THE PAST TEN YEARS have been a period of unprecedented growth for the University of New England. Together, we have built upon UNE’s rich tradition and taken bold steps to shape its future. And so, it is with great pride and not a little sadness that I share the news that I will be stepping down as UNE’s president, effective June 30, 2017. The Board of Trustees has already formed a search committee and taken preliminary steps to find the right person to lead our amazing institution.

With the support of the University’s faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, UNE has become one of the best institutions in America for educational value. We have become a leader in preparing graduates for the health professions, while expanding our enrollment from 4,000 to more than 10,000 students and graduating our largest class yet this past spring. We have launched new colleges and programs and created the UNE Pledge to reward our hard-working students. Every day, we strengthen our commitment to global education, not only at our revolutionary campus in Tangier, Morocco, where we will host our largest class yet this fall, but also through our other global programs.

We have added new buildings on both Maine campuses — for research, academics, student residence and athletics. We have acquired an armory on Stevens Avenue in Portland and an Atlantic island off the coast in Biddeford. We have restored beautiful Alumni Hall. Our state-of-the-art athletics center in Biddeford now anchors a highly successful athletics department, which is still growing. After adding men’s and women’s ice hockey, we will soon cheer our new women’s rugby team, which begins play with a home game against Harvard on September 17. Our football team will take the field for the first time as a varsity program on August 30, 2018, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Looking back on my decade-plus at UNE, what I will remember most are the amazing people. At UNE, I have had the rare privilege of interacting daily with so many creative, passionate and caring people. Together, we have helped UNE become a thriving, modern, global university.

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DANIELLE N. RIPICH, Ph.D.  |  PRESIDENT
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The Human Touch

The Osteopathic Difference and the Future of Health Care

by Josh Pahigian and Philip Shelley
“IT USED TO DRIVE ME INSANE!”

Douglas Wood, D.O., Ph.D., the dean of the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine, is smiling as he recounts a frustrating memory from his days as a full-time practicing physician.

“I might be making rounds with a couple of medical students, and it would often happen that the students would see the patients before I did. So I’d say, ‘Tell me about the patients you have seen.’ And the student might say, ‘The lady in Room 220 has pneumonia,’ and it would drive me insane. Because this is a patient! This is not ‘the lady in 220.’ This is ‘Mrs. Jones in 220,’ and she’s our patient. We have to always think about that.”

As he talks about the difference between osteopathic medicine and allopathic medicine, Wood seems to be reaching beyond specific differences in techniques, such as osteopathic manipulation, and aiming for something deeper — something that goes to the heart of the doctor-patient relationship itself.

“I think,” says Wood, “generally speaking, it’s fair to say that osteopathic physicians pay more attention to their patients than M.D. physicians. I don’t know how many times that I have been told while I was in practice — I practiced with an M.D. group for about three years — ‘Dr. Wood, what is it about you? You just seem to be more of a caring physician than some of the other once who take care of me.’”

Wood qualifies his statement, using words like “generally” and stressing that this difference is, of course, not present at all times in every case. We all know M.D.s who demonstrate high levels of empathy, and there are certainly D.O.s who fall short of the osteopathic ideal. And yet, he continues, “I think there is that difference, that in some way or another we sort of inculcate in our students the fact that this is a human being that you’re taking care of.”

For Patricia A. Kelley, M.S., associate dean of Recruitment, Student and Alumni Services for UNE COM, that focus on patients’ humanity is the key to the osteopathic approach. Kelley states flatly, “I believe having humanity in medicine is what makes good physicians.” As she points out, “It’s not only the science of medicine, it’s the art of medicine. If you don’t have both the science — the intellectual ability to be able to put the puzzle pieces together — and the art — the compassion, empathy, the interpersonal knowledge of how to work with people and move them along — then you’re not going to be effective.”

Recognizing the balance between art and science in medical practice is built into the DNA of osteopathic medicine, which was conceived in the late 1800s by American frontier doctor Andrew Taylor Still. Osteopathic medicine approaches the human body not as independent structures and systems but as an indivisible whole. It aims to diagnose and treat the whole patient, rather than just addressing the body part or organ where problems are manifested. Central to this school of treatment is manual manipulation of the body’s musculoskeletal system as a remedy or part of the remedy for a variety of different medical problems.

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After Still founded the first school of osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri, in 1892, only four more colleges of osteopathic medicine opened over the next seven decades. During that time, a persistent debate played out in the medical community over whether osteopathy should be viewed as a legitimate form of practice. By the middle of the
20th century, though, osteopathy was being viewed more favorably, leading to the public and private funding of ten new colleges of osteopathic medicine between 1960 and 1980, including UNE’s, which was founded in 1978. The first UNE class of aspiring doctors consisted of 36 members. Today, each entering class includes 175 men and women eager to learn the practice of osteopathy. In total, the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine has graduated more than 3,000 osteopathic physicians through the years, making UNE the number one provider of physicians for the state of Maine. The UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine has also been recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its national leadership in primary care training, geriatrics and rural medicine.

Part of the reason for this growth is that the medical establishment has been steadily coming around, and the skills conveyed by the osteopathic degree are increasingly the ones that today’s patients, provider networks and medical students are seeking. “The way that osteopathic doctors normally interact with their patients and look at the total picture of their patients’ health care is getting to be more mainstream,” explains Kelley.

In other words, the mainstreaming of osteopathy is occurring in tandem with certain changes in how American hospitals and clinical settings deliver care, paramount among them is a new emphasis on devoting time and attention to that all-important doctor-patient relationship. An overtaxed practice adopts new efficiencies, patients often complain that their interactions with physicians are rushed. Wood notes that during office visits today, many physicians spend more time looking at their computer screens and inputting data than actually facing the human beings they are meeting. “How much do they miss?” he wonders aloud.

In response, there is a growing trend in U.S. medical care favoring doctors who demonstrate what is commonly known as good bedside manner — the human touch that has always been central to osteopathic medicine. Kelley notes, “There are more schools that are recognizing that maybe we’re offering something that John and Jane Q Public want, and so they’re beginning to emulate that. But we’ve always operated this way. Bedside manner is integral to everything that we’re doing day after day after day.”

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Another trend fosters the development of collaborative health care teams. As physician assistants and nurse practitioners have assumed larger roles in primary practices, medical schools have emphasized the need for physicians to be trained to work collaboratively as members of health care teams. This emphasis on interprofessional learning has played right into one of UNE’s historic strengths.

Explains Wood, “The future of health care is in team practice. It’s not just the physician riding into town on a white horse anymore, and this is an arena where we really excel. We put students into collaborative practice settings. We might put a medical student with a dental student, nursing student and social worker so they can all learn about each other, about the roles their future peers will play, and about how they can deliver better care as part of a team than they ever could alone.”

Advances in science and medical technologies have also resulted in the historically slow-to-adapt medical field valuing innovation more than it once did, which corresponds to another one of UNE’s hallmarks.

“This is an innovative University,” Wood notes. “Since President Ripich has been installed, the changes at UNE have been remarkable in a relatively short period of time.” As Wood sees it, the osteopathic philosophy lends itself to innovation. “I think osteopathic medical schools have the ability to adapt more rapidly than most medical schools,” he elaborates. “The many new osteopathic schools didn’t grow up with the same rigidity that many of the allopathic schools did, so they don’t face the same constraints.”

To be sure, the medical care Americans receive is about to undergo a revolution. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, a full 25 percent of today’s entering medical school students are enrolling in osteopathic programs. By comparison, only seven percent of today’s practicing physicians hold the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (D.O.) as opposed to the allopathic Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.).

As the 21st century began, there were just 19 colleges of osteopathic medicine operating in the United States, and that was after four new schools opened during the 1990s despite policy analysts at the time predicting a looming oversupply of physicians. Today, there are 32 colleges of osteopathic medicine in the U.S., and, collectively, their influence promises to transform the face of American medical practice. This paradigm shift in medical education has left the University of New England uniquely positioned to lead.

