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Beyond the
WHITE COAT





Ifeanyi Chukwu Ubochi, Pharm.D. '20, Hillary Manning, Pharm.D. '20, and Justin Richards, Pharm.D. '19, outside the UNE College of Pharmacy (COP) building



Assistant Professor Rachel Naida, Pharm.D. '13, teaches immunization to COP students at her InterMed practice site in Portland.



Assistant Professor Cassia Mizuno, Ph.D., in the classroom

As the long days and high skies of summer yield to the crisp mornings and breathtaking hues of autumn here on the Maine seacoast, it is my distinct honor and great pleasure to address you in this space for the first time.

To begin, I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who assembled on our Biddeford Campus in September to partake in the Presidential Inauguration. The day was made all the more special by so many members of our extended family — representing so many different eras of UNE's evolution — coming together to celebrate. Thanks, as well, to all those who tuned in online to watch the festivities remotely.

Now, after a whirlwind summer, we are settling into the more typical routines of a new academic year — which, for UNE, means pushing ahead at full speed. We are developing new programs and refining existing ones to anticipate the emerging needs of a rapidly changing society. We are engaging in interdisciplinary work that blurs the boundaries isolating academic fields and industries. And we are outfitting students with a truly global education, having sent a record number of them to our Tangier Campus this fall.

UNE's position as a leading innovator is nowhere more apparent than in our College of Pharmacy, and, for that reason, it gives me particular pleasure to introduce this issue of *UNE Magazine*. As the role of the pharmacist continues to become more encompassing, the work we do to prepare students for careers in this field becomes more important. The days when pharmacists simply filled prescriptions and answered medication-related questions have long passed. Today's pharmacist is a fully-integrated member of the health care team, responsible for consulting with doctors, administering a range of tests, providing vaccinations, prescribing medications, conducting medication reviews, engaging in research, and teaching others.

As pharmacists have come to play this expanded role in patient care, UNE has staked out an important place on the front lines of pharmacy education. Led by passionate, experienced faculty members like Karen Houseknecht, Ph.D., who is currently serving as interim dean of the College of Pharmacy, we position our budding pharmacists beside other members of the health care team, preparing them for the diverse responsibilities the pharmacist of the 21st century assumes. Our graduates leave the program ready to lead, whether practicing here in Maine or around the globe.

I hope you will enjoy learning more about the work we are doing to prepare students for this essential, dynamic profession. Enjoy the magazine!

Sincerely,

James D. Herbert
 JAMES D. HERBERT, PH.D. | PRESIDENT





Justin Richards, Pharm.D. '19, and Pierre Hanna, Pharm.D. '19, on the College of Pharmacy's front steps.

We hope you enjoy our College of Pharmacy issue.

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Interim Dean of the UNE College of Pharmacy Karen L. Houseknecht, Ph.D., and her Vespa LX150 on the UNE Portland Campus green

THE UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY GOES *Beyond the* **WHITE COAT**

by Philip Shelley

“Diverse.”

Karen Houseknecht, the interim dean of UNE’s College of Pharmacy (COP), doesn’t hesitate when asked to summarize the college in a single word. The question is meant humorously, but the newly appointed dean is clearly up for any challenge.

“We’re a very diverse college in every conceivable way,” says Houseknecht. “In terms of our faculty, our students, and our staff, we come from across the U.S. and around the world, from all different economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. We’re diverse in where we’ve trained, the programs we offer, and where our students go after they graduate. We do clinical work, community service, and groundbreaking research. I’m not going to say we’re perfect, but we work very hard at being inclusive. That’s a big part of what we do.”

The College of Pharmacy is, in fact, UNE’s most diverse college — with a 28 percent non-white student body — but Houseknecht is making the deeper point that diversity is a defining concept across all aspects of the College of Pharmacy and across the rapidly evolving profession of pharmacy, itself.

Long gone are the days when a pharmacist was simply a person in a white coat counting pills into a bottle at the local drug store. As health care in the U.S. moves toward a more holistic approach, pharmacists are becoming integral members of health care teams, in hospitals and other care settings, working alongside doctors, nurses, and other professionals to provide invaluable knowledge about medications and, in many cases, to provide front-line “pharmaceutical care” themselves, depending on the state and the system in which they work.

For example, pharmacists may conduct medication reviews with elderly patients who take as many as 20 pills daily, checking for overlapping or outdated prescriptions and potentially harmful interactions. Medication reviews have been shown to have significant therapeutic value for patients, preventing unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency room visits — and that, not incidentally, helps lower health care costs. Even at your local pharmacy, the pharmacist

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may offer basic diagnostics, such as blood pressure screenings, and provide certain immunizations and prescriptions directly to patients.

Houseknecht elaborates, “It’s an expanded scope of care. And one of the ideas around that, especially in rural communities where there are not enough doctors or nurse-practitioners, is that pharmacists are able to step up as frontline health care providers to administer basic services. In a state like Maine, that is especially important.”

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— Karen Houseknecht

Indeed, the profession has come a long way in a relatively short period of time. Jean Woodward, the COP associate dean for student affairs and admissions, recalls that when she was in pharmacy school in the 1970s, the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Code of Ethics stated explicitly that pharmacists should not communicate directly with patients. “There was a concern,” she says, “that the pharmacist might undermine the physician in doing so.”

