a state-of-the-art education.

**PLANNED GIFTS** allow you to support UNE through your will, charitable trust, or estate plan. We would be honored to help you make UNE a part of your lasting legacy.

**For more information, please contact us:**

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# Alumni Events 2014

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at (207) 221-4377 or [alumni@une.edu](mailto:alumni@une.edu).

**Upcoming Alumni Events 2014**

*For more information, please go to [www.alumni.une.edu](http://www.alumni.une.edu)*

**September**

St. Francis/UNE Alumni Weekend, Biddeford Campus, September 19-20

**October**

COM Reunion/CME Weekend, Biddeford Campus, October 10-12

Family and Friends Weekend, Biddeford Campus, October 17

**November**

Marine Science Open House, November 1

Graduate Professional Networking Event, Portland Campus, November 6

Westbrook College Alumni Tea, Endicott House, Dedham, MA, date TBD

**December**

Westbrook College Alumni Holiday Reception, Portland Campus, date TBD

Holiday Skate Night, Harold Alfond Forum, Biddeford Campus, date TBD



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post on **UNE Connect** at [www.alumni.une.edu](http://www.alumni.une.edu) or  
mail to the UNE Office of Alumni Advancement,  
716 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME 04103.

College of Osteopathic Medicine news  
should be e-mailed to [RSAS@une.edu](mailto:RSAS@une.edu).

# CLASS

CLASS NOTES EDITOR: AMY HAILE

PLEASE LIMIT SUBMISSIONS

TO 75 WORDS OR LESS.

SUBMISSIONS MAY BE EDITED

FOR LENGTH AND CLARITY.

One of the many waterfront views  
from UNE's Biddeford Campus.



**1941**

**Elizabeth F. Honan** writes, "Still enjoying life and living in my home in South Portland. I still drive and do some volunteer activities. I have several friends at Holy Cross Church and we eat at local restaurants each week. Recently, I met with two teachers from Westbrook, Sharon Dennison and Janet Lancaster—a great reunion!"

**1945**

**Ruth Caswell Hill** writes, "I've been married for over 67 years to my wonderful childhood sweetheart. We live in a very nice community for seniors."

**Priscilla Smith Scheiner** sent us the following update: "**Toni Livingston Bond** is well and still volunteers at the hospital. Bless her heart. She is still in touch with her roommates from college, **Dorothy Pullen Gallagher** and **Joan Smith White**. Toni also reminds us that next year is our 70th graduation year—oh, my! We are still trying to locate **Katherine 'Kiki' Roberts Arnold**. I heard that she was in Mystic, CT near her daughter. I had a nice telephone call with **Jane Hendrickson Carr**. She

and her husband are well, still living in Gorham, ME and are busy going to antique shows. I was pleased to get a note from **Marjorie Whalen Smith**, who has lived in Green Valley, AZ with her husband Bob since their retirement in 1994. Marge graduated from the University of New Hampshire and for over 25 years wrote a weekly column for the *Keene Sentinel* entitled "Historic Old Houses of Cheshire County, NH." She also was a feature writer for *NH Profiles Magazine*. They have traveled to more than 33 countries, many on birding expeditions. Marge and Bob have three children and three grandchildren. My college roommate, **Ellie Langevin Mullen** was surprised when her three children arrived on her 90th birthday in April, with plans for the whole day! My oldest daughter lives in Marathon, FL now, right on the oceanfront. We had a great visit there at Christmas, but she summers in Massachusetts. We enjoy having "retired" children! Blessings!"

**1946**

**Marie LeRoy Dixon** writes, "Still biking and playing tennis. The younger folks keep me active. I am lucky!"

**Barbara Hicks Hardman** is living in Yellow Springs, OH, where she raised her family (four sons and one daughter). She is currently residing in the assisted living unit at Friends Care Community. She retired in 1995 from Antioch College, where she was the college nurse. One son lives in Germany and the other in Denmark. One of her seven grandchildren is now living in China. She remembers her time at Westbrook Junior College fondly and welcomes any correspondence from classmates.

After graduating from Westbrook with her nursing degree, **Sara Jean Jacobson Lieberman** spent 15 years in the nursing field, specializing in obstetrics and anesthesia, in hospitals in Boston, MA; Providence, RI; Portland, ME; and Los Angeles, CA. In 1962, she shifted her professional focus to the real estate field, attending the University of California—Los Angeles to become a broker. She opened her own real estate office in Tarzana, CA, Celebrity Realty and Investment Co., which she successfully operated for over 30 years. She relocated to Texas in 1994, where she worked in property management. In 2005, she returned

to California and continued to work as a broker/agent for Rodeo Realty in Westlake Village, CA, work she continues doing today. She has been married to her husband, Irwin Lieberman, since 1958. They had one daughter, Laurie, and they have three great grandchildren: Kyle, Canaan & Collin. Kyle graduated in 2014 from San Diego State with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and has secured a position in his field. Canaan works for the government while finishing her degree. Collin is also currently attending college.

**Beverly Scribner Nisbet** writes, "I am still here—not senile—yet! I'm living in a 55 and over community in Naples, FL. Lots to do here. We have a pool, tennis, library, and exercise classes for seniors. I joined an art class, but will never be a Rembrandt—maybe a Grandma Moses?! Would love to hear from WJC grads!"

**Pauline Dowling Wright** writes, "I have two daughters and son-in-laws, three grandsons, one granddaughter, and three great-granddaughters. I've spent the past 12 winters in

# notes

Florida. Part-time living out of the cold and snow! I am Past Matron of the Harmony Chapter #43 of the Order of the Eastern Star that was in Bar Harbor; and now am Member of Irene Chapter #97 in Ellsworth. I also am a lifetime member of the Bar Harbor Congregational Church."

## 1947

**Barbara Cobban Kern** writes, "I am enjoying my summer home on the Cape. I am in Cotuit and would be happy to see any of the class.

**Nancy Hobart Nelson** was here last summer. She was up from Florida to cool off. I don't know any other news. I happily winter in Canton in a retirement community (Orchard Cove) which is like living on a cruise ship—everything is provided and you can go out any time you wish—so symphony, theater, opera and ballet are the winter entertainment. I highly recommend it!"

**Beatrice "Betty" Cram Webster** writes, "I had a wonderful 85th year.

I had a trip to Maine and met with many friends. I had two birthday parties, one in Maine and one in New York. Then last year, on June 23, 2013, I turned 86 and I didn't enjoy it. They found I had a very high platelet count in my bone marrow—now I seem to have it under control—let us pray! This past May, my daughter and son-in-law drove me to Maine to visit cemeteries and we had a real quick trip. Best of health to you all!"

**Betty Allan Wright** writes, "In November I sold my villa in Ridge Manor and bought a mobile home in a nice park in Zephyr Hills where my nephew lives. It's good to be closer to family. I doubt if I will make it to the next Reunion—I wish you all good luck and a wonderful time! In March my cousin, **Barbara Allen Bell** '46 visited me. It was good to see her and we had a great time."

## 1948

**Priscilla Powers Goff** writes, "Upon leaving our Portland condo in October, we made a quick decision to put it up for sale. When we arrived in Florida two weeks later, we learned it had been sold! Since we are now homeless in Portland, I am sending this to you as notification

that I shall not be able to serve with the Class of '48 Reunion Committee. Regretfully, our 65th was undoubtedly my last visit to our beautiful campus!"