For Patricia Kelley, all signs point to a bright future for both osteopathic medicine in general and for UNE COM in particular. Says Kelley, “Osteopathic medicine embodies all the ways we’d like our physicians to treat us: listening, working with us, being comfortable with us, talking with us about all aspects of our lives. Body, mind and spirit are at the center of osteopathic medicine, maintaining the balance between those three areas. You want to keep all of those things healthy, and when you do that, you’re going to get much different outcomes than if your approach is fragmented.”

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RAISING MAINE'S PRIMARY NUMBERS

BY TREVOR PUTNOKY '07

CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT: OPPORTUNITY

For many medical students, the Doctors for Maine’s Future Scholarship means the difference between a career focused on paying the bills and one focused on providing exceptional care.

Gabriel Vachon is a second-year medical student in UNE’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM). Upon graduating, he is considering practicing primary care in the rural communities around Ellsworth, Maine, where he grew up, but he’s facing a difficult reality. On average, medical students leave school with nearly $200,000 in loan debt, and primary care doctors, especially in rural areas, earn only a fraction of what their specialist counterparts make. So how does Gabriel pursue his dream of serving his community while avoiding the kind of debt that almost 50 percent of physicians don’t manage to pay off until they are well into their 40s?

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On May 21, 2016, the University of New England graduated the largest class in its history at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. UNE conferred 1,747 degrees at its 181st Commencement ceremony, including 534 undergraduate degrees, 916 master’s degrees and 307 doctorates. Former Morehouse College President Robert Michael Franklin Jr. received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from UNE and delivered the Commencement address, encouraging graduates to be “globalists, futurists and moral leaders.”
For medical students, the third year marks the start of clinical rotations— the great leap forward from classroom learning to hands-on clinical experience. Kelsey Wilson, a third-year UNE COM student, currently finishing up her rotations at MaineGeneral Medical Center’s Alfond Center for Health in Augusta, Maine, humorously acknowledges the dramatic nature of the transition, saying, “The first week or so, you’re thinking, ‘I don’t know how they’re allowing me to do this!’”

But once the initial butterflies subside, rotations mark the point where medicine ceases to be an academic subject and becomes a true calling. In a more serious tone, Kelsey continues, “You realize all the sacrifices are worth it — all the late nights you stayed up studying. To be able to interact with these patients, to be able to learn about them and their families, it’s a truly incredible experience.”

Orchestrating that experience is Guy DeFeo, D.O., the associate dean for Clinical Education at UNE COM. DeFeo, himself a 1988 graduate of the college, is responsible for cultivating and maintaining relationships with the institutions that provide UNE COM’s clinical campuses.

“We try to match our clinical sites to our mission, which is to provide doctors to rural and underserved areas,” explains DeFeo. Whatever possible, UNE COM also attempts to place each medical student at a single site for a year-long assignment. This longitudinal experience allows students to meet certain learning objectives, such as getting a sense of how the health care system works as a whole, how hospitals are run and what a given community is like. The exact number of clinical campuses is constantly in flux, as new sites are identified and new institutional partnerships are nurtured. For example, says DeFeo, “We just added a new site in Hudson, New York. We had sent students there previously, and one of our alumni is now the chief medical officer of the hospital, so that’s kind of a nice way to establish a new site.” Currently, UNE COM sends students to around a dozen clinical sites, enough to handle 180 students a year. While 70 to 75 of those positions are in Maine, the rest are spread out across New England and the Northeast. “That,” says DeFeo, “is why I spend more time in my car than in my office.”

Inspired by DeFeo, we decided to log a little (decidedly Maine-centric) road time ourselves. We wanted to catch up with UNE COM students at clinical rotation sites across Maine and hear what they had to say about their experiences.
James O’Neill is a third-year student from Colchester, Connecticut, whose colorful background includes a philosophy degree, a stint as a professional fire-eater and several years experience as an EMT. For James, Augusta offered a chance for genuine collaboration as opposed to more competitive and hierarchical sites. “I didn’t want to go somewhere where I felt like I was the third-best option,” says James, alluding to hospitals where students compete with residents and interns for the attention of attending physicians. “I wanted to go somewhere I could be part of the team,” he says, “and I got that here.”

True to his EMT roots, James is hoping to go into emergency medicine, a goal doctors at the Alfond Center have generously supported. James reports that the emergency physicians call him down to the ER whenever interesting things are happening and often allow him to participate in treatment. “Because I let them know early on that I’m really interested in emergency, they’ve really worked to support what I want to do,” says James.

Like James, Kelsey Wilson finds the experience in Augusta overwhelmingly supportive. “Everyone here is always willing to take the time to actually explain things to you,” she says. “No question is a stupid question, whether you’re talking to a resident or an attending physician, or even to specialists.”

After growing up in Gorham, Maine, Kelsey went to college at the University of Maine where she was a Division I soccer player. An irrepressible desire for adventure led her to join the Air Force and eventually to the military’s Health Professions Scholarship Program, which covers the cost of her medical education in exchange for military service.

In her time at the Alfond Center, Kelsey has experienced some life-changing, hands-on moments, including delivering her first baby (“I went home and called my mom immediately!”) and helping to revive a patient who was near death. In the latter case, the medical team was on the verge of giving up after a half hour of chest compressions had failed to stimulate a detectable pulse.

“I was at the bottom of the bed, just feeling at the patient’s feet,” says Kelsey. “You know, I’m a med student. I’m the last person on the totem pole in this room. And I’m thinking to myself, ‘I feel a pulse down here...but everyone else says that they don’t feel one.’” Kelsey spoke up and the team went back to doing compressions, successfully resuscitating the patient. Afterwards, the doctors commended her bravery and credited her with the save. But for Kelsey, the more important thing was that, as she puts it, “That was the first moment in my life where I felt that I had made a difference. And for me, that’s why I do this.”
Erin Gosekamp, a third-year student doing her rotations at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine, is interested in the policy side of the health care system, and she has two master’s degrees (including an M.A. in Public Health from Brown) to prove it.

Medically, Erin’s focus is in pediatric critical care, an interest that grew directly out of her experiences at EMMC. Says Erin, “I worked with the pediatric PCU docs […] and their approach to medicine and the patient wasn’t just clinical.”

As if the balance of clinical experience and systemic reflection at EMMC wasn’t enough for Erin, there was one more factor that influenced her choice of Bangor as a rotation site, a factor that should strike a responsive chord with most medical students. “It’s pretty cheap to live in Bangor,” she says.

For Kendra Albert, Bangor represented something else entirely: home. Kendra grew up in nearby Hampden, went to college at the University of Maine in Orono and, not incidentally, has a mother who is a UNE COM graduate (’86) and has practiced her entire professional life in the region. What is it like to follow in a mother’s footsteps like that? “I thanked my mom every day,” says Kendra, “because it’s such a small community, and if she wasn’t such a good physician and a nice person it would’ve been really uncomfortable, you know? Where you meet someone and they would say something like, ‘Oh, Marie Albert is your mom? Ohh, yeh, yeh, bummer!’ But it wasn’t that way at all because she is so wonderful and everybody really likes her.”

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There was never any doubt in Kendra’s mind that she would end up back in the Bangor area. She is even on track to enter the same residency program that her mother attended. “I like traveling,” she says, “briefly, to visit places, but I always feel a draw to come home. The people are good, and I want to help them.”

THE AROOSTOOK MEDICAL CENTER (TAMC) — PRESQUE ISLE

Originally from New Hampshire, fourth-year medical student Jessica Partlow ventured up to Presque Isle for her clinical rotations and discovered a future home — somewhere she and her fiancé (UNE COM classmate Ray Wong) plan to return after they complete their residencies. Not that she had much spare time, but Jess ended up doing a lot of volunteer work in the area, including teaching Nordic skiing to people with disabilities through a program called Maine Adaptive.