Not anymore. “Health care is becoming more and more of a team sport,” says Houseknecht. “Philosophically, we believe that is the best way to care for patients. With those health care professionals all together on one team, they are much more likely to make the best decisions for their patients because they have complementary expertise.”

These changes in the way pharmacy is practiced just happen to dovetail perfectly with UNE’s core strengths. Explains Houseknecht, “Not all pharmacy schools are part of a health care university. But because UNE is a health professions university, with everything from medicine to physical therapy to social work, we have always been ahead of the curve when it comes to offering our students interprofessional educational (IPE) opportunities. Pharmacy students are trained to work with nursing students and P.A. students and social work students, so they are well prepared when they go into practice and have to work in team settings. That’s a real advantage.”

For UNE’s new president, James D. Herbert, this approach aligns perfectly with the University’s overall strategy of enhancing existing competencies. “As we engage in our strategic planning process, there are a few things that are clear already, and one of those is our strength in IPE,” says Herbert. “We are fully committed to building on that strength going forward to become a national model in team-based, transdisciplinary

health profession education and practice. Pharmacy is going to be absolutely critical in that endeavor.”

UNE’s longstanding commitment to providing health care to the rural and underserved populations of Northern New England is another area where Herbert sees leadership opportunities for the University in general and for the College of Pharmacy in particular. “We have the opportunity in Maine to serve as a test bed for programs to better serve the health needs of rural communities — programs that can then be rolled out to the rest of the country,” says Herbert. “Pharmacists, as they’ve evolved more and more into frontline providers, have a central role to play in any effort to address the rural health care crisis.”

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Students are well aware of the unique opportunities afforded them at UNE. Last summer, Negeri Clarke, a second-year pharmacy student,



Clockwise from top left: Assistant Professor Rachel Naida and Ioanna Xenikakis, Pharm.D. '19, screen for diabetes on a high-fidelity patient simulator in the UNE Interprofessional Simulation and Innovation Center; Assistant Professor Cassia Mizuno, Ph.D., in the classroom; Campers participate in a “yoga bowling” session at a Passamaquoddy Point Pleasant Reservation summer camp, co-run by Negeri Clarke, Pharm.D. '20, in the summer of 2017.



From left: Yetunde Abu, Pharm.D. '20, at the College of Pharmacy Diversity Day Event [Photo by Stephanie Villasis, Pharm.D. '18, and Mark Kuchnicki, Pharm.D. '19]; UNE Pharmacy students in Thailand.

“from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, by way of Jamaica,” teamed up with Alyssa Wyman, a UNE social work student, to run a week-long summer camp on the Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Reservation in Downeast Maine — a project that combined the best of UNE’s interprofessional teamwork and its commitment to helping underserved populations. Clarke, who spent seven years as a high school English teacher and wants to work for the federal Indian Health Service after getting her Pharm.D., says of the experience, “The kids were amazing. And I met students from UNE COM [the College of Osteopathic Medicine] and social work during that time. They’re all really open. It’s exactly the type of environment and team that I want to work on.”

Getting students out into the world and interacting with different cultures is a big part of the school’s mission. Many universities have international programs for undergraduate students, but UNE is one of the few that offer international programs designed specifically for pharmacy students. “Our fourth-year pharmacy students have an opportunity to go to Thailand and see how medicine is practiced there, and we have an exchange program with the University of Granada in Spain, which is one of the oldest pharmacy schools in Europe,” says Houseknecht. “We’re always looking at new opportunities. Right now we’re talking about India. This isn’t fully in place yet, but we’re excited about it. Many aspects of the pharmaceutical industry now are in India, so we’re hoping that this

new partnership will give our students more opportunities if they want to go into the pharmaceutical industry after graduation.”

Houseknecht notes that not every Pharm.D. becomes a practicing pharmacist and that the degree can lead to a number of interesting and fulfilling career paths. She explains, “A person with a Pharm.D. from UNE could work in drug development, could teach in COM or COP, could work in the public sector at the VA, or the FDA, or the CDC, could go into health policy and economics, or go into Big Pharma...There are just so many opportunities that people don’t necessarily think of when you say just ‘pharmacy.’”

Another differentiating feature of the school may be harder to quantify but is no less important, and that is the uniquely supportive community that has become an integral part of COP culture. For Negeri Clarke, that culture was a major factor in her decision to choose UNE over other pharmacy schools. “I interviewed with Dr. Dornblaser and Dr. Theberge,” says Clarke, “and they asked me a lot of ‘why’ questions, and a lot of ‘how’ questions. It wasn’t just about test scores or clinical aptitude. They want to make sure that you’re coming in as a caring person. There’s an intent here to graduate the kind of professionals who are empathetic, who actually carry the torch and don’t just show up to collect a paycheck. Pass the NAPLEX, sure, but when you go out into the professional field, make marks that matter.”

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Associate Dean Jean Woodward chose UNE for similar reasons. “It’s a very caring community in general,” says Woodward. “That’s basically why I came here. The dean was very receptive, very caring, and it went through all the faculty. The atmosphere here is very student-first. It’s definitely unique, a major difference, and I’ve been at a lot of institutions. The former dean, Gayle Brazeau, used to give a lot of hugs. I do the same thing. We hug a lot!”