## 1950

**Irene McCurdy Bryant** writes, "I have been a real estate broker for 42 years. We have two daughters, one in Longmeadow, MA and one in Columbia, SC. We also are blessed with seven grandchildren."

**Hortense (Sis) Rowley Dexter** writes, "The only classmate I am in touch with is **Martha Meyer Douglas**. My husband Charlie and I are having lunch with Martha and her husband Charlie on May 28th. We meet halfway; they are in Cohasset, MA and we are in Lexington, MA. All is well with all of us!"

**Priscilla Parsons Finger** writes, "I am not in touch with any former classmates. I am now living in an assisted living building and expect to remain here in Asheville, NC for the rest of my life. I had to leave Sarasota, FL after an accident—no more driving for me. My daughter lives in the area and arranged my living here! It takes some adjustment to live here but I have no choice!"

**Marjorie Hitchcock Gaffney** writes, "Lots of graduations and two engagement parties. I have three great-grandchildren and one on the way. I would love to reconnect with **Elisabeth McDuffee** and **Marjorie McCusker Nowojczyk**."

**Lucielle Cushman Gustafson** writes, "We are living the decade of our lives—married 64 years, one son, one daughter; two grandchildren, and one great-grandson. All is well and we are happy. Still in touch with roommates **Dorothy Carvalho Noble** and **Carol (Stretch) Chellis Dennis**. We traveled in Europe and lived in Italy for a year. Lloyd worked for *Reader's Digest*. Thirty-two years ago, we moved to Albuquerque, NM and have since enjoyed cruising, Elderhostels, and Las Vegas. We enjoy good health, but have given up golf, tennis and dancing. Now we lay low, enjoying bridge, chess and visiting the casinos. The best part is waking up to sunshine every single day in New Mexico."

**Katherine Tryon Schneider** is 83 and still working for New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.



**Winifred (Winnie) Clark Sears**

writes, "Having reached the 85 mark, I'm still hanging in here. Still singing with the Westborough Community Chorus, active at the local COA Board, and am great-grandmother to four darlings. One more: license renewed—no glasses required! Life is good!"

**Jane Wilson** says, "At 85, I'm happy to say I'm still functioning, still thinking clearly, still active, walking, swimming in the ocean, and biking in good weather. All is well at the present! We still are living in our own home near the Cape Playhouse and Cinema. There are lots of places to eat out; cooking is not so much fun anymore!"

**1953**

**Joyce Kelley Butler** writes, "My two-volume, 400-year history of Kennebunkport, ME was published in 2013 by the town's Graves Memorial Library. Happily, sales, which benefit the library, are brisk. With almost a decade of research, writing, celebratory gatherings, interviews by the media, invitations to speak, autographing sessions, etc. behind me, I thought life would become simpler:

Such has not proven to be the case; as they say, 'Nature abhors a vacuum.' Ordinary life plus keeping up with evolving technology and cultural changes, which have not left me and husband Bob behind due to the help of our offspring and theirs, are demanding. The big event this year for Bob and I was celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary with our family. Where have the years gone? I send greetings to all those who may remember me and our shared years at WJC—'dear Westbrook, school of

schools'—as we used to sing when we were young."

**Muriel Tabachnick Cohen**

writes, "I am still in Laguna Woods, CA and plan to go to see Helene (Honey) Wolfson '52 in June. She lives in Richmond, VA. Two of my grandchildren are in Israel and two are in New York near my daughter. I have 21 greats. The checkbook knows it."

**Barbara Laird Fales**

writes, "I am doing well after heart surgery in 2006 and a broken hip on my way to my granddaughter's wedding in Atlanta in 2011. Two years ago, I gave up my dollhouse miniatures store after 26 years, but still am involved on a smaller scale. Would love to email with some classmates from Bell House. [dhcomer1930@comcast.net](mailto:dhcomer1930@comcast.net)"

**Marilyn George Vatter** writes, "After 37 years in Colorado and New Mexico, I moved to Cape Cod to be near family during my older years. I have been here since fall 2001 and still am wondering how I thought Massachusetts could take the place of Colorado or New Mexico? So sad!"

**Luisa Kreis Whiting** writes, "Since graduation, I've lived in New York City; Seattle, WA; Lake Forest, IL; Darien, CT; and in Richmond, VA. I moved back to my hometown of Essex, CT and proceeded to do over my eighth house. It's great living back in New England again. I have three daughters (all in Virginia) and five great-grandchildren. I paint oils mainly and do a lot of volunteer work, collect antiques and am a flea market fanatic."

**1954**

**Judy Weeks Harlow** writes, "Hi there, Class of 1954! I so wish I could have been with you for Reunion! However, a funky tumor on my liver keeps me close to home. My memories of Westbrook Junior College bring such happy thoughts to mind, such as becoming a Junior Dean, living with great gals in Goddard and Bell House, skiing at Pleasant Mountain (which is Shawnee Peak now), socializing at the café, contests and skating shows, gym, psychology class with Arthur Freundlich, Dean Hobson, Winter Carnival, and WAA in conjunction with the Outing Club. Now to the present: I remarried in 1989 to Len



Luisa Kreis Whiting '53.

# notes

Harlow. I have four daughters: one is a nurse, one a school counselor, one a teacher and one with special needs. I loved teaching kindergarten for 25 years and retired in 2000. I have nine grandchildren, three of whom are in college, and another; my oldest granddaughter, will be going to Liberty University in the fall. I love watching all of their sports activities. One of my grandsons is pursuing a degree in medicine at UNE. "You will find as you look back upon your life



*Judy Weeks Harlow with her husband, Len Harlow.*

that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love; —Henry Drummond."

**Janet Mattson McComb** writes, "I wish I could have been at our 60th Reunion, especially with the gang from Deering House. What a celebration, 60 years, it's unbelievable! I can still put my feet on the ground each day and walk my beloved Bichon, Max. I heard from **Barb Anderson Glaser** and she has granddaughters that graduated from high school in June. **Sally Caton Culler** is out in Arizona. Would someone from the Class of 1954 who attended Reunion give us a good write-up about the weekend, who's where and doing what? I am thinking of you and reminiscing about all the fun times we had back in 1952–54. God bless you all!"

## 1955

**Barbara Bengston Brenske** has moved to Woodstock, GA, saying it was time to get where it is warm and near their older son and family. They now have four grandsons, one granddaughter and five great-grandchildren. One grandson is in Army Special Operations and is back overseas on his fifth deployment. She asks that we keep him in our thoughts.

**Jean Earley Cohen** writes that it is hard to believe we have a 60th

reunion next year. This year her granddaughter is living with her while attending school. Her son John, who works for American Airlines, flies in every week from Los Angeles to see his mom and his daughter. She says she is blessed with great health and a good life in Missouri with her daughter and family nearby. Another daughter and family live in Atlanta. Jean sends best wishes to her classmates with fond memories of our years in Portland.

**Ann Carter Corbin** writes that she and her husband have had a busy year following their oldest son, Tim. He is the head baseball coach at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and his team just won the College World Series in Omaha, NE this spring. It was a first for Vanderbilt and for Tim! Now they are trying to settle down at home in North Conway, NH.