“I really liked the people that I met up there,” says Jess. “They’re very genuine people.” For Jess, part of the attraction of rural medicine is really getting to know patients and their families, and being able to care for people at all stages of their lives. “For me it’s nice to follow the same person, get to know them and their families and to see everyone from babies to great grandmas.”

Jess describes her connection to one older couple, both in their 80s, whom she ran into repeatedly across several settings during the course of her time at TAMC. “I saw the wife when she was in the hospital last year. I was checking in on her every day. Then when I came back this year, I saw her and her husband in the surgery clinic where I was rotating, and then I saw her husband again a month later when I was doing my osteopathic manipulations rotation.”

At this last encounter Jess performed osteopathic manipulations and was referred to finally be able to offer the couple some kind of substantive treatment herself, rather than merely consulting with the attending physician. “They were kind of curious,” Jess says with a laugh. “Like, ‘Okay, so now, what can you actually do?’”

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“Thankfully,” says Jess, “I ended up doing a good job. So they were saying that once she did up there, return, they want me to be their doctor!” She smiles fondly at the memory. “It was really nice of them. And I feel like if I did go up there and work for a while, it would be a good place to kind of start off and maybe start a family at some point – hopefully!”
ISLANDS COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES — VINALHAVEN

We admit it. We cheated by including this last port of call (literally), Vinalhaven. The island medical center is not a clinical rotation site at all, but a federally funded clinic run by Stuart Damon, D.O., a member of the UNE COM faculty. But the unique challenges of practicing medicine on an island make this an ideal spot for students seeking interesting preceptorships.

Second-year student John Cooper, a non-traditional student whose entrance into medical school represents a career change after 28 years as a television cameraman, leapt at the chance. "I love preceptorships," says John, "because, from my previous job, I love field trips. It's a great way to spend time and see what people do in different specialties."

John notes dryly, "One particularly unique challenge of being a rural provider in Maine is the climate," and explains that this challenge increases exponentially on an island where resources are scarce and transport to the mainland is critical for certain patients. "If the ferry is not an option," says John, "are you going to have to go with a lobster boat? They've had to evacuate people on a lobster boat. Or if it's really bad weather and you really need to get someone off the island, is it the Coast Guard you're going to be calling?"

Damon adds, "We improvise quite a bit. We have a small amount of basic pharmaceuticals on the island, but the pharmacies in Rockland are used to serving the islands in Penobscot Bay. They know how to get the medication to the island in the shortest possible time. If need be, they'll call a cab then hand the prescription to the cab driver who drives it down to the pier and approaches somebody who's going to Vinalhaven and says 'So and so needs this, can you drop it off?' That's a fairly routine thing."

Damon freely admits, "It's a little unorthodox, for sure. But if you live in a place like that, you're going to learn to solve the problems that go with it. It's an interesting place in that respect. It's certainly not the typical primary care office. It's arguably more like medicine used to be: whatever is there is what we do."

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If you’ve walked the corridors of Stella Maris Hall or the Alfond Center for Health Sciences (ACHS) as a student at UNE’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM), chances are you know Pat Kelley. In the stressful world of anatomy labs, stoichiometry and unbearably heavy textbooks, Pat (as she is universally known within the UNE COM family) is the college matriarch whose steady, behind-the-scenes assistance has shepherded countless students to graduation day. For those students, Pat has served as both the kind face that seems barely able to suppress a laugh and as the stern glare that compels them to buckle down for that next test.

Students who have had the pleasure to know Pat describe time and again how she helped them when they needed it most. As the associate dean of Recruitment, Student and Alumni Services for the last 35 years, Pat has benefited over a generation of aspiring physicians with her encouraging presence. To celebrate those years of service, and to show Pat how much she means to everyone in the UNE COM community, the university is extremely delighted to announce the creation of the Patricia A. Kelley Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The original idea for the fund dates back to 2004 and UNE COM alumnus Peter Bell, D.O. ’84, now a distinguished faculty member at Ohio University, who wanted to do something meaningful to honor Pat’s contributions to UNE. Over the years, Bell’s idea continued to gain support from fellow alumni who shared his fond memories of Pat. Bell’s vision gained critical mass when he spoke with Erik Steele, D.O. ’87, senior vice president and chief medical officer of Summa Health in Akron, Ohio, and the two former UNE COM students agreed to put up the seed money to start the scholarship fund.

“Too often people serve, achieving great accomplishments, worthy of recognition, emulation and proclamation, but because of their humility, they receive little acknowledgment,” said Bell. “It is my hope to recognize Pat and hold up her contributions as an example of what good people can do to pay it forward. It is my hope that those who felt her beneficence will make a significant contribution to the fund.”

The goal for the Patricia A. Kelley Endowed Scholarship Fund is to raise an endowment of $100,000 by the end of the year. The money raised will be used to help students aspiring to careers in primary care to cover the cost of their educations.

“UNE gave me the gift of my career as a physician, and I want to give back to a great school,” said Steele. “I know that the cost of medical school is a huge barrier to those who want to become physicians, and medical school debt is a barrier to medical students being able to pursue careers in primary care, so a scholarship fund that helps students pursuing primary care is a no-brainer for me. Also, and very importantly, it honors Dean Kelley, someone to whom I feel a debt of gratitude to this day and someone I am honored to have known. She is the face of UNE COM administration to me — and what a kind face it is. A contribution to the Dean Kelley Scholarship Fund is a ‘shoo-in’; it’s a gift back to the school, a way to help defray the cost of medical school education for students, and it honors Dean Kelley. What’s not to love and support about all that?”

If Dean Kelley has had an impact on your education at the UNE, or she just offered a consoling smile one day when you weren’t feeling quite at your best, please consider making a pledge in her honor.

For more information on the Patricia A. Kelley Endowed Scholarship Fund, please contact Joan Fischer at (207) 221-4598, jfischer4@une.edu or visit une.givenow.
UNE VICE PRESIDENT "MOST WANTED" IN FBI PANEL ON OPIOID CRISIS

In February, Edward Bilsky, Ph.D., was vice-president for Research and Scholarship at UNE, participated in a panel discussion in Washington, D.C., on the opioid crisis in America. The event was organized by the FBI and the DEA, and included those agency directors, James Comey and Chuck Rosenberg, respectively.

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MaineBiz Spotlight: New UNE Health Informatics Program

The new health informatics program in the University of New England’s College of Graduate and Professional Studies is bringing together a mix of attention-grabbing features from Maine’s go-to business resource, MaineBiz.

The MaineBiz article focuses on the fact that the online program is meeting a genuine need in the industry for trained professionals who are able to merge health care, technology and computer science. It’s a rapidly growing field that aims to make health care more efficient, provide better outcomes and make the industry more affordable and enhance the patient experience.

The article features interviews with MaineBiz/Tim Greenway and Ellen Beaulieu, vice president for Strategic Initiatives; Jay Collier, director of Computational and Digital Programs; Martha Wilson, dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies; and Ellen Beaulieu, vice president for Strategic Initiatives.

Above: Megan Landry, UNE health informatics program manager; UNE Dental Care Program, Boston.