For all the programmatic strengths and cultural advantages that the College of Pharmacy offers to students, Houseknecht acknowledges that she takes the helm at a time of transition, with the school facing some interesting challenges. “We’re going through a leadership search,” she says, “we’re launching a new integrated curriculum, and we’re putting together a self-study for accreditation, which is something we have to do every six years or so.” These would be major undertakings at any time, but they take on an

added weight amid the changes in the pharmacy education landscape over the past few years and the increasing competition for students. “There are a lot more pharmacy schools today than when we first opened our doors,” says Houseknecht. “It’s much more competitive out there.”

In order to remain competitive and move on to the next step in the maturity of the college, Houseknecht says, “We need to ask, ‘Who are we today, versus who we were seven years ago, when all of this started? What are our strengths now? What do we do really well?’” To help answer those questions, COP has engaged an outside consulting firm to conduct a market analysis of pharmacy education and help identify opportunities and niches that fit the program’s unique strengths and culture. As the college undergoes in-depth strategic planning, this data will be used to validate the vision that emerges at the end of the process. Collaborations are also underway with the UNE Admissions Office to raise the bar on recruitment and with the Office of Communications to reimagine the COP brand and ramp up marketing efforts.

All this activity requires putting in some long days, and, according to Houseknecht, faculty and staff have risen to the occasion, and then some. “This faculty, for the most part, is very young, very idealistic, and they are really committed to this school. They’re willing to go the extra mile. All over the college, people are really pulling together.”

Houseknecht is quick to point out, “This is not about me. I’m just honored to be in this role and to have a chance to help the staff and faculty at this college get where they need to go.” As a member of the original COP faculty in 2009, Houseknecht has a good understanding of the college, and via past experience working for Big Pharma (as a research scientist, she led drug development teams at Pfizer and elsewhere) she also brings to the table experience and training in leading people through times of transition.

Peg Donovan, the COP operations manager, has no doubt the new dean will follow successfully in the formidable footsteps of her predecessors. “This school has been blessed with four outstanding deans in its history, and I’ve had the pleasure of working with all of them: John Cormier, Douglas Kay, Gayle Brazeau, and now Karen,” she says. “Each has left a distinct leadership mark on the college — structure, wisdom, culture, strategy. I think Karen has the remarkable ability to look at a situation, get to the heart of it quickly, find clarity, and develop a plan. Watching her do this is like watching a chess match played on three levels. She’s very strategic, makes precise movements, and does it all with creativity and a great sense of humor.”

For his part, Herbert is unwavering in his support of COP. Says the UNE President, “There’s a tremendous amount of wisdom among the faculty and professional staff in COP, and they are not hesitant in rolling up their sleeves and jumping

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in and engaging very deeply in this planning process. What emerges at the end of the process is going to be very strong, indeed, as we capture the wisdom of the faculty and professional staff who are most closely tied to the work: the teaching, the research, and the community service.”

“So I think the future of UNE’s College of Pharmacy is very, very bright,” continues Herbert. “We do not want to be merely a ‘good’ college of pharmacy — we want to be leaders in the space. And I think we have a tremendous opportunity to carve out a niche and truly become a national model of innovation and excellence, setting the standards for other pharmacy programs going forward.”



Clockwise from top left: Ashley Calder, Pharm.D. '18, conducts a blood pressure screening for a Bath Housing resident; COP Interim Dean Houseknecht confers with faculty members Arvind Thakkar and Emily Dornblaser in the Innovation Hall Gallery; James Krebs, the COP assistant dean for experiential education, talks with students in the front hallway of the college.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY STUDENTS HONORED

BY ANGELA COULOMBE



The Walgreens Diversity & Inclusive Excellence Award and Walgreens Diversity Scholarship honor students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, community service, and excellence. Walgreens aims to cultivate a culture of pharmacists with diverse minds who come together to accelerate advances in pharmacy and improve the care of Walgreens' invaluable patients.

“Growing up in a diverse community has helped me develop tolerance to opinions that differ from mine. My community’s diversity continues to help me along my journey in the pharmacy world.”

— Nora Asamoah Calder

“It is such a great honor to receive the Walgreens Diversity & Inclusive Excellence Award!” said Nora Asamoah Pharm.D. '17, recipient of the 2017 award. “Growing up in a diverse community has helped me develop tolerance to opinions that differ from mine. My community’s diversity continues to help me along my journey in the pharmacy world.”

“This scholarship has inspired me to help others, to strive to continually give back to the community, and to aspire to one day give back by helping students the same way.”

— Idaliz Voorhees

Joelene Nguyen, Pharm.D. '20, and Idaliz Voorhees, Pharm.D. '20, were awarded the 2017 Walgreens Diversity Scholarship. When asked what impact receiving the scholarship has had, Joelene replied, “The Walgreens Diversity Scholarship has motivated me to be a better health care provider — one who understands cultural differences to better empathize with how patients feel.” Idaliz added, “This scholarship has inspired me to help others, to strive to continually give back to the community, and to aspire to one day give back by helping students the same way.”

The Student Affairs and Awards Committee of the College of Pharmacy at the University of New England held the Scholarship Awards Reception on Thursday, October 19, 2017, in the Newberry Room of Alumni Hall. In addition to the Diversity Awards, UNE celebrated 34 scholarship



awardees who are benefiting from the generosity of loyal donors, including:

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- ❖ The Women’s Board of Maine General Hospital



CAPTIONS

Opposite page: Idaliz Voorhees and Joelene Nguyen, recipients of the 2017 Walgreens’ Diversity Scholarship, are congratulated by President James D. Herbert.