**Priscilla Wheeler Curda** and her husband celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last year in Portugal, visited Lisbon, then boarded a river boat for further travel through wine country. She just returned from visiting her sister in Paris, where she took part in a great cooking class in

a French home. She learned a lot and had a delicious five-course meal with different wines at each course. They are now planning a family reunion in Cozumel with daughters, grandchildren and sons-in-law. She and her husband are both in good health and keep going with all sorts of activities. She hopes to attend Reunion next year.

**Sylvia Horsfall Gibson** continues to live alone 11 years after the passing of her husband. She has some balance problems, but hopes to stay independent as long as possible. She enjoys her grandchildren, who range in age from a preschooler to a college junior. She reads a lot, does her handiwork and is in a wonderful prayer group at church. She informed us that **Carol Dunbar Martin** passed away last year.

**Jean Farnham Henshaw** writes that she was stunned to hear that **Jean Brooks Liebert** had passed away. When she was unable to contact her, she reached Jean's son, who told her that Jean had recently lost her husband. She had been confined to a wheelchair and passed away soon after he died. She also had sad news about **Dottie Stratton Larkin**, after



talking with Dottie's husband Tom. He could no longer care for Dottie, so she is now in a nursing home with Alzheimer's. He visits regularly, but she does not know him. On a lighter note, Jean spent two months in Naples, FL, and said it was the winter to be away from VT. When she got home in April, the leftover snow took a month more to melt. She stays active with garden club, MG celebrations, is secretary of SCORE, and keeps winning ribbons at garden shows. She stays busy and happy, although she misses her darling Bob.

**Ann Houghton Hunt** writes, "My husband is an eight-year stroke survivor, and I spend a great deal of time caring for him. We still manage to take some road trips from Virginia—last year two weeks in NH and MA for our 60th high school reunions, a week at our condo in Panama City Beach, FL, and this year, another two weeks in FL in February. We have an upcoming cruise with daughter and her husband to Alaska. We also are flying to Colorado with my son and his wife in August to visit our daughter and family at their vacation home, then driving to Salt Lake City to see the sights at their primary abode. I visited Westbrook last year, and was amazed at the growth of

the campus. I tried to find the location of my old dorm room at Goddard, but could hardly recognize the inside of the building. I am so glad they preserved it. It was great to hear from so many of you, and I hope all of our classmates will put June 2015 on the calendar for a grand reunion at good old WJC."

**Harriet Sturtevant Laverdiere** and her husband have moved to Skowhegan, ME to be near their daughter, who is a big help to them. She and her sisters inherited a camp on the coast from their parents, which sounds very nice. She would love to hear from any old classmates. Her new address is 8 Cowette Street, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

**Valerie Scheufele Lyons**, who lives in Mason, OH, is a first time responder to the column after reading about her classmates all these years. Last year, while in Tampa, FL for her grandson's high school graduation, she was the victim of a purse snatcher, who grabbed her purse through the open window of the car. In doing so, he broke her arm. After that healed, she had a full shoulder replacement, which had been scheduled, and has healed nicely. She had a wonderful career in high school aquatics, a local fitness center, and the American Red Cross, the only one

she still works for. She also has been coaching triathletes in the swimming portion, which has been a lot of fun. She was in Maine two years ago and went to see the college. She remarked on the many changes, but says she will never forget Westbrook. Thanks for joining our yearly chat, Val.

**Stephanie Carter Pearson** writes: "What can I say that is exciting at this stage? Life buzzes along and I am fine. Probably the best activity of my year was April, because I spent it back in my old Arizona community! Now I am settled into a quiet summer here in NH, where I no longer have the lake to enjoy. I will keep busy and try to stay out of trouble (and the hospital!)"

**Judy Campbell Pinney** sold her "beautiful" home in Camden and bought a smaller home in "beautiful" Yarmouth. She is now nearer to three of her four children, the other being in Ottawa, Canada. She also sees most of her grandchildren and three of four of her great grandchildren. The other "great" lives in Delhi, India while her father is on embassy duty for two years. She is feeling her age, but is really happy with her new home.

**Rosanne Flaherty Shaffer** cannot believe that it will be our 60th Reunion in 2015. She says with her daughter and family living in Falmouth, you can bet that she will be at the Reunion. She is visiting Maine from California this summer for a granddaughter's high school graduation. She is so sad to think that Joanie Mahoney Miles is gone—they went to high school together in White Plains, then to WJC. She has moved from her large home of 52 years to a lovely one-story nearby, and sends her best to the Class of '55.

**Sabra Harriman Smith** writes from their new home in Springfield, VA, with the sad news that their son Fritz died suddenly in March of this year of squamous cell cancer of the lungs. They moved on their 57th wedding anniversary from PA into a continuing care facility to be near their daughter. Her husband, Bill, has had some heart problems, but they are trying to stay active in their new surroundings.

#### 1957

**Peggy Whittaker Ayotte** writes, "Dick and I still live in Augusta and see **Betsy (Croxford) Ross** and Wayne Ross once in awhile. I also see BJ.

# notes

(**Carolyn Perry Bjorkman**) in Augusta at various events. Sorry I couldn't make the last Reunion—maybe the next one!"

**Trilby Gifford Fry** writes, "Many unexpected events have occurred since my retirement from occupational therapy. Peter came into my life. We had known each other since college. On very short notice, we took a trip across the country by train, a cruise to Alaska (which was wonderful), and an unexpected trip to Australia. Saw the city, outback and the bush—amazing. Peter has relatives all over the world. The children and grandchildren are so busy; we see them about once a year (if we are lucky). I've learned to quilt and am a member of the local quilt guild. Over the last several years, I have volunteered two days a week in a local elementary school in the second grade and kindergarten. Being that the school system was short of substitutes, I am now a substitute teacher in this school and have steady work. Who would have thought at this age? Looking

forward to the next school year." **Miriam (Pat) Beard Kilbreth** has three children and six grandchildren.

**Mary Jayne Proesch Kolouch** writes, "We are back in Maine until mid-October at our cottage on Cold Stream Pond. Bob, my husband of 56 years, is not too well and he enjoys being here in Maine. We have a 5-month old pup. Hope our classmates are doing well and may God Bless America."

**Linda Armstrong Sirois** writes, "I'm in Linden Ponds Retirement Community in Hingham, MA. My husband, Rod, is in our continuing care unit with Alzheimer's. It will be three years come July since he left our apartment. It's bittersweet, along with my feeling blessed that he still recognizes me and I'm with him every day. I do stay active with golf and gardening and interesting day trips. I hope this will encourage others from our Class of 1957 to add some news!"

**Doris Briggs Wunderlich** writes, "We have not been back to Maine for many years and we do miss 'all things Maine.' A curious note: my husband, Don, had to see a dental

specialist. Turns out he has been here in Missouri after graduating from Westbrook/UNE."

## 1959

**Dawna Oppedisano Colley** writes, "Not much has happened in the last year—I am still sewing for the YMCA theater group. Making a crocodile costume, mermaid skirts and a Peter Pan shirt covered with leaves are the biggest challenges I've had. I'm not complaining—happy with retirement. Grandchildren are my greatest joy—our oldest just finished his first year of college, his sister is a great actress in many plays as she writes lyrics for songs played by her brother's band. Our other two, one is on a swim team, the other is on a soccer team. So you can see we don't have much spare time and love every minute of it."