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When the University of New England announced in December of 2014 that it would add football and women’s rugby to its lineup of 15 varsity sports, it was just the first step in the long and complex process of launching two new athletics programs. On February 14 of this year, the Nor’easters took another big step in that process when they introduced the head coaches for those new programs — football coach Mike Lichten and women’s rugby coach Ashley Potvin. Lichten comes to UNE from Becker College, where he served as head coach for five seasons. While at Becker, Lichten transformed the Hawks’ program, culminating in a 2015 season that featured a school-record seven victories and an undefeated record at home. For his efforts, Lichten was selected Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) Coach of the Year, as well as All-Worcester Coach of the Year. He coached 49 All-ECFC selections over his five-year tenure. Identified as one of the top young coaches in the nation, Lichten was selected from a pool of nearly 200 applicants to attend the American Football Coaches Association 30 Under 30 Leadership Institute in San Antonio, Texas, this past January. At the institute Lichten attended lectures on topics including ethics, leadership, NCAA rules, financial management, hiring and player safety. Though he has only been on the job for a few months, Lichten has already put his stamp on UNE’s nascent football program, making more than 400 visits to high school coaches throughout the country and serving as a featured speaker at the Maine Football Coaches Association Clinic. The new Nor’easters football team will commence play with an abbreviated sub-varsity schedule in 2017 before kicking off its first varsity season as a member of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) in 2018. In addition to its CCC schedule, UNE has agreements in place to take on the United States Coast Guard Academy and regional power Husson University in non-conference action. Potvin, while new to the Nor’easters’ full-time coaching staff, is a familiar face to the UNE rugby faithful, having served as UNE’s club rugby head coach since 2012. During that time, she has led her squad to an impressive level of success. The Nor’easters are coming off a season in which they won the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) title and advanced to the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) National Championship. They also achieved a top-20 ranking nationally. Potvin was an accomplished player at Norwich University and most recently has been a teacher and coach in the Biddeford school system. The new Nor’easters football season will get underway this coming September. As a member of the National Collegiate Women’s Varsity Rugby Association (NCWIRA), UNE will compete against a lineup of prestigious institutions, including Harvard University, Brown University and Dartmouth College. UNE Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Jack McDonald is pleased with the addition of both Lichten and Potvin to the Nor’easters’ talented coaching staff. “We are thrilled to add Mike and Ashley to Nor’easter Nation [...] They will provide our student-athletes with such a positive experience.” — Jack McDonald
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THE NOR'ESTERS NO. 1 FAN

Fans who regularly attend University of New England women’s basketball games know that the action during the games can be fast and furious. But for many of the home faithful, timeouts have become just as entertaining thanks to the Nor’easters No. 1 fan, nine-year-old Seamus Jennings.

Seamus, the cousin of four-year standout Nor’easters guard Sadie DiPierro ’16, is the young ball of energy who paints his stomach with the team colors and wears zany blue wigs, a ritual he initiated at one of the first UNE playoff games he attended. His “signature move” comes during timeouts, when he drives the home crowd into a frenzy with his well-choreographed dance routines up and down the sidelines.

The son of Karen and Shawn Jennings (brother of Sadie’s mother, Colleen), Seamus plays lacrosse, Gaelic football, hurling and soccer, but according to his mother he “lives and breathes basketball.” The young hoops enthusiast has a daily routine of waking up to check the stats from the previous night’s NBA games, and even on the coldest winter days, Seamus is out in the driveway dribbling and shooting, practicing everything he has learned from watching the Nor’easters play over the past four seasons.

Seamus has built a loyal following at the games, but this past season his popularity exploded beyond the confines of the Harold Alfond Forum when he was the subject of a pair of features on local television stations. As a seasoned performer, Seamus embraced his moment in the spotlight.

“It makes me feel famous,” he said. “Everyone coming up to me and saying they saw me on the news. That’s so cool. It makes me feel that people care about me.”

Seamus has been part of something special at the Harold Alfond Forum the past four seasons. Head coach Anthony Ewing’s teams racked up an astonishing mark of 60-3 at home during that stretch, including four Commonwealth Coast Conference titles and an unblemished 48-0 record versus conference opponents. That four-year stretch of unprecedented success culminated in the opportunity to host the first and second rounds of the NCAA Division III Championship in March.

After receiving his support for four years, members of the team thanked Seamus for his loyalty by attending one of his youth basketball games late in the season.

Karen Jennings was touched by that show of support, saying, “It was a truly wonderful moment when Sadie and her teammates showed up at Seamus’ basketball game. It said a lot about the amazing group of young women that they would come out and support Seamus. He was so surprised and loved having them to cheer him on.”

Sadie reflects on four years of having her cousin on the sidelines with great fondness.

“His involvement with the team has impacted me in ways both on and off the court,” she said. “I can’t begin to explain how something as small as showing our team support over the years has helped us push and achieve our goals. In a way, he’s been like a teammate — the kind you want on your team one that shows unconditional love and support towards all members, one that has a constant positive attitude and one that simply loves the game.”

Now that Sadie will be graduating in May, what does the future hold for Seamus? “Most likely I will try and go to a couple of games and still support them,” he said. “Maybe not as many as when Sadie was on the team, but the playoffs, totally.”

One thing is for sure. Whenever Seamus is in attendance for games at the Alfond Forum, the entire crowd is sure to take notice.
On June 10–11, more than 120 Westbrook alumni and friends gathered to celebrate Reunion 2016 on UNE’s Portland Campus. The milestone Reunion classes, including the Class of 1966 celebrating their 50th Reunion, enjoyed a variety of activities on campus including a tour of the newly restored Alumni Hall. During the Annual Meeting in Ludcke Auditorium, President Danielle Ripich was honored with the Presidential Alumnus Award, Yvonne Paul Lambert ’54 received the Heloise E. Withee ‘40 Alumni Service Award, and Shelley Weinrieb Amster ’71, ’73 received the Tower Award of Alumni Achievement.
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President Danielle N. Ripich reviews the Westbrook Alumni Association parade with 82 Westbrooks Alumni Association president.

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Background image: Class of 1966 celebrates their 50th Reunion.

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Bernice Lord Peterson writes, “I moved to Maine at the end of 2015. I just turned 86! I was so lucky to have Jane as my roommate. She was so very dear to me. I will miss her very much.”

Esther Dalrymple Wheatley writes, “I missed the Fort McHenry celebration this year. The ‘Star Spangled Banner’ that flew over Fort McHenry was sewn by Mary Pickersgill. It’s exciting to be here in Towson, MD at Pickersgill Retirement Community. The ‘Star Spangled Banner’ that flew over Fort McHenry was sewn by Mary Pickersgill.”

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Shirley Founds Proctor writes, “I moved into a new assisted living facility after a serious fall. This doesn’t work but does result in a result. In the meantime, I keep records and photograph in albums of what I see into a residence in Sarasota, Florida, 1951

Margaret Brigdon Stowell writes, “We are still chatting away in touch – mainly by phone. We have fewer 10 drops and 10 times and more. We’ve seen each other’s family of various sizes. I now have flexibility of the seasons. We’ve been very pleased with being part of U.N.

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Alice Hadgon Maggese writes, “My newborn of Aug. 2015, the Winik Health Care Center, Saratoga Springs. I am a present manager. I would love to hear from anyone from U.N.C. My spelling and writing are going better. I love our games. However I still want to laugh. I am learning something funny and share it to them.”

Beverly Pollard May writes, “I will be 90 in March and am enjoying a healthy life. We had Thanksgiving at Mal’s 22 family members, and we went to her granddaughter’s first Thanksgiving in 1955

1955

Priscilla Wheeler Corda writes, “Leo and I continue to have good health and are still able to travel. Last April we went to Hawaii and took what is probably our favorite trips on the Kikurug Bala Cruise Line from Beirut to Kerkenes and back to Bergen. We made short stops at around 30 ports or so and will long-term ideas. Exploring crossing the Arctic Circle are other highlights within our full career of six and ten.

Janel MacInwain writes, “Keep your in the sender’s name of Maine. All three children are busy. Our son, Dogal Norman, as well as students, neighbors, and community members.”
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Barbara Lothrop Labbe writes, "My family had moved to Texas from Colorado in July. I am an esthetician, retired, and enjoy spending my time volunteering. I live in a senior living community in Sun City Center, FL. I have three grandchildren. Westbrook was a wonderful place to be and I have fond memories of fundraising. I have 6 grandchildren and enjoy being a grandmother. I have been teaching water fitness at a local pool for the past 10 years. Residents settle in, and also community events make this a wonderful place to be."