Above left: Joelene Nguyen and Idaliz Voorhees, are congratulated by Richard Agbortoko '13, pharmacist and pharmacy manager, and Josh Moody, pharmacist, of Walgreens in Portland, Maine.

Above right: Nora Asamoah, recipient of the 2017 Walgreens’ Diversity & Inclusive Excellence Award

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James D. Herbert, Ph.D.

As the sixth President of the University of New England



“I am deeply honored and humbled to stand with you today as, together, we embark on the next chapter in the life of this amazing University.”

James D. Herbert, Ph.D.
INAUGURATION ADDRESS



UNE WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT JAMES D. HERBERT

On a sun-splashed September morning in Biddeford, the University of New England inaugurated James D. Herbert, Ph.D., as its sixth president. Joining UNE trustees, faculty, professional staff, students, and alumni at the gala affair were delegates from other colleges and universities, Maine civic and political leaders, and other friends and neighbors of the University.

After U.S. Senator Susan Collins spoke about the many contributions UNE makes to Maine communities and points far beyond, and Drexel University President John Fry enumerated the leadership qualities Herbert exhibited during his time at Drexel, UNE Board Chair David Anderson, Ph.D., placed the UNE presidential medallion around Herbert's neck.

Herbert began his inaugural address by detailing how much UNE has accomplished in recent years and credited the hard work of people across the University community for making those achievements possible. Then, he outlined some of the diverse challenges facing higher education in our rapidly changing world, discussed the opportunities emerging for institutions that are highly strategic, and emphasized the role collaboration must play in the design of UNE's next strategic plan.

After the formal ceremony, attendees enjoyed a luncheon featuring food stations that served culinary treats from some of the many places around the globe where UNE students study and gain practical experience in their fields — including Maine, Morocco, Spain, and Iceland.

To watch the Inauguration ceremony, visit www.une.edu/president/videos.

UNE President James Herbert with U.S. Senator Susan Collins
Opposite page: From the Academic Procession, student government representatives display the U.S. flag and flags of New England.



“This truly is a moment that belongs to all of us. While we have gathered to celebrate my inauguration as your new president, I submit that today’s festivities are about something greater than that. This is a celebration of us all. This is an occasion for you to give pause, to look around, and to reflect on the special role you play in our thoughtful, compassionate, committed community of women and men.”

PRESIDENT HERBERT’S INAUGURATION ADDRESS



“At a pace never seen before in human history, we have been inventing new technologies and assimilating them into our daily lives... Higher education has been, and is being, disrupted. And why shouldn't it be? Every other facet of how we live, communicate, and learn has been. Institutions of higher education have been notoriously slow to change. Fortunately, this hasn't been so much the case at UNE, where we have been far more nimble than most of our peers in the face of these developments. As a result, we have seen our stock and reputation rise in myriad ways.

PRESIDENT HERBERT'S INAUGURATION ADDRESS



John Fry, the President of Drexel University, speaking about his former colleague, James Herbert, as other members of the platform party listen (seated, l-r): Sylvia Herbert, the president's daughter; Wesley McNair, former poet laureate of Maine; Caroline Moore Watts, student trustee; Aleister Saunders, senior vice provost of research at Drexel; UNE President Herbert; Jesse Hall, student trustee; U.S. Senator Susan Collins; Frank Daly, chair of the UNE Faculty Assembly; David L. Anderson, chair, UNE Board of Trustees.

Opposite page (L-R): UNE President James Herbert, Student Trustee Jesse Hall, Board of Trustees Chair David Anderson, Ph.D., and U.S. Senator Susan Collins



“The love so many of you have expressed for this special community — through your words and actions — has overwhelmed me. I understand that I am not just assuming the mantle of any university, but of a very special university. I have committed myself to lead not just any university, but your university — our university — a university that is so central to the lives of so many people — here in Maine and on distant shores — people whose lives are touched by the vital roles UNE plays in the world.

PRESIDENT HERBERT'S INAUGURATION ADDRESS

James Herbert's daughter Sylvia Herbert speaks eloquently about her father. Opposite page: James D. Herbert dons the UNE Presidential Regalia and Medallion for the first time.





With his installation as UNE's new president official, Herbert continued the Listening Tour he began in July, meeting with students in residence halls, accompanying UNE researchers on expeditions, meeting with alumni groups throughout the Northeast, and otherwise immersing himself in the life of the University.

To learn more about President Herbert's Listening Tour, or to register for an upcoming event near you, visit www.une.edu/listeningtour.



UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Faculty Spotlights

by Philip Shelley

“JUST PRESCRIBE HAILEY”

Hailey Choi is an assistant clinical professor in the UNE College of Pharmacy who spends half of her time at a clinical practice site, the Mid Coast Medical Group–Bath (MCMG–Bath), an internal medicine office in Bath, Maine. Choi explains, “Carl DeMars, one of the physicians at the Bath clinic, is the senior medical director of the entire MCMG Ambulatory Care Group, and he was a pharmacist before he became a physician. He was very eager to bring one of the UNE COP faculty to their practice site because he knew the value of pharmacy, and he wanted to create a truly interdisciplinary health care team within his practice.”