**Joanne Burnham Edwards** writes "Several of us made it to our 55th Reunion and were amazed at the new technology in all the medical buildings. These students really have top of the line equipment. I was pleased to see that there are plans to renovate Alumni Hall. Now that everyone on the Westbrook Campus is a "day hop," the plans include a student lounge

downstairs in Alumni where lots of us commuters used to hang out. My connections to Westbrook seem to never end—my son made a financial presentation this spring in the room in Proctor where I taught most of my classes! Growing up, he said he would never do any teaching!"

**Barbara Troubh Epstein** writes, "Dear '59ers: It hardly seems possible that we just celebrated our 55th Reunion on June 6, 2014. In attendance were **Mary Jo Adams Pochop, Elizabeth Burke Tyson, Joanne Burnham Edwards, Phyllis Cramer Nixon, Judy Drake DeCoste, Evie Swanson Strom, Patricia Talbot Surette**, and yours truly. We elected Elizabeth Burke Tyson as our class president; I will remain secretary. We called **Carol Oldenbrook Twyon** who was unable to attend; each of us spoke with her and she loved it! She sent a note, telling us about her two sons and five grandsons living nearby. She added how fortunate she was to have traveled to Germany, to France where she walked on the Normandy beaches, and to ski in Italy and France with members of the U.S. Ski Association when she was in good health. Trips to Paris, skiing and volunteering at Maine Adaptive at





A small group from Goddard Hall met in Nashua, NH on June 6 to celebrate Reunion 2014. **Jane Furbush Murphy, Janice Gregory McGonagle, Andrea Stevens Anderson, and Marjorie Meyer Snell** are pictured here. **Barbara Parnin Klyszeiko** from California also has joined this group, which meets a few times a year. In spite of some health issues, they enjoy and are busy with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sunday River; tutoring French, working in the gardens, spending time with my husband Burt and visiting our children make for busy and happy times. Burt and I have traveled to Europe the past two years...this year is Maine and New Brunswick."

**Elaine Israel Mendelow** writes, "Life is good in sunny, hot Florida. We felt like we were running the "Mendelow Motel" in January and February when the weather was so miserable everywhere else! David and I enjoyed a fabulous month-long vacation last December. We flew to Barcelona then cruised from there to Brazil...18 nights. After crossing the equator, we made four stops in places along the Brazilian coast before arriving in Rio de Janeiro. After the cruise, we spent an additional week on our own in Rio. The city is

magnificent—one of the most beautiful we've been to. It was a homecoming of sorts for David because before he met me he lived in Rio for three years on assignment from an American company. He learned Portuguese, which came back once we were there a few days. When he worked there, he was able to conduct business in Portuguese. That was so many years ago, but he was still so excited to revisit his old haunts, many of which were still there. Our son, Lance, still lives in Minneapolis and is still on the corporate staff at Target. He gets parental visits only in the summertime!"

**Donna Beshara Mullin** writes, "I'm still working in real estate and have been for almost 40 years in both my hometown of Needham and in Boston. I've returned to focusing on western Massachusetts suburb towns of Needham, Dover, Wellesley, etc. I still love what I'm doing and it keeps me busy. Should any of our classmates (or anyone else for that matter) contact me with a referral, sale or purchase, I'll donate a percentage to Westbrook in their name."

**Judith Williamson Naylor** writes, "I had planned to attend Reunion in June, but was just too busy to get away. When

I missed my 50th Reunion. I promised myself that I would attend the 55th; but that didn't happen either. I have been living with my son and two grandsons after my son got a divorce. I remained with him to care for the house and garden. With my regular church work and social activities, I find my schedule is more than full. To add to the workload, we adopted a rescue dog and cat last January. Since then, we have had the toy poodle (she weighs 6 1/2 lbs.) in obedience classes where she has learned to sit, stay, come, heel and we are working on "park it." Jerry passed away 7 years ago and I changed my name back to Naylor. It was interesting that I had to go to court to make this change. I even sat in the witness chair. Oh yes, did I mention that I have lost 98 pounds in the last 6 years? I am so pleased that I finally did it. It certainly is easier to get around without the extra weight to deal with. My very best to all my classmates and hope this note finds them all well and happy. For those that want to correspond, my email address: judithwnaylor@gmail.com."

**Almira Robinson Parady** writes, "Bill and I still reside in Rockwood, ME on the Moose River. Right now we are busy with gardening and home

projects—winter is very long up here and we are forever preparing for it! Our four children are leading busy lives. Our three boys are all self-employed with various occupations, and all live and work in the Eliot, York, Kittery area, while our daughter lives and works in San Francisco. We have four grandchildren and 1.5 great-grandsons! Number 2 is due in September. Bill and I are planning a trip to San Francisco to visit our daughter in September; so we have that to look forward to. Last September we were fortunate enough to travel through Switzerland, Austria and Germany with friends from here in Rockwood. We find that time goes by way too fast, and things seem to take longer to do! Greetings to all—especially Houghton-ites, and med-techs!"

**Barbara Wadsworth Spinney** writes that she and her husband have six grandchildren ages from three to 24, three cats, and two antique Model T automobiles. Their eldest granddaughter lives with them. This summer she is working in a summer day camp and during the school year she works in a local after-school day care center. Barbara dons a red hat and purple outfit as a member of the Red Hat Society.

# notes

**Deborah Tibbetts Sterling** writes, "Missed seeing you all at Reunion. Family commitments prevented me from coming to WJC. Loved seeing the pictures and would love to hear who was there. Traveled to the Scandinavian countries, Russia and Germany—absolutely loved it. Oldest granddaughter was selected for the USA Field Hockey Team and I'll be traveling during Thanksgiving week to Pasadena for a World Field Hockey Tournament. She also spent one week housed in the Delaware State Police Academy for a "Trooper Youth Week" and received the highest honor, 'Most Outstanding Cadet.' Our son and his family are moving back to Las Vegas, which I am sorry for because I just got my two children and their families only two hours away from each other. Christmas we are traveling with both families to Disney—always wanted to do this and age-wise, this seems to be the best time. "Hi" to all my 1959 classmates."

**Evelyn Swanson Strom** writes, "We had a wonderful 55th reunion at the Westbrook campus in June. I wish more had been there. It was especially good to see **Ellie Burke Tyson**. I just moved to a new place after 40 years in one spot. Whew!"

**Mary Hixon Terry** writes, "I retired from the Red Cross in 2008 having spent 10 years working at National Headquarters in Washington, DC. I worked in the Real Estate Department—designing and/or selecting furniture for various real estate projects in and around DC as well as several spots throughout the US. In 2008 I moved into a retirement community in Ashburn, VA called Ashby Ponds—a great decision on my part—it is close to one daughter. The other children live in Massachusetts, but seeing as Ashby Ponds is close to Dulles Airport, getting to see them is easy. I stay busy here with all kinds of projects—overseeing the weekend newsletter and the quarterly creative publication as well as continuing with my Hospice volunteering. Retirement is wonderful—more time to be with the grandchildren and other family. Life is great!"

"Sorry to have missed the Reunion!" writes **Alice Worth Wood**. She has twelve grandchildren that keep her busy in her retirement. One is starting school and the others are in college.