Westbrook classmate Shortall Cassani writes, "I enjoyed spending time with family and friends and traveling; also spend my summers in Venice, FL and buy a Florida house every year. My children live in Florida as well as in Maine during the summers. We love it. Of course, we still have our wonderful home in New Hampshire."

The Westbrook Tilefabrics office was at 360 Pepperell Street, Westbrook, ME 04092. I am still working in the medical community doing number of things — helping new towns, helping our community. I am very happy in the town of Westbrook. I have a wonderful place to be!"

Barbara Mae O’Leary writes, "I spent October to June, and Cape Cod in the summer. We are fortunate to be healthy and active. I still enjoy golf regularly, and I am also keeping in touch with my good Westbrook Junior College friends Rae Johnson Bachelder and Mary Beth Shortall Cassani."

Priscilla Morrison McGarry writes, "Our grandchildren are now ages 18, 16 and 14. They are doing a number of things — helping new towns, helping our community. I am very happy in the town of Westbrook. I have a wonderful place to be!"

Mariah Miller Borgs writes, "I am still teaching the great grandchildren at the lake. My two amazing grandchildren have graduated from Triune University."

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Elizabah Jackson Brown writes, "The last month or so has been hectic for us. Both Bob was hospitalized for his eye and the treatments for the tumor. He is doing better in the hospital and 10 more at rehab. He was able to go in time for us to go to our grandchildren’s wedding in October of 2014. I left my full-time job and moved from a condo back to a house in1980."

Nancy Bouchekher Southard writes, "Lee and I continue to be ‘snowbirds.’ We live in Savin Street Center, FL from October to June, and Cape Cod for the summer. We are fortunate to be healthy and active. I still enjoy golf regularly, and I am also keeping in touch with my good Westbrook Junior College friends Rae Johnson Bachelder and Mary Beth Shortall Cassani."

Sheila Taylor Jones writes, "Now that the bowl harvest season is in full swing, the phone rings non-stop, instead of telephone calls, visiting, surveys, etc. — very welcome. After almost 20 years as a Supervisor of the Breast Unit, I am not eligible for re-election to another 6-year term. But I have had 75+ skips as King Pine Ski Area in East Madison, NH. Perhaps 5 years. We usually ski in the morning or a couple of hours, and when the lifts and lifts start to get crowded, we leave. I am vice president of the Eastern Breast Cancer Coalition and board the monthly program and present at breast cancer events. Every time we look over a weekly coffee book once a month — most attendees are retired. I received a letter from Carleen Swett, Lee this past week. Every year we volunteer to help the Nurses Office on Thursday and Saturday (Our 60th reunion will be held June 2030)."

Purcella Morrison McGarry writes, "Elizabeth Carlos Phillips, Judith, Randall Whitney, and I got together for lunch one nice day in October. Shopping, lunch, and some good visiting made for a nice time in beautiful Canton, Maine."
My dog children are not always happy about going into the car. They are a little bit scared, adults are happy staying inside with a little bit of armor and my children. We have had a lot of fun and I am very grateful for the experiences.

Several friends have visited us and we have enjoyed a lot of activities together. We have had various gatherings with family and friends, and we have been able to reconnect with old acquaintances and make new ones. We have enjoyed spending time in our community and are looking forward to future visits.

For our future plans, we are considering a move to a warmer climate. We have visited several places in the south and are looking into the possibilities. We are also interested in exploring different travel options, such as road trips and cruises.

Overall, we are enjoying our retirement and are looking forward to many more years of adventure and exploration.
John (Jack) A. Deering writes, "I served in the Navy for 4 years in 1955 and 1956 and have an exciting story to tell. I can always remember the time I was in a blizzard and had to swim for 30 minutes to get to the ship."

Karen Loew Taranto of Franklin. Enjoying three grandchildren, Abigail and Logan, and spending time with my horse, Dutchmaster!"
nour dental practice, but look forward to retiring soon in 2016. Carol Kink-Ander son and Sue Dennick Engel dined down in Westfield and got-together, and Carol has vacationed at her lake house in Falmouth. Fun times! University of Maine 1984 graduated Janet An 

Allie Baker Kelly’s note: “In my third year of practicing dental hygiene independently in Acton, I am in the office of my collaborating dentist in Hilton Head for a get-together, and Carol has had us up to her lake house in Maine. Fun times!”

Mink Anderson to retiring soon! In fall of 2015, enjoying it very much, but am looking forward to retiring!”

Erica Larson Epling writes, “Since moving to Kansas, I’ve worked in a private practice as a dental hygienist. I also am a fan of upscale restaurants and fine wines.”

Jill Baker Kelly at her lake house in Maine. Fun times!”

Robin Jane Solvang writes, “I live and work in Manhattan. When I graduated in 2013, I joined MC, a collaborative dental practice. My hygienist, Jill, and I have a ‘sisterhood’ of two other dental professionals and one in training, and we enjoy our professional camaraderie.”

Lil Payton Littlefield writes, “I am doing the site work and will be building in 2017.”

Kathy J. Basonich-Rich writes, “Happy New Year to all the Class of ’78! Who would have thought that at 66 years of age, I am still working and living in the Hope City for women. The Franklin Theatre Heritage Foundation in Franklin, and the Village Chapel Church in St. Benedicts, where I also will always welcome company to visit. Visitors in August when my very original kitchen will be the centerpiece of my new space!”

Denise F. Lufves and Donny Robinson. “We are in Kansas again for the winter and the hockey games. We are honored to do this.”

Timothy M. Duffy and Paul Goulet. “It would be wonderful to see you. My heart is in Denver and will be in Colorado during the next issue … too proud of my girls for this next one come Spring!”


Jill Baker Kelly at her lake house in Maine. Fun times!”

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Karen Wall Fox writes, “Hi, UNE friends. I currently work at Gorham House full time; as a part-time per diem at New England Rehab in Portland, and have my own private business. I am Blessed with three children, Emerald, 13, and Sydney, 13; and a rescue puppy, Tiger, very involved with my children’s activities. I also love traveling, going to the beach and giving talks across the state.”

Suzanne Henry Berry writes, “I have been employed in the Braintree Public Schools as a school therapist since graduation. I am happily married to my husband Scott, and have a 15-year-old son.”

Heidi Ordway Hutchins writes, “I celebrated twenty years of marriage with my husband Cory last summer. I have two teenage sons, Chase and Cole. I have worked in the tele communications field for 17 years. This past summer I left my job at FairPoint to start a career as a home stager. I am so happy that I made this change! I am also horse owner. This summer my family and I will be moving to Vermont to a great place for a medical school reunion, a new position. I’m a mom of an amazing daughter, and we are a statewide agency that I have worked for almost 18 years. Together we are a statewide agency.”

Karen T. Smith writes, “I continue to work with Catherine E. Lane, CPA in Saco, Maine and as a bookkeeper for her business, Lane & Company, Inc. in Westbrook, Maine. I also sing with the Portland Community chorus and the Magic of Christmas Chorus with the Portland Symphony.”

Bill St. John writes, “I have moved from Cumberland Foreside to a Wish Maine on an ongoing basis and I am also volunteering for Make A Wish and the Maine CPR Board. I am a proud breast cancer survivor and I am currently working at Internal Medicine Associates in Portland, and co-own a multispecialty private practice in Aurora, Colorado. I am a busy Practitioner, Family Dr., and I am also a Sports specialist who also treats the athletes at Denver University.”

Karen Self writes, “I am the mom of two amazing children, Connor, 11, and Dionis, 7. Both kids are in the process of adopting three children who we found through Friends of the Children and we are currently and former foster parents.”

Darryl H. Wright and Judithanne Wright share an office at the University of New England and serve as directors of the School of Allied Health. They have been married for 26 years and live in Biddeford. They have three children: Andrew, a senior at UMaine; Amanda Marie, a junior at UMass Dartmouth; and Sarah sophomore at Miltion Hill School. They would love to hear from old friends I think of them often.”