Choi, who did a post-graduate residency in an ambulatory care setting, is the first pharmacist to join the practice group. Because the inclusion of pharmacists on health care teams is a relatively new phenomenon, especially in Maine, Choi had to lay a little groundwork to ensure that everybody understood her position. “Even the pharmacists in

town didn’t understand my role because they had never heard of a pharmacist in primary care,” says Choi. “They were calling the practice to ask, ‘Hey, are you guys opening a pharmacy in your clinic?’”

But it didn’t take long for Choi to demonstrate the therapeutic value of clinical pharmacy, seeing patients for everything from comprehensive medication reviews to, notably, diabetes management. “There are so many new medications within diabetes care, new insulins, that the physicians may not be aware of because they simply did not exist when they were in school,” says Choi. “So I meet with the patient, go through medications, make recommendations, and then I also follow up closely with them, sometimes twice a week.”

The very first diabetes patient Choi worked with was able to reach her clinical goals within six months. Word spread quickly, and other physicians started sending their patients to Choi. “Now,” says Choi with a bashful smile, “I often see in the doctor’s notes, for diabetes patients: ‘Follow

pharmacy team’s instructions.’ One of the doctors even joked at our meeting, ‘Just prescribe Hailey for diabetes.’”

Choi has also found opportunities to perform community service in and around Bath, including regular visits to Bath Housing, a local nonprofit that provides low-income housing to the elderly, disabled, and others in need. “I work with Amy Conron, the resident services coordinator, who organizes different health care projects, and I’ve been going there to provide basic services like blood pressure screenings and medication reviews.”

For UNE Pharmacy students, the clinic serves as one of the sites for their fourth-year Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations. Students must complete a series of six rotations of six weeks each, and ambulatory care is one of the four required rotations. Choi oversees two students at a time (12 total per year) to work with her at the Bath location. It’s an invaluable learning opportunity.



From left: Fong Xiong, Pharm.D. '18, Ashley Calder, Pharm.D. '18, and Hailey Choi, COP assistant clinical professor, stand outside the Mid Coast Medical Group–Bath, a clinical practice site for UNE COP students; Fong Xiong and Hailey Choi perform a blood pressure screening for a Bath Housing resident.

“Students’ desks are right in the middle of the pod where everybody works together, so they get to go right up and ask questions of the doctors and nurses. And the doctors also go to the students. I’ve been really lucky to have such amazing students, so they trust us, and they trust the pharmacy team, so they will come directly to the students and ask them questions. It’s a lot of responsibility.”

“I have worked in community pharmacy for six years now, and before starting this rotation, I had no idea there were pharmacists who were located in primary care settings.”
— Ashley Calder

Ashley Calder, a fourth-year student from New Boston, New Hampshire, found her rotation with Choi to be an enlightening experience. “Ambulatory care pharmacy was a whole new world to me,” says Calder. “I have worked in community pharmacy for six years now, and before starting this rotation, I had no idea there were pharmacists who were located in primary care settings.”

Calder, who plans to continue in community pharmacy after graduation, says, “It has been a

great eye-opener to see the other side of the nonstop phone calls that go on between a doctor’s office and a pharmacy. I have valued assisting the physicians in making clinical decisions for their patients as well as feeling like a general part of the health care team.”

Parallel to their clinical work, Choi and her students are also gathering data to show that adding pharmacists to health care teams is a win-win that can both save money and improve patient outcomes. “That’s what we’re really working for,” says Choi, “so that we can expand this practice model in the state of Maine.” There’s still a way to go, but she has clearly made a lot of progress in a short time.

As evidence, Choi produces glowing letters of support she has received from the Mid Coast Medical Group—Bath practice manager, Gayle Bragg, and the recently retired director of primary care, Nancy Hasenfus, M.D. Choi points out a passage in Hasenfus’s letter where the doctor admits to being initially skeptical about the benefit of having a pharmacist on the team. “Now,” says Choi, “the doctors at the clinic sometimes joke that they don’t know how they ever functioned without having a pharmacy team!”

TOP MODELS

How do we inspire the next generation of scientists?

For Olgun Guvench, chair of the UNE College of Pharmacy’s (COP) Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the answer lies not far from his Portland home, at the Reiche Community School, a teacher-led K-5 public school in the city’s West End.

“My son went to Reiche,” Guvench explains, “and he had a really good experience. So we started doing a little bit of outreach about five years ago.”

The outreach program, called “Seeing Atoms and Molecules,” involves Guvench and a team of UNE student researchers teaching fundamental chemistry to fourth and fifth graders in a series of four one-hour sessions. Guvench says, “We start by explaining conceptually what an atom is: basically if you chop something in two, and then you chop it in two again, and you keep chopping in two...Can you just keep chopping forever? Or does it eventually get to the point where you can’t chop anything further, and then what do we call that smallest little thing?”