## 1960

After graduation, **Thomas E. Hachey** went on to earn his Ph.D in British History from St. John's University. He rose through the ranks as assistant professor, associate professor, and professor of numerous history courses at Marquette University. He served as Chair of the Department of History from 1979–1993 and was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1993–2000. He has been author/editor of eight books, published more than three dozen articles in professional journals and written over 100 book reviews and essays in journals, newspapers, and encyclopedias. Since 2000, he has held the positions of executive director at the Center for Irish Programs and as endowed chair and university professor at Boston College. He also has lectured at nearly two dozen universities in the U.S. and internationally. 2014/2015 will mark Dr. Hachey's 51st year on a university faculty.

**Sheila Taylor Jones** writes, "I sent a letter to all class members regarding the planning committee for our 55th Reunion on June 5th and 6th 2015! If you are interested in participating, call me at (603) 539-4071 or contact the Alumni Office. I received a Christmas card from **Joan Landers** and telephoned her. We had a nice talk catching up. I also called **Judy Bailey Sutton** in Florida after seeing a write up about her attending a reunion at Brewster Academy. We also had an enjoyable chat. Now is the time to reach out to classmates about our Reunion next year and encourage them to attend. Don't forget to call your roomie!"

On June 25th, the Class of 1960 had a wonderful luncheon at Michael's Harborside in Newburyport, MA. There were eight of us there—**Nancy Foster, Liz Clarke Flaherty, Priscilla Morrison McGarry, Cindy Janis Northgraves, Gail Bonzagni Marmer, Judy Randall Whitney, Barbara Banks Pitcairn**, and yours truly. The food was good, and the camaraderie and conversation even better. Yes, we were somewhat noisy and yes we laughed a lot and got caught up on our news!



We talked about our preparation plans/meetings for our 2015 Reunion and circulated copies of photos of the Reunion weekend group gathered around 'the bench.'"

**Cynthia Janis Northgraves** writes, "Well I'm still working! It's a great job and I enjoy it. It's an academic job so I don't work summers. On June 21st we headed to our piece of heaven at Coffee Pond in Casco, ME. All our children and grandchildren are healthy and productive and doing fine. It is rewarding to see them independent and thriving. I had a dreaded full knee replacement this winter. X-rays showed bone on bone and I had surgery in February. I was doing great, but after 6 weeks fell down a couple of stairs while practicing going down the way therapist wanted me to! Set me back to square one. Doing much better now, but it's been grueling. How come the mind says we can do anything, but the body betrays us? Change is in the wind for us. My son-in-law is a pilot for Southwest Airlines and they recently announced opening a pilot base in the south. Two of their boys are at the College of Charleston, SC and we all fell in love with the area. Bottom line is my daughter and her family are moving from Rhode Island to Mt. Pleasant, SC

in August and we too are going to move there. Our summer will be a little different as we'll go down to find a condo, etc. We'll be much closer to our youngest son in Georgia, but will leave my oldest son here in Massachusetts. We hope to be snowbirds for half the year and be at our lake house the other half, therefore seeing all our family throughout the year. Big changes!"

#### 1962

**Roberta Spinner-Flack** writes, "In November 2013, I completed my 8th year walking in the Susan G. Komen 3-day walk for the cure of breast cancer. I walked 60 miles in 3 days. I'm active in the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary. I recently served 320 servicemen and women at the USO. I'm working full-time as a loan officer in the mortgage business. Lots and lots of community service through Rotary."

#### 1963

**Robert Dunbar** is still watching his three grandchildren on a regular basis. School is almost over, so he is looking at a two month vacation. He and his wife Linda have plans for a 12 day land/cruise vacation to Alaska during the middle of July. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!

**John G. T'Katch** writes, "Hello folks! We co-celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with **Mike Baker** and his wife Janice. Theirs is this year; ours is in 2015. We are blessed with family. Our only child, Chrissa, is married with one child. She and her husband, Gary, live with our grandson, Jonathan, in Atlanta, GA. We have friends, health, and happiness, much of which started at SFC in 1959-60."

#### 1964

**Raymond A. Deleo** writes, "My wife Marge and I learn something new every day! Exploring the internet, and of course we diligently read our newspapers every day too. Thanks to Marge's help, we oversee the care of three elderly cousins. Thinking of old campus friends!"

**Marlene Getz Gilden** writes, "My husband and I took a three month camping trip with our pop-up trailer across the country from Alameda, CA to Portland, ME for my 50th college reunion! From Maine, we headed south to Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona."

#### 1965

**Cynthia Leach Weeks** writes, "I am currently living in Pinehurst, NC. In June, we enjoyed the U.S. Open Golf Tournament festivities that were held here. After graduating from WJC, I worked for Portland Pipeline Corporation, then met and married my husband of 47 years. We traveled somewhat with his career in the Marine Corps. We now enjoy full retirement with both daughters and four grandchildren living nearby."

#### 1966

**Linda L. Fucci '66, '68** writes, "I'm still working, but traveling more. Last year I went down south on a music city tour and it was wonderful! Then I visited friends in St. Augustine. In June, I went on a Danube River Cruise. In September, I am going to the Azores. I hope to see more people at the Red Sox game this year! It was a good time last year. Carolyn Willinski and her husband came and we enjoyed catching up and talking about 'The Brook.'"

**Jacqueline A. Gribbon** writes, "I've finally retired and I love every minute of it. Catching up on my travels and looking forward to our next reunion."

# notes

**1968**

**Virginia "Gini" Mercer Eyres** writes, "I decided last year I was really bored in retirement so I opened a bed and breakfast here on Vancouver Island called Oyster Shores. Although the extra income is nice, the real payoff has been meeting people from all over the world. It keeps me just busy enough and being my own boss is exciting. Last year I also became a grandmother for the first time and of course Lily is the joy that makes my heart sing. Hope everyone is enjoying these "golden years" and check out my new venture on [www.oystershores.com](http://www.oystershores.com).

**Clifford A. Faile** writes, "I recently moved to Southport, NC, home of the movie "Safe Haven" and other shows like "Under the Dome" and "Sleepy Hollow" were shot in nearby Wilmington. Anyone vacationing here in Myrtle Beach is welcome to come and visit our sandy beaches, or go golfing and boating. You won't want to leave."

**1969**

**Albert P. Latini** retired in 2002 after 29 years in the social work field. He worked for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance and received cases for Quality Control from the Worcester and Springfield regions. He completed his Master of Education degree at Worcester State College in 1974. Since retiring, he's worked part-time for a linen company, as a Pharmacy Technician for Rite Aid, as a Meals on Wheels delivery driver, and at Publick House Bake Shoppe in Sturbridge, MA. In 2012, he retired from all part-time work and is currently volunteering in Southbridge, MA at St. John Paul II Parish, Catholic Charities, a local hospital, and a senior tax abatement program at the town hall. As

a prostate cancer survivor since 2007, he also is active with "Relay for Life." He recently had his 50th high school reunion and has served on all reunion committees since his 5th reunion. He's done a lot of traveling with his wife, with two family destination weddings in Italy in the past 10 years and will be taking his 6th NCL cruise in September. His wife works as a medical assistant in the office of **Dr. William Dunn, DO '86**.