Susan P. Raschal writes, “My husband is also a Wish Maine on an ongoing basis and I am also volunteering for Make A Wish and the Maine CPR Board. I am a proud breast cancer survivor and I am currently working at Internal Medicine Associates in Portland, and co-own a multispecialty private practice in Aurora, Colorado. I am a busy Practitioner, Family Dr., and I am also a Sports specialist who also treats the athletes at Denver University.”

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Marc Pagnot is currently the head athletic trainer for the Stockton Heat. In addition to his athletic training role, Marc also provides performance enhancements specialist through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. Marc earned Masters of Education in Kinesiology from Bowling Green University.

2010

Julia A. Lesniak writes, "I am an San Diego working as a school nurse — I love working with the kids!"

Ashley M. Travers-Taylor writes, "As of now, I am working towards focusing myself. I have not only run and danced and have traveled across the United States twice since I graduated from UNE. Maine and I now happily have a baby dog, good, 2009. Maine. It has been a wild rollercoaster, but I am living every second. Currently, I am using my theater career at Biddeford City Theatre by training for the musical West Side Story, along with actively training for a Women’s Fitness Competition in October 2016 with my best friend, Lauren. Other than that, I have started my own business. As a Whole-food Healing, I have decided to go back to school to become a Family Matters. I will be working with everyone, old and new at UNE!"

2011

Sarvannah Reid writes, "I am running the Boston marathon in April 2016 for the Target Cancer Foundation. I ran my first marathon in 2010. I am currently living in New York, NY with my husband and young daughter, Erica N. Paine '09 is a Health and Physical Education in Kinesiology at Bowling Green University.

2012

Julie E. Brengle writes, "I am now in my third year as head athletic trainer for Seacrest Country Day School in Naples, FL."
Kimberly M. Simms writes, “Dr. Christopher Beavers, 2015 graduate of the College of Pharmacy and Kimberly Simms, RDH, 2012 graduate of the Westbrook College of Health Professions’ Dental Hygiene program announce their engagement. Chris and Kim met on campus in 2010 and are to be married on September 30, 2017.”

Andrew P. Murray is engaged to Dr. Ashley Holland of Westbrook, ME. The two met while applying for Residency Programs in Milwaukee.

Sean T. O’Sullivan was married in September of 2014 and welcomed his first child in October of 2015. He is finishing up at Central Maine Med and is pursuing a fellowship at Maine Med.

Meredith K. Carbone writes, “I married Ryan D. Doyle, in January, 2015. We are both in our second year of residency in Grand Rapids, Michigan in obgyn and psychiatry.”

Alyssa E. Doody and Nathan Howlett celebrated their marriage on August 29, 2015. The two met while pursuing medical degrees at UNE.

Kaylee M. Dubois writes, “I joined the United States Air Force to serve my country as a photojournalist.”

Heather J. McIlroy writes, “After completing my Master of Science in International Management degree from Franklin University Switzerland, I just recently got a full time job at Good Sports, Inc. Good Sports is a nonprofit organization which gives all kids the lifelong benefits of sport and physical activity by providing new equipment, apparel and footwear to those most in need.”

Jenna Crute-Powers will be entering the PhD program at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work this fall. Jenna is eager to move her career forward with the additional education, which will allow her to create systems-level improvements in order to promote social inclusion. During her time at UConn, Jenna will be trained as a professor and work in the other areas of community organizing, program development and political social work. Her goals to teach and empower social workers to be leaders of social justice initiatives that create efficient and sustainable progressive change.

Linda Moore writes, “I am a 2016 graduate of the Online Master of Social Work program.”

2014

2013

2016
1936
Margaret Wright Boli
Westbrook Junior College
February 23, 2011

1937
Priscilla Theresa Fisher
Westbrook Junior College
April 4, 2015

1939
Caroline Flagg Melane
Westbrook Junior College
September 21, 2015

1940
Florence Stinchfield Day
Westbrook Junior College
November 10, 2015

Dorothy Hill Denning
Westbrook Junior College
December 24, 2015

1941
Jeannette Elizabeth Taylor Bryant
Westbrook Junior College
January 28, 2016

Dorothy Helen Collins
Westbrook Junior College
November 7, 2015

Dorothy Doyart Knowles
Westbrook Junior College
October 7, 2015

Betty Cooper Walkington
Westbrook Junior College
January 31, 2016

Barbara Triscott Wilde
Westbrook Junior College
February 27, 2016

Flora Davis Wilson
Westbrook Junior College
January 6, 2016

Caroline "Kay" Wood
Westbrook Junior College
March 1, 2016

1944
Virginia E. Dow
Westbrook Junior College
November 7, 2015

1946
Margaret Cushion Smith
Westbrook Junior College
September 18, 2015

Margaret Cushion Smith
Westbrook Junior College
December 9, 2015

Frances Lempert Stone
Westbrook Junior College
October 26, 2015

Lois Bevis Johnson
Westbrook Junior College
November 24, 2015

Jane Hunter Mason
Westbrook Junior College
January 14, 2015

Sally Hanchard Vaughan
Westbrook Junior College
December 12, 2015

Carolyn "Kay" Wood
Westbrook Junior College
March 1, 2016

1947
Constance Kenyon Bindy
Westbrook Junior College
January 9, 2016

Pamela Ruth McIntosh
Westbrook Junior College
March 21, 2015

Minette Louise Percival
Westbrook Junior College
November 1, 2015

1948
Betty Alcorn Caraher
Westbrook Junior College
June 30, 2015

Janet Porter Hooker
Westbrook Junior College
February 24, 2016

1950
Martha Sylvester Dearden
Westbrook Junior College
February 5, 2016

Irene Baunfalkace
Westbrook Junior College
May 15, 2012

1951
Vivienne Goldfarb Jones
Westbrook Junior College
June 9, 2015

1952
Barbara Mary Ann Walker Leason
Westbrook Junior College
November 18, 2015

1953
Marilyn Clement Calder
Westbrook Junior College
March 12, 2016

1954
Judith Weeks Harlow
Westbrook Junior College
October 24, 2015

1955
Barbara Dunn Moody
Westbrook Junior College
November 26, 2015

Elnora Keating Dale
Westbrook Junior College
February 24, 2015

June Schramm Groover
Westbrook Junior College
September 3, 2014

Pamela Jessop Miley
Westbrook Junior College
January 1, 2016

Ellie Keating Dale Paltrineri
Westbrook Junior College
February 24, 2015

Eunice Gamage Sipler
Westbrook Junior College
March 29, 2016
1961
Jacqueline Pongrasso Allen
Westbrook Junior College
January 18, 2015