Students get tactile and visual reinforcement from manipulating hand-models of atoms — colored balls and sticks — that they can join together to build increasingly complex molecules,

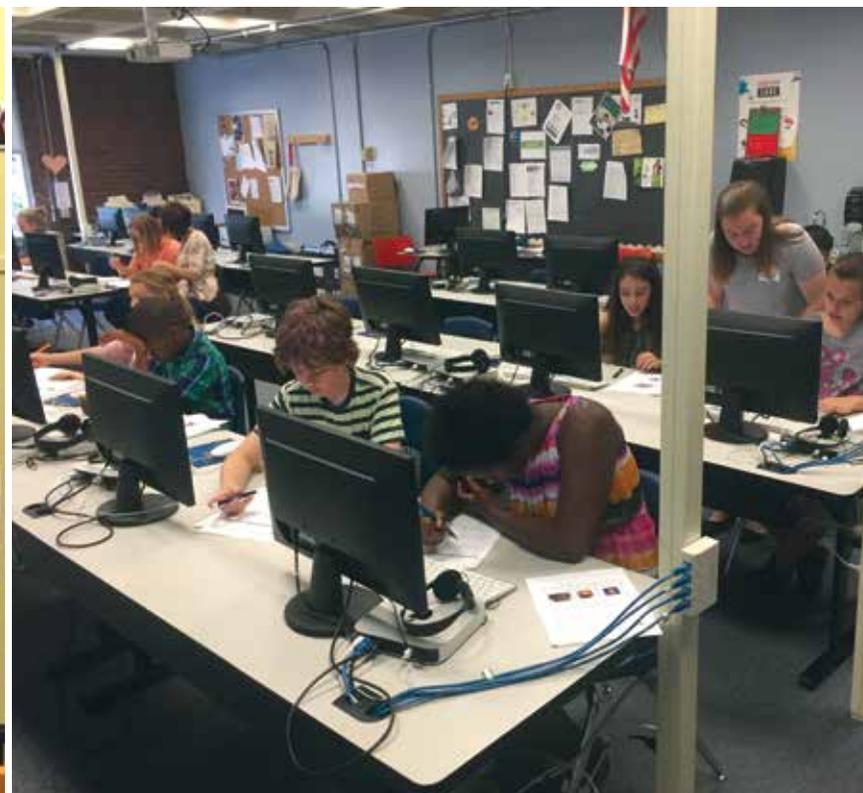


With residents of Bath Housing (clockwise from top left): Ashley Calder checks blood pressure; Hailey Choi collects information; Fong Xiong takes a pulse.



From left: UNE Students Samantha Mansberger, B.S. '18 (Medical Biology), Hanna Sihler, B.S. '18 (Oceanography), Bruno De Maria, B.S. '15, Pharm.D. '19, and Elizabeth Whitmore, B.S. '14 (Medical Biology), Ph.D. '20 (Biomedical Science through the GSBSE program), at the Reiche School;

Opposite page: Samantha Mansberger and Bruno De Maria



from oxygen to hydrocarbons, carbohydrates, and, eventually, proteins and DNA. In collaboration with UNE's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Guvench and his team have also developed detailed lesson plans for instructors and a workbook that they distribute to students.

As the program evolved, Guvench and his team applied for and received a five-year National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, which funded the purchase of 25 Chromebooks, along with a storage cart that doubles as a charging station and can be easily wheeled between Reiche classrooms. All the Chromebooks are equipped with a special program that allows the students to visualize and build three-dimensional molecular models on their computers, just as they were doing with the hand-models.

Guvench explains, "With the tactile models, if you have, say, up to 10 or 20 atoms, it's very easy to hand-build these molecular models. So you can construct a small carbohydrate. But once you get any more atoms than that, it's just too hard. Stuff just gets really floppy and these things can get really big."

The Chromebooks allow students to move up the scale of visualization and gain a better sense of atomic perspective. "The neat thing with the computers is that instead of 10 or 20 atoms, now you can have thousands of atoms," says Guvench.

"So students can start to look at big proteins or carbohydrates and see that it takes thousands of atoms to make up these molecules."

Each year a program evaluator surveys the Reiche students to determine which aspects of the program are working and which may be in need of improvement, and the results are fed back into program refinement. NSF funding runs through 2020, but with the major equipment paid for and the class materials fairly well polished, Guvench doesn't see any reason the program shouldn't renew itself indefinitely. He doesn't even see his own involvement as being especially critical.

"The success of the program is not a reflection on me, it's a reflection on the UNE students because they're really the face of the program now," says Guvench. "At this point, I don't do anything. I give the material to my students, and they're the ones who do the delivery to the elementary school students. I feel very confident in the materials that we've developed — and of course, the students have had a hand in developing them too. So those materials can be passed along to other pharmacy students or other undergrads and, with very little supervision from me, they can take that on and keep doing this program. So, I'm pretty proud of that."

Pharmacy student Bruno De Maria, B.S. '15, Pharm.D. '19, has spent the past two summers

working in the Reiche outreach program and is looking forward to returning next summer. Says De Maria, "We all enjoyed watching the learning process unfold as the students made associations between the concrete principles of everyday life and the abstract concepts of computational chemistry." In addition, this past summer, De Maria had an opportunity to use his native Portuguese language to connect with two Reiche students who had recently emigrated from Angola. "That cultural connection was very special and allowed me to introduce our material in a comfortable manner," says De Maria.



For oceanography major Hanna Sihler '18, having the opportunity to engage elementary school girls was especially fulfilling. Says Sihler, "It is important for these girls to see women in science as role models. I have worked with younger kids before, assessing surveys on 'What is a Scientist?' Most of the kids drew pictures and described someone who looked like Albert Einstein. It is vital for young girls to understand that they too can be successful scientists, and I appreciate UNE's initiative to instill that value in these kids."