**1970**

**Deborah French Smith** writes, "I stay connected with **Bonnie Richardson Baxter**, **Ginny Choate Oliver**, and **Maggie Damon Toutillotte**. We get together three or four times per year to catch up. I am working per diem for a pediatric dental practice until I fully retire from dental hygiene."

**1971**

**James A. Mullins** writes, "We are looking forward to our third grandson in June. I'm in my third year retired and loving it. I still go to sports events with **Tom O'Dea**."

**1974**

**Debra Boland Baletsa** recently celebrated 37 years of marriage with her husband, Greg. They have two sons,

one in Somerville, MA, the other in Manchester, CT. The youngest son is engaged and getting married in 2015 in Mystic, CT. Debbi and Greg spend their summers on Martha's Vineyard entertaining friends and family!

**Kathryn (Kathy) Pearson O'Brien**

writes, "My husband Rich and I just celebrated our 39th anniversary! We have two daughters—Anna and Jackie—both married within the past two years. I am editor/web editor of a weekly newspaper—Tri-Town Transcript and wickedlocal/Boxford, Topsfield, Middleton. I am a big fan of Zumba and my husband and I love to travel!"

**1975**

WC **Alice Markland** writes, "I have been employed by the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services since 1993 as a Nurse Clinical Specialist and as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. I have a private practice as well. I am also on the State of Connecticut Disaster Behavior Health Team and respond to critical incidents that occur statewide."

Oyster Shores



**1976**

**Joseph R. Kenneally, DMD**, has been elected President of the International College of Dentists for 2015. During his term, Dr. Kenneally will travel to Slovenia, Australia, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Ireland, India, and other regional meeting places to make presentations, guide projects, and help induct new Fellows into the College. He currently serves on the UNE Board of Trustees.

**James A. Mulvaney, Sr.** writes, "I am currently teaching full time at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. I am in the law and police science department and teach courses on investigations, organized crime, community policing and police ethics. Our son, Jack, spent one year at UNE and played on the ice hockey team before transferring. He graduated from the Siena College honors program magna cum laude last year. Siena Hall is a dead ringer for Decary. The Franciscans must have had only one architect."

**1977**

**Karen Gilmour Gillan** writes, "I am still doing dental hygiene and still loving it. I work three days per week for a fabulous dentist. He does general

dentistry, but also performs root canals, extractions, bone grafts, implants, soft tissue augmentation, and adult and pediatric orthodontia. My husband Dave became ill in June 2012 and passed in October 2012. My son Dave is 28 and lives near us, attending college at night while working full time. He graduates in December 2014 with a degree in computer networking. My daughter is 27 and lives with me, along with our two kitties, Amigo and JLo."

**Carol Knybel Graziano** writes, "Rick and I have been married for nearly 35 years. We have two daughters and five grandchildren. Recently, I traveled down to NC to visit with my Dad and Marion. They are both 86 years old and we hiked at Dupont State Park! **Ruth Long** and I see each other frequently. This spring we will be doing the Connecticut Wine Trails. Waiting for summer vacation at the cottage in Westerly, RI. Celebrate. Remember: Fight back!"

**1984**

**Major Jeffrey Wayne Glassheim, D.O.**, moved to New Mexico in 2012 with his two daughters, Elyssa (21) and Brenna (17) after spending 13 years in California and 7 years in

Wisconsin. Elyssa is a dean's list student at the University of New Mexico and is planning to sit for her MCATs in August, with plans to apply for medical school, one of those schools being UNECOM. Brenna is on her high school Varsity Dance Team, is an honors student, and debating a career in business or science and medicine. He is enjoying the sunny weather; views of the Sandia, Jemez, and Sangre de Cristo ranges, and in his free time enjoys tending his Xeriscape and garden in the clean high desert environment. He was successful in an early harvest of kale, as well as with crops of grapes, tomatoes, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, and raspberries. He is enjoying a sabbatical after spending his career in private practice and is entertaining a direct pay model endeavor planned for next year. He is on Facebook, LinkedIn, and can also be contacted at [glasjw@juno.com](mailto:glasjw@juno.com).

**1986**

**Edward Jerome Degnan, D.O.**, writes, "A short note to say hi to all. Retired now and living in Ecuador; doing well, enjoying life. If anybody is down here feel free to say hi. [docdegan@gmail.com](mailto:docdegan@gmail.com)."

**1987**

**Lisa T. Weldon-Martin** writes, "I miss attending UNE and encourage all young people to attend. My son would consider UNE if there was a football team! I am retired from being a Senior Instructor for the State of Rhode Island Department of Developmental Disabilities. I was able to get legally married to my partner of 16 years Carol Weldon. We have a 15 year old son we took in at the age of 7 and were able to adopt in 2011. His name is Ty. We also have a Siberian Husky named Toby."

**1988**

**Dr. Mark R. Henschke, D.O.**, recently received two awards. The Consumers' Research Council of America announced that he was selected as one of America's Top Physicians and is being listed in the *Guide to America's Top Physicians 2014 Edition*. Vitals™ also announced that Dr. Henschke was recognized for a Top Ten Doctor (Internist Specialist) in Your Neighborhood Award. Dr. Henschke is a board certified physician in both Internal Medicine and Medical Management who maintains a hospital based practice in York, Maine.

# notes

**Mark T. Melanson** and **Cindy Wilber Melanson** recently moved to West Virginia. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in Jamaica. They have two daughters, Emily (21) and Sarah (18). Emily is finishing up her BSN degree at Shepherd University and getting married in June. Sarah is a freshman at West Virginia University and last year became the youngest female to ever finish an Ironman event.

**1989**  
**Patricia H. Ablat-Conard, D.O.**, writes, "Following over 15 years in clinical practice and four years as a Professor of Clinical Medicine at Temple University's School of Allied Health Sciences, I have taken a hiatus from medicine to spend more time with my family (my husband John and our 15 year old daughter, Gabrielle). In 2007, I joined in a new business venture with my husband: we co-own Exact Tolerance, LLC (reverse engineering/prototype/repair of surgical and medical instruments and devices). I also devote 20 hours per week toward child development at a local private school."

**Judith McCarthy Smart** writes, "I have been living and working in the Denver area for over 23 years now. I'm still working in rehab/neuro field at Craig Hospital (brain and spinal cord injuries) and also doing home health PT. Larry and I have been married for 19 years and our girls are 16 and 14. I can't believe it's been 25 years since graduation from PT school. Looking forward to a reunion."

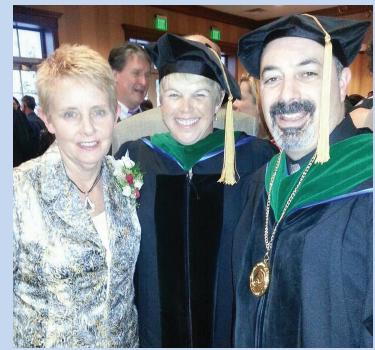
**1992**  
**Leland Ackerson** is an Associate Professor of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts—Lowell. He received tenure in the spring of 2014 and has been made the Coordinator for the Master of Public Health Program.

**1993**  
**Theresa Sutton Moreau MacKenzie** writes, "UNE, formerly St. Francis, will always be my second home. Stella Maris, formerly my elementary school, was a close-knit community. My dad, the late William Sutton, and my mom, **Georgette Sutton HON '02**, loved Hills Beach and the people at the school. They worked at St. Francis, now UNE, and I did too in the Registrar's Office as a student. Now, I have retired from Unum, traveled a bit, and it is

good to be home. I enjoy my grandchildren now."