Helen-Mar Wilbur Cantwell
Westbrook Junior College
January 31, 1997

Barbara Holmes Coffey
Westbrook Junior College
September 28, 2015

Susan Lamb Murphy
Westbrook Junior College
May 29, 2014

J. Victor Poulin
St. Francis College
February 19, 2016

Joan McElroy Solari
Westbrook Junior College
May 5, 2006

Joan Sacco Sullivan
Westbrook Junior College
December 15, 2015

1962
Barbara Williamson Friedman
Westbrook Junior College
2014

Tary F. Hartley
Westbrook Junior College
November 7, 2015

1963
Jean Merrill Weeks
Westbrook Junior College
December 19, 2015

1964
Daniel Beaulieu
St. Francis College
January 8, 2016

1965
Henry H. McAuley
St. Francis College
May 8, 2004

Cynthia Ann Butler Pederson
Westbrook Junior College
October 23, 2015

Marla Macdonald Bond
Westbrook Junior College
September 12, 2013

1966
John J. "Jack" Jaworski
St. Francis College
April 4, 2015

Gantanu Paul Santa Lucia Ph.D.
St. Francis College
January 28, 2016

1971
John Paul Orlovski
St. Francis College
October 29, 2015

1972
Frances Palmer Clough
Westbrook College
June 11, 2015

1975
Carl A. Chudzik
St. Francis College
March 14, 2016

1977
Charles E. Benge
Westbrook College
March 6, 2016

Dougla J. Derrin
St. Francis College
November 1, 2015

1978
Jane Eileen Treworgy
Westbrook College
October 21, 2015

1979
Sally Blanchard Maynard
Westbrook College
December 9, 2015

Virginia M. Nelson
St. Francis College
January 16, 2016

Peter Allen Reynolds
Westbrook College
January 23, 2016

1981
Timothy A. Byrnes
St. Francis College
November 1, 2015

Susan Elizabeth Smith RN
Westbrook College
December 27, 2015

1984
Eileen O’Brian Candelmo
Westbrook College
January 22, 2016

1987
Cynthia Bernier
Westbrook College
October 28, 2015

1988
Christine Marie Allegretti
Westbrook College
November 22, 2011

1991
David R. Tolstrup D.O.
College of Osteopathic Medicine
February 13, 2016

1992
William Frazer Morris D.D.
College of Osteopathic Medicine
November 4, 2015

1996
Harold Arthur Morin
Westbrook College
Health Professions
September 30, 2015

1999
Laurence Bouchard D.D.
HON ’94
College of Osteopathic Medicine
December 11, 2015

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Delwood Coleman Darebon, D.D.S.
Westbrook Junior College
January 7, 2016

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Ellie Louise Littlefield Dunkinley
Westbrook Junior College
January 22, 2016

Judith Magyar Isaacson, HON ’95
Westbrook College
November 10, 2011

Priscilla Huber McCarty
Westbrook Junior College
February 21, 2016

Ila K. Morrison
Westbrook Junior College
January 22, 2016

J. Jerry Rudes, D.D.
College of Osteopathic Medicine
January 21, 2016

Richard Roberts HA
April 13, 2016
Douglas L. Wood, who will be stepping down as dean of UNE COM this fall, brought calm to a period of transition at the college.

Kathryn Brandt, D.O., M.S., M.Ed.L., chair of primary care and clinical associate professor, remembers when Douglas L. Wood, D.O., Ph.D, FACOI, first arrived at UNE COM in November, 2012, to take up his appointment as the college’s new dean. At the time, UNE COM was going through a period of upheaval due to a major class-size increase, a radical top-to-bottom curricular change and a revolving-door period of interim deans. It was a situation that might have given many new administrators pause. Not Dean Wood.

“He was just unflappable,” recalls Brandt. “He just kind of took it all in. He is a very good listener, and I think he had a calming effect, just helping to turn the volume down a little bit — which was absolutely what was needed at that time.”

Although the groundwork for the changes had been laid before his arrival, it was Wood who shepherded the plans into practice. Says Brandt, “The execution was very difficult and had to be praised over by a central leader.” She thinks for a moment and continues, “He did what we needed him to do, which was to set a tone and create a forum where productive activity and conversations could be had — so we could increase the class size by an enormous percentage and enact the vision of the longitudinal curriculum that had not been done before.”

Patricia Kelley, associate dean of Recruitment, Student and Alumni Services, remembers Wood as a dedicated and innovative educator. She points out that Wood is not only a physician but also has a Ph.D in medical education from Wayne State University. Explains Kelley: “Curricular design is something that Dr. Wood brings to the table, always asking us to think about innovation and how we can be more effective and responsive in delivering our curriculum.”

Talking about Wood’s direct impact on the design of Leonard Hall, she channels his spirit, asking, “Does the physical space mirror how we want to deliver that curriculum? How do we utilize technology in a different way?”

Kelley puts Wood’s focus on medical education in perspective, saying, “There are only 160-some-odd medical schools in the United States. Dr. Wood really sees being the dean of a medical school as a unique privilege — not only to influence medical education but to influence the health care that those medical students will subsequently deliver to their future patients.”

Summing it all up, Brandt reflects, “He got us through these transitions, and he didn’t do it boldly. He’s not a flashy guy, you know? But he created the space that he needed to create for that to happen, and I think UNE COM is in a much better place than it was when he arrived.”
On June 9, 2016, the University of New England celebrated the reopening of the Portland Campus historic Alumni Hall building — 182 years to the day after it first opened in 1834. President Danielle Ripich expressed deep gratitude to the alumni who contributed to the renovation project. “The doors of Alumni Hall have been closed since 2004,” she said, “and we are sincerely grateful to the former students of Westbrook College and Westbrook Junior College who have given so generously to keep a major piece of the university’s history alive. The walls of Alumni Hall are graced with photos and memorabilia that hold countless memories for so many people, and I am extremely proud to proclaim that the bell of Alumni Hall will ring out again.” For a complete story on the reopening celebration, including a video, please go to: www.une.edu/restorealumnihall

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Guests enter Alumni Hall.

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Background image: Portraits in front hallway of Alumni Hall.

Bottom images from left:
President Ripich rededicates Alumni Hall; Myron Hager HA’86, former Dean of Admissions, and his daughter-in-law, Sue Barto Hager ’65; Carol Frederiksen ’60, ’87, Bob Brown and Betty Jackson Brown ’57.
On June 9, 2016, more than 240 alumni, trustees, faculty, and staff who have contributed to the University of New England were honored and recognized at a special event held at Alumni Hall. The event honored more than 100 alumni and friends who have contributed to the University of New England through the UNE Moving Forward Campaign. The campaign has raised more than $44 million in support of the University’s strategic plan, which focuses on enhancing the student experience. The event included a special presentation highlighting the final year of the UNE Moving Forward Campaign, which will conclude in June 2017. During the Year of Opportunity, UNE will focus on raising funds for scholarships, student research and global learning to ensure that every student has the opportunity to have the most rewarding UNE experience possible.
Decades before the establishment of competitive academic nursing programs at Maine’s universities, there existed a school for aspiring nurses at the now-defunct Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary. In the 1910s, this school inspired a young Mabel Colter Lalumiere to leave her home in New Brunswick, Canada, and travel to Portland, Maine. It was there that Mabel developed her skills in caregiving and her passion for nursing.

Through a fellow student, Mabel met her husband. The couple married, settled in Portland and raised two children. Although she had practiced nursing prior to motherhood, Lalumiere's career took off only after her children reached high school age. Following a brief refresher course, she was hired as a floor nurse at Maine Medical Center. She worked her way through various positions before becoming the head nurse in the hospital's nursery.

“My mother was a very compassionate person, and in combination with her leadership skills, that’s what made her so successful. What inspired me was her dedication and commitment to nursing. She really enjoyed helping people,” said daughter Marilyn Lalumiere, WC’62.

Mabel passed away in 1981, Marilyn began to think of ways to honor her mother’s work. In addition, she also began thinking about ways to honor her own experience at Westbrook College. She worked her way through various positions before becoming the head nurse in the hospital's nursery.

“I decided I wanted to make another gift to the University of New England. Every year the scholarship is awarded to a nursing student who exhibits financial need and good academic standing. With a new planned gift, the scholarship fund went along for the ride. Every year the scholarship is awarded to a student who exhibits financial need and good academic standing. With a new planned gift, the scholarship fund went along for the ride,” said Marilyn.

Marilyn hopes this scholarship will continue to assist nursing students in perpetuity. The scholarship is named after her mother, Mabel I. Lalumiere, and was established in 1984 at Westbrook College. When Westbrook merged with the University of New England in 1998, the scholarship continued to exist.

“Thanks to my mom’s generosity,” said Marilyn, “I received an excellent education.” As aoward recipient, Marilyn said, “My mother’s education at Westbrook College laid the foundation for a long and successful career. While she did not follow her mother’s footsteps and pursue nursing, Marilyn inherited her mother’s compassion and leadership skills. After graduating, Marilyn worked for Westbrook College’s Development Office, overseeing major renovation projects, before leaving to take a position at the Portland Public Broadcasting Network. The majority of her career — 21 years — was spent working for the Portland Museum of Art, where she was the director of development.