Guvench agrees that awakening youngsters to their own limitless potentials is the true animating force that drives the program. "When Hannah says, 'Oh I'm doing Marine Science, and I think I'm going to become an engineer later,' or Bruno says, 'I came to UNE to become a pharmacist,' it makes it tangible to the kids," says Guvench.

"In a lot of ways," he continues, "I don't care that much if the students remember that carbon likes to make four bonds with hydrogen or something like that. That's not really what's relevant to me. What's relevant is the students seeing that this is possible and starting to ask that question, 'Why not me? Why can't I do this?' And then: 'I can do this.'"

BC **TRANSPORTER ROOM:
INSIDE THE HILLS LAB**

Ask around to find out what interesting research is currently being conducted at the UNE College of Pharmacy (COP), and inevitably you will be directed to the lab of Ron Hills.

Hills, an associate professor in the COP Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, uses cutting edge computer technology and molecular modeling techniques to examine the mechanisms by which therapeutic substances get inside living cells.

Specifically, Hills and his team of student researchers are focused on p-glycoprotein (P-gp), which is also referred to as "MDR" (for "multi-drug resistance"), MDR being the name of the corresponding gene. P-gp is a drug efflux transporter, which means it pumps certain substances out of the cell. Sometimes that action is beneficial to the cell, when the substances being pumped out are toxins. But when the substances being pumped out are therapeutic agents, the transporters can inhibit or block the effectiveness of drug treatment.

"Initially, these transporters were found to be involved in multi-drug resistance associated with tumors," says Hills. "In that case, a tumor cell, after exposure to chemotherapeutic agents,

over time will develop a resistance to not only that drug but to other drugs. That's due to these transporters that are actually pumping the drugs out of the cell."

The same transporter mechanism has subsequently been found to be involved with a variety of medical conditions — not just tumors. "There's one study where they see that Alzheimer's patients have fewer of these pumps," says Hills. In that case, the transporter action is thought to help in the brain by clearing toxic amyloid proteins across the blood-brain barrier, and fewer pumps means more likelihood of toxic buildup leading to Alzheimer's. "And in the GI [gastrointestinal] tract," Hills continues, "there's a link with inflammatory bowel disease where the transporters are pumping out what appears to be agents that help keep down the bacteria in your GI tract."

While other scientists are starting to get some insight regarding the biology of the transporter mechanism, Hills and his lab partners are keen on finding out what makes the pumps work at a molecular level. This is done through modeling the molecular aspects of the transporter to see how it interacts with other molecules and to find out why it bonds with certain specific drugs.

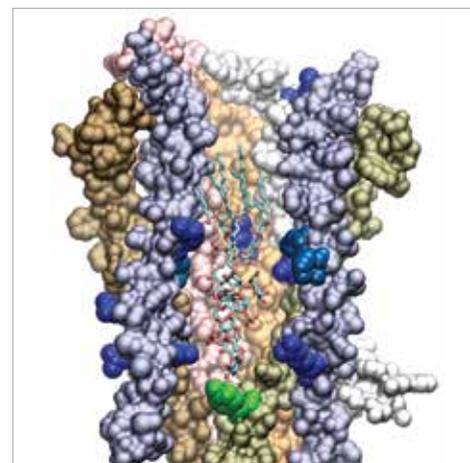
"The tricky part about that," says Hills, "is that typically when we think of proteins and a drug binding its target, it's a one-to-one interaction,



L-R: Rachel McDevitt, Pharm.D. '18, Cody Black, Pharm.D. '18, Jacob Fosso-Tande, Ph.D., Associate Professor Ron Hills, Ph.D.

where a specific drug is designed to bind a specific target. But these proteins are promiscuous — they bind a variety of drugs.” Another complicating factor is that the transporter molecule is in constant motion. “It’s not a static structure,” says Hills. “It moves over time. So when you design a drug, you’re not designing to a single structure but to this whole interplay with how the molecule moves.”

The computational work done in the Hills Lab falls under the methodological field of “molecular dynamics simulation” and is underwritten by a grant from the National



Researchers in the Hills Lab use molecular modeling to identify transport pathways for new molecules, such as endotoxin (licorice chain) shown here bound to the multidrug transporter protein (molecular spheres).

Science Foundation (NSF). The NSF grant funds both the investigation of the transporter structure and the from-scratch development of unique computational molecular modeling tools.

“There are off-the-shelf methods, but generally, they are not applied to a system as big as the transporter complex, which is around 100,000 atoms,” says Hills. “Also, we want to examine the transporter in its natural cell environment, that is, within the cell membrane, because the cell membrane has effects on how it operates, so we include that. That’s part of the strength of our method.”

For students, the Hills Lab presents a rare opportunity to do pioneering multidisciplinary research, and Hills gives his students a tremendous amount of leeway to design and conduct experiments. Happy to deflect credit, Hills recounts his students’ moments of insight and inspiration with genuine satisfaction. He says, “In terms of bacterial biology, Cody [Cody Black, Pharm.D. ’18] basically proposed a mechanism of transport, which I don’t think anyone else has really thought of. And then Rachel [Rachel McDevitt, Pharm.D. ’18] predicted nine sites in the human transporter where she thinks it binds cholesterol.” Hills is quick to emphasize that these student findings represent significant conceptual advances and will spark important future experimental work.