**1998**  
**Doris B. Newman, D.O.** worked as an Assistant Professor; then Associate Professor at UNECOM from 2002 to 2010. Since 2010, she has worked at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine as an Associate Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Practices, and is enjoying sunny southeast Florida. In March 2014, she earned the Fellowship of the American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO), where she also was elected to the office of President-Elect of the American Academy of Osteopathy for 2014-15 and will automatically fill the office of President in March 2015-16. Doris also married her long-time partner, Sam Allen, in California in September 2014 during the AOA OMED Convention on a spur-of-the-moment drive through the desert to the nearest courthouse in Hesperia, CA. They celebrated their 18th year together in March of 2014.

**1999**  
**Shannon Zenkus Ducret** has been busy raising her 8-year-old daughter and continues to work as a special education teacher.



*American Academy of Osteopathy President's Banquet, March 22, 2014, Colorado Springs, CO Left: Sam Allen Middle: Doris Newman, DO'98, FAAO, President-elect of the AAO Right: George Pasquarello, DO'93, FAAO, (Past-president of the AAO) Dr. Pasquarello was also Dr. Newman's sponsor for the FAAO application process.*

**Amanda Ovington** has been busy raising her two boys, Holden (age 7) and Dexter (age 1 ½). She thoroughly enjoys being a stay-at-home mom! Find her on Facebook if you want to know more!

**2004**  
**Matthew Dunn, D.O.** recently accepted a position as a physician in the emergency department at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. A third-generation native of North Conway and Tamworth, he returned to his hometown after spending time in New York completing his internship and residency at Albany Medical Center; where he became chief resident in 2006. After graduating from residency, he worked at Glen Falls Hospital. He is a board certified emergency physician



and Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Dunn and his wife Kristen Dunn, PA '02 reside in Chocorua, NH.

## 2006

**David Alden-St. Pierre, PA** recently earned a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. He is a certified physician assistant who works at Beverly Hospital in Massachusetts and was awarded a CAQ in emergency medicine, a distinction earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing an exam in the specialty. He is one of only 31 certified PAs in Massachusetts, and 544 certified PAs nationally, to earn a CAQ since the program's inception in 2011.

## 2009

**Bethany Brooks, RDH**, writes, "I just started my D3 year at A.T. Still University - Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health in Mesa, AZ. I am also currently serving as an Officer Candidate for the United States Navy Dental Corps. Although Arizona is nice, I try to make it back to New England as much as possible to escape the 'dry' heat!"

**Martha Gilman, D.O.**, writes, "I left residency after my internship in June 2010 to 'reset.' I taught classes at a community college in NH for 4 years and finally am returning to residency!! I was accepted to St. Vincent's Family Medicine Residency Program in Erie, PA. So, while many of my classmates from 2009 are beginning their 2nd or 3rd year of practice, I will be doing my internship, again. However, I am very excited to return to the medical/osteopathic world!"

## 2010

**Cassidy M. Foley, D.O.**, is the newest Pediatric Sports Medicine physician at Pediatric Orthopedic Associates and Children's Hospital of Atlanta, affiliated with Emory University. She writes, "I have a lovely new bungalow in the Virginia Highlands with a guest room if anyone is doing a rotation in the area they are welcome to contact me."

## 2011

**Daniel M. Kelleher**, received the 2014 Marjorie K. Ionta Award for Clinical Excellence from the Department of Physical Therapy at the Massachusetts General Hospital's Institute of Health Professions during the Boston health sciences graduate school's commencement ceremonies in May. Kelleher, who graduated with his

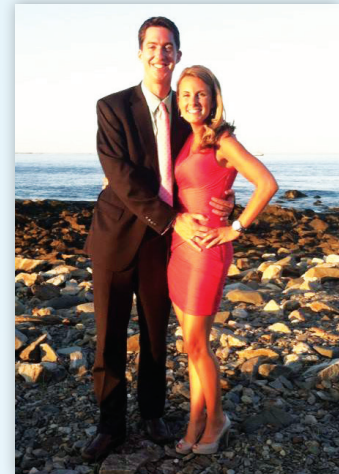
Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, was recognized by his clinical instructor for his high level of critical thinking and clinical decision making, his tireless efforts to advocate for his patients, and his ability to communicate with members of the health care team in a professional and respectful manner—all with the goal to optimize his patients' experiences and outcomes.

## 2013

**Blair C. Baldwin, D.O.** and **Jennifer L. Lockhart, D.O.** were engaged in May 2014.



*Dr. Daniel M. Kelleher.*



*Blair C. Baldwin, D.O. and Jennifer L. Lockhart, D.O.*

## IN MEMORIAM

**1935**

Virginia Taber Dor  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 12, 2009

**1938**

Alice Lydia Allen  
Westbrook Junior College  
May 2, 2014

**1939**

Janet L. Atherton  
Westbrook Junior College  
May 20, 1993

Ruth Eastman Brigg  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 28, 2009

**Jeannette Burnham Clemons**

Westbrook Junior College  
May 22, 1999

**Elizabeth W. Moody**

Westbrook Junior College  
July 10, 2008

**Margaret Noble Morabito**

Westbrook Junior College  
December 8, 2006

**1940**

Isabelle Tufts Gane  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 13, 2012

**1941**

Anita Heusser Atwood  
Westbrook Junior College  
June 5, 2014

**1943**

Eleanor Greene Clark  
Westbrook Junior College  
June 16, 2014

**1944**

Barbara R. Clark  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 15, 2007

**1945**

Jean Hanna Martin  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 3, 2013

**1948**

Marilyn Greaves Greene  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 9, 2014

**1949**

Marcia Whidden Donald  
Westbrook Junior College  
May 4, 2014

**Joan 'Sully' Sullivan Rugen**

Westbrook Junior College  
July 7, 2014

**1950**

Barbara E. Birmingham  
Westbrook Junior College  
March 15, 2014

**June Ellis Murray**

Westbrook Junior College  
January 1, 2014

**1952**

Lila Doris Campbell McCue  
Coombs Fortin  
Westbrook Junior College  
May 12, 2014

Josephine M. Gaccetta  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 8, 2014

**1953**

The Rev. Donald Nicknair  
St. Francis College  
November 18, 2013

**1955**

Joyce Gray Emero  
Westbrook Junior College  
October 13, 2013

**1960**

Susan Poore Follansbee  
Westbrook Junior College  
September 4, 2013

**Adrienne Szeremany**

Westbrook Junior College  
May 23, 2004

**1964**

Frederick A. Young  
Westbrook Junior College  
February 19, 2010

**1965**

Penelope E. Evans  
Westbrook Junior College  
August 7, 2011

Judith Saturley Watson  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 11, 2011