Marilyn’s gift is the perfect way for her to pay it forward to future UNE graduates. According to Bernice Mills, WC’76, M.S., R.S., RDH, assistant dean for Student and Clinical Affairs in the Westbrook College of Health Professions, scholarships are important to student success, especially when many who enroll in UNE’s competitive nursing program are the first in their families to attend college.

“Scholarship gifts that extra push for students when things get tough. It shows that someone believes in them,” said Mills.

Mills also noted that Marilyn’s recent gift pays hand-in-hand with the university’s strong emphasis on service and community involvement. “This is really a way to build on civic responsibility and gain a better understanding of global community,” said Mills.

Marilyn hopes her recent gift will help inspire others to give back to the institution that has launched so many careers. She said, “I’m impressed how much the university has grown since I was a student. What they provide for education is so important. I think about my experience and want to show appreciation. Giving a financial gift to UNE is one way to show my appreciation.”
Since 2011, close to five million refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan have fled their homes, making the long, perilous journey to Europe in hopes of escaping a brutal war (in the case of Syria) and general violence, political unrest and severe economic insecurity (in the cases of Iraq and Afghanistan).

This past February, Jennifer Gunderman, M.P.H., an assistant lecturer in UNE’s School of Community and Population Health, traveled to Athens as a volunteer with Carry the Future, a California-based organization that provides refugee families with baby and child carriers. Jennifer’s travels were generously supported by UNE, and her students pitched in, packing hundreds of donated carriers generously supported by UNE, and her students pitched in, packing hundreds of donated carriers for the trip. Jennifer provided us with this first-hand report, which is partially adapted from a blog she wrote about the trip. Jennifer provided us with this first-hand report, which is partially adapted from a blog she wrote about the trip.

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Along the way, there are organizations providing various necessities, from food, clothing, medical care, and backpacks, to clowns for the kids. We supplied each family with baby carriers, as well as distribute hats, scarves, toys, socks, blankets and granola bars. The material things are greatly appreciated, but it’s the nurturing and kindness that we get on a taxi or bus. We also go to the camps and city squares. We paint pictures and other family members would arrive. When they arrived, they were greeted with open arms, and we gave them a baby carrier.

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Turkey where they pay a smuggler to get on a rubber raft and cross the sea to one of the Greek islands. Once on an island, they are registered as refugees and pay to travel by ferry to Athens. Those who do not have money for a ticket stay in a camp on the island.

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Between our efforts and other donations, the family received a baby carrier, food, toiletries and other basic supplies. We washed the baby’s clothes with the kids and tried to offer moments of kindness in their difficult journeys. I tied one of the sons’ shoes and thought, "If this world were a bit gentler, his mom would be tying his shoes right now."

As an epidemiologist, this experience was a lesson in looking beyond the numbers and instead looking at the people and listening to the stories that make the statistics. I feel compelled now to share these stories and to educate people about the truth. As a public health professional, I want the world to demand safe passage for people fleeing from dangers that, thankfully, many of us cannot even begin to fathom.

The great jazz musician and civil rights activist Lena Horne once said, “It’s not the load that breaks you down, it’s the way you carry it.” In Greece I saw thousands of people fleeing carrying everything they had in their arms and on their backs. They carried their children, their belongings and the paperwork that could make or break their chances for a safe life — and in their hearts and minds, they carried their incredible stories of violence and survival.

Their physical, mental and spiritual loads seemed insurmountable. I watched them carry it all with courage, grace and hope. As an educator at UNE, it is my responsibility to take this transformative experience and convey it through teachable lessons. If I am successful, I will empower my students to carry their own loads with greater strength, while inspiring them to lighten the loads of others who are struggling.

CAPTIONS
Left page: Baby carriers lighten the load for a Syrian family, who are carrying everything they own. Above: Baby carriers lighten the load for a Syrian family, who are carrying everything they own.
When UNE launched the public phase of the Moving Forward comprehensive campaign in March of 2014, generous lead donors had already helped us raise close to $40 million of our $60 million goal. Now, as we enter the final year of the campaign, we have been fortunate to receive many more gifts, large and small, to bring us even closer to reaching our goal by May 31, 2017, when the campaign ends.

In keeping with UNE’s entrepreneurial spirit, we developed three campaign themes: Opportunity, Innovation and Place. Thanks in large part to the success of the campaign to date, the Place keeps growing and the Innovation keeps happening. So while we will continue to push for support in those areas, there is a reason we are calling this last year of the campaign the Year of Opportunity.

The Vision 2017 ten-year strategic plan developed under the leadership of President Danielle N. Ripich is largely completed. But before we can declare the campaign a complete success, we still have a little more work to do in order to ensure that every student who aspires to be part of the UNE experience has the Opportunity to do so. That’s why contributions for scholarships and student support will be our primary focus during the final year of the Moving Forward campaign.

Campaigns are primarily about raising financial support, but they are also about raising awareness and appreciation; they are about galvanizing an extended community and bringing people closer together. This coming year is about giving as many people as possible the Opportunity to be a part of the success of this campaign and the future of this incredible institution: the University of New England. Join the thousands who have given millions, and give or give again.

THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW!

WILLIAM CHANCE | VICE PRESIDENT INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
BY THE NUMBERS

8 DECADES OF ALUMNI PARTICIPATED

$54M RAISED SINCE LAUNCH OF CAMPAIGN

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Carlos Agüero ’16
Hometown: Coachella, CA
Major: Applied Mathematics
His UNE Opportunities: At UNE, Carlos had the opportunity to pursue his interests in language and culture alongside his central focus on mathematics, exemplified by the junior year he spent in the United Arab Emirates taking courses in mathematics and computer science while building on the Arabic he first studied at UNE. He also had the opportunity to avail himself of the numerous extracurricular activities UNE offers, serving as resident advisor, political columnist, and chair of the UNE Student Government. Carlos seized the opportunity to start UNE’s very first Jazz Club and was an active participant in the Math Club. The relationships he built with so many different people led him to expand his studies into signal processing research — something that will assist him as he goes on to do graduate work.
In his words: “It is seems like a paradox that in the last two years I’ve been expanding my interests such as the field of music and languages, while also concentrating specifically in mathematics. At UNE, I was able to pursue many interests, which is something that college and the UAE provided me the opportunity to do, and which I am very grateful to have the opportunity to continue here at UNE. The Global Education Scholarship gave me the opportunity to immerse myself in Spanish culture while living with a host family during my semester abroad in Seville. The opportunity to do community service opened my horizons, too, to helping others through work.
Next Steps: Starting a two-year Master of Science program in Computer Science at George Washington University in the fall of 2016.

Jessica Brady ’14 ’20
Hometown: Saco, ME
Major: Medical Biology
Currently: Jessica has continued to work as a mentor at Lewiston (Maine) High School, a role she’s held for four years. She works closely with 25 multilingual students from Somalia, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda, helping them with both academic and social issues.
Her UNE Opportunities: Jessica loved the small class sizes at UNE which gave her the opportunity to form close relationships with her classmates and professors. Through her part-time job as Dr. Le’s research assistant, she also discovered the field of neuroscience. The Global Education Scholarship gave her the opportunity to immerse herself in Spanish culture while living with a host family during her semester abroad in Seville. The opportunity to do community service opened her horizons too, to helping others through work.
In her words: “To fulfill my community service requirement during my senior year, I began volunteering with the Multilingual Leadership Corps through AmeriCorps. It has become the most rewarding job I’ve ever had, both emotionally and spiritually. UNE provided me the opportunity to make a difference, and now I want to pay it forward. I’m very excited about continuing my medical studies to provide further support to the people of Maine.