**1967**

**Gregory Thomas Guest**  
St. Francis College  
May 10, 2014

**James M. McQueen**  
St. Francis College  
August 4, 2009

**Theodore John  
"Ted" Menadier**  
St. Francis College  
May 20, 2014

**1968**

**Sharon Jameyson Brasier**  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 3, 2014

**1974**

**Edward T. Irwin**  
St. Francis College  
July 2, 2014

**1974**

**Edward T. Irwin**  
Westbrook Junior College  
July 2, 2014

**1975**

**Susan Lambert Scott**  
St. Francis College  
April 21, 2014

**Nancy Jeanne Zecher**  
Westbrook Junior College  
April 8, 2009

**1977**

**Anne E. Palmer Dolan**  
St. Francis College  
April 29, 2014

**Gail Maki Rice**  
Westbrook Junior College  
June 21, 2014

**1979**

**Kevin C. Crowley**  
St. Francis College  
June 28, 2014

**Vernon G. Watters**

Westbrook Junior College  
June 29, 2014

**1982**

**Dennis B. Baily, DO**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
June 21, 2014

**1994**

**Gordon O. Dexter, MSW**  
Westbrook College of Health  
Professions  
April 17, 2008

**1998**

**Timothy Matthew Abril**  
Westbrook College of Health  
Professions  
December 6, 2009

**1999**

**Robert F. Starratt, MSW**  
Westbrook College of Health  
Professions  
June 23, 2014

**2002**

**Jennifer Sturtevant  
Meus, DO**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
May 12, 2014

**2017**

**Drew Francis Grosf**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
May 24, 2014

**FRIENDS**

**Ellen Maltby Askari**  
Faculty, College of Osteopathic Medicine  
March 12, 2014

**The Rev. Richard Lee Gelwick, Th.D.**  
Faculty, College of Osteopathic Medicine  
June 29, 2014

**Edward Legg**  
Trustee, University of New England  
Vice President for University Relations  
August 10, 2014

**Charles Whitney Redman, Jr. HON '85**  
Friend, Westbrook Junior College  
July 1, 2014

**Barry Zimman**  
Friend, Westbrook Junior College  
June 27, 2013



# Remembering Ed Legg *A Personal Tribute*

BY BILL CHANCE, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Ed Legg was ultimately a teacher. He had many professions in his life—coach, lawyer, fundraiser, legislator—but throughout these vocations he was always mentoring because he always cared. He cared with great passion for the causes and ideas he espoused, and for the people around him who would be living their lives in the context of those causes.

Much of Ed's life was centered around philanthropy. One of the great lessons Ed both taught and exemplified was that charity is not about what you have to give, but what you want to accomplish. Ed, his wife Ann and their family embodied this in their own philanthropy. There are few buildings or programs at UNE today that are not a result of their generosity or Ed's hard work—from the Marine Science Center, the construction of which he and Ann helped fund, to the biomedical research labs for which Ed's lobbying in Augusta helped secure state research and development grants. Even on the Portland Campus, the College of Pharmacy and the new College of Dental Medicine were supported by state bond funding that resulted from Ed's tireless commitment to UNE, and his passionate insistence that the knowledge they would impart and discover could make a real difference in the lives of the citizens of Maine—his adopted home.



Ed Legg served on the University of New England Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2001 and co-chaired the UNEqualed Vision Capital Campaign, the first major capital campaign after UNE's merger with Westbrook College. He continued to serve the University during a critical period of growth, moving to the administrative leadership role of Vice President for University Relations from 2001 through 2006. After leaving UNE at the end of 2006, Ed successfully campaigned and then served in the Maine state legislature, where he was a passionate advocate for education, as well as a personal champion for the University of New England. Ed leaves behind his beloved wife Ann Etherton Legg (pictured with him, above) and their four grown children and grandchildren.



# UNE PORTRAIT

## THE BROADENING HORIZONS OF MORGAN HILL

BY JOSH PAHIGIAN

As she began her sophomore year, Medical Biology major Morgan Hill '16 never imagined she would spend the spring semester living and studying abroad. The Dudley, Mass. native had enjoyed a foreign languages club trip to Europe in high school, but had assumed the demands of her major would preclude her from any international learning experiences during her time at UNE.

Then, last fall, Hill watched a video about the impending opening of UNE's campus in Tangier, Morocco. "With my major," Hill explains, "you have to take all of your sciences [sequentially]. I'd always thought studying abroad sounded like a neat idea, but honestly never thought it was something I could do. Then I learned they were offering all the classes I needed, and I thought, 'What if I did go abroad?' So I talked to my parents, and then ran to the Global Education office to put in my application."

Shortly later, Hill found herself packing for a four-month venture overseas. She was nervous

A long weekend in Seville, Spain is part of the semester in Tangier program. Kacie Horstman and Morgan Hill share a smile in Plaza de España.





*“I just thought it was so beautiful, I want everyone to see it.”*

—Morgan Hill

and even wondering—as she said goodbye to friends and family members—whether she had made too hasty a decision. By the time she touched down at an airport in Spain, though, along with 22 other pioneering spirits who had signed up for UNE’s inaugural semester in Tangier, her anxiety had turned to excitement. “I realized that in an hour I was going to be in Africa,” Hill remembers. “Then, when our plane landed in Morocco, Anouar [Majid] was waiting. He was so happy to see us. He had a bus ready at the airport, and people were jumping up to help with our luggage. It was a great welcome.”

Hill and her fellow students did a lot of walking that first day, as Majid, UNE’s vice president for Global Affairs, led them on a tour of Tangier that eventually brought them to a traditional Moroccan restaurant.

In the days and weeks to follow, Hill and the other students became familiar with the campus, the city, and the Moroccan people. They studied, made new friends, and spent time on the beach. On weekends, they took excursions to places like Morocco’s Blue City of Chefchaouen, which is situated at the foot of the Atlas Mountains, and Fez, home of the world’s oldest leather tannery. They also visited Seville, Spain, where

they reunited with friends and classmates from UNE’s campuses in Maine who were engaged in UNE’s semester abroad program there.

The experience, Hill says, was life-changing.

“I wanted to know what a typical teenager does in Morocco,” she explains. “I wanted to know what it was like to grow up there. Americans can be very closed-minded in the sense that we only really know about life in America. In Morocco, the people are exposed to so many different cultures that they know a lot about all different people, religions and places. They put a lot more priority on knowing what’s going on in the world. I’ve opened my mind.”

By the time her four months in Morocco were drawing to an end, the young woman who had once briefly questioned her decision to spend a semester abroad was beginning to plot her return.

“I made a lot of personal connections there. I really fell in love with Tangier,” she says. “It became my second home. I loved seeing the different styles of family and traditions. Four months is a long time and I learned a lot, but I really want to immerse myself there again. Leaving my friends was very heartbreaking—

from the staff on campus that would do anything for us, to my friends from the AST [American School of Tangier] and the other students. We had become like a family, so the last week was waterworks for us. There were a lot of tears.”

This summer, Hill took four courses on the Biddeford Campus, in hopes of aligning her schedule to allow for a return-trip to Tangier as a Resident Assistant during the Spring 2015 semester. She hopes to continue her own exploration, while helping to introduce a whole new crop of UNE undergraduates to the enchanting country that won her heart.

“I just thought it was so beautiful,” Hill says. “I want everyone to see it.”

Chefchaouen, cradled in the Rif Mountains of Morocco, captivated UNE students with its stunning palette of blues on each and every home.







Looking sharp for the dedication are Sean Hanrahan, Nathan Duchesne, Taylor Prue, Ryan Kelley, Morgan Hill, David White, Chase Palmer, Benjamin Packard and Joshua Powers.





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