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— Rachel McDevitt and Cody Black

McDevitt and Black are equally enthusiastic about their work with Hills, sending a joint email which reads in part, “Obviously, drug resistance is a major concern for pharmacists, and it has been exciting to examine the mechanisms of how human and bacterial proteins play a role in this field of science. We also created our first academic poster and participated in biweekly presentations during the research fellowship. This experience has opened new doors for us as student pharmacists and has made us more aware of future paths we can take in pharmacy.”

The end goal is to develop drugs that can elude the pumps on a molecular level. Hills elaborates, “We want to find out where certain drugs bind so we can figure out how to block that interaction, if we wanted to. Essentially, to get one drug to pass the blood-brain barrier, you’d want to somehow inhibit the transporter binding, so the transporter doesn’t kick it out of the cell. Basically if we can identify a set of rules as to why some drugs will be recognized by the pumps but not others, that will help the design of new therapeutics.”

GO TO PHARMACY SCHOOL: SEE THE WORLD?

Many universities offer overseas programs for undergraduates, but UNE is among the very few that offer overseas programs for pharmacy students.

In fact, the UNE College of Pharmacy (COP) offers two six-week, faculty-led overseas programs: one in Thailand and one in Spain. (Students also have the options of traveling to Okinawa, Japan, or joining the annual interprofessional Ghana Health Mission.)

The COP assistant dean for Experiential Education, James Krebs, says that both programs are rooted in UNE’s commitment to global education. “The Spanish program was started by our new interim dean, Karen Houseknecht,” says Krebs, “and I developed the Thailand program.” Both programs are designed specifically to serve as fourth-year Pharm.D. student rotation sites.

“Our accreditation board allows one international rotation,” says Krebs, himself an avid traveler. “The others have to be on U.S. territory or soil and follow U.S. guidelines because our students are going to practice in the U.S.” (The Okinawa program is technically considered U.S. soil for rotation purposes, since it is on a U.S. military base. Students may go to Okinawa and still be eligible to visit Thailand or Spain.)

The Thailand program is focused on teaching students about disease states and drug treatment options in Southeast Asia, while giving them a taste of Thai culture. Krebs elaborates, “We interact with Thai students and Thai faculty. Our students may study, say, dengue fever through a Thai faculty member in the morning, have a Thai lunch, and then in the afternoon, see patients with dengue fever. They go on rounds with medical students and pharmacy students, and they look at lab results and discuss drug treatment options.”

Students also learn a great deal about the Thai health care system versus the U.S. health care system — the pros and cons of both — and discuss which aspects of the Thai system might be advantageously incorporated into the U.S. system.

“What most students take away — and it’s consistent,” says Krebs, “is that they’re willing to take what they learned in Thailand and apply it to their patients here in the U.S. A lot of people may think, ‘Oh, what could I learn from the Thai health care system? It’s a developing country.’ Well you know what? Despite the lack of resources, they’re doing some amazing things for their patients.”

Of course, it’s not study, study, study all the time. Weekends are reserved for cultural events, such as visiting markets, exploring

temples, and learning how to cook Thai food. “We have a full day of cooking class where we go to street markets, buy the food, and talk about the medicinal and nutritional properties. Then we cook outside and talk for hours on end,” says Krebs.

It’s an intense experience, which fosters strong bonds among faculty, students, and their Thai hosts. “They’re 18-hour days, and we travel



Photo taken in Thailand during a cultural excursion by UNE Pharmacy students.



Clockwise from top left: UNE Pharmacy students take a Thai cooking class; Visit a historic site in Spain; Tour the Huachiew Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic in Bangkok.

Opposite page: COP Assistant Dean for Experiential Education James Krebs, Pharm.D., and students enjoy a riverboat ride in Thailand.

around a lot,” explains Krebs. “We’re in Bangkok for about two weeks, then we go up north towards Laos and Myanmar for about two weeks, then we’re back in Bangkok, and then we head to the southern part of the country. So we’re in buses and vans a lot, in traffic. And we usually try to have dinner with the students every night. So we develop these really strong relationships with them.”

In the Spanish program, students are more independent. “They live with a host family who only speaks Spanish and cooks them three meals a day. They go to class on their own, they learn a new language, they figure out how to navigate a new city, and their weekends are pretty much free,” says Krebs. The Spanish program is a collaborative partnership with the University of Granada, in Granada, Spain, which is over 400 years old and has one of the oldest and most prestigious pharmacy schools in Europe.

“The first two weeks they have Spanish language immersion,” says Krebs. “They take a test to measure their proficiency, and then they have Spanish class from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then, every day, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. is siesta. It’s very traditional in Spain, still: go home, have lunch, and take a nap. Then from 4 to 6 p.m., I teach. I do a NAPLEX review [the North American Pharmacy Licensure Exam] on drug therapy, in English, so students are better prepared for the exam.”

In weeks 3–6, students dive into the Spanish health care system. As in Thailand, comparisons are made to the U.S. health care system, and students are kept busy visiting Spanish pharmacies, hospitals, biotech companies, and seeing patients. Any free time is filled with cultural activities. “We go to Seville one weekend, we go to Cordoba,” says Krebs. “Corpus Christie, the big holiday, is always around the time of our visit, so we get a four-day break in the middle of it to take in all the festivities.”

Part of the beauty of the two programs is that they offer students two very distinct experiences. “Some students feel there’s too much structure

in Thailand and they want to be in Spain, where they’re a little bit more independent,” says Krebs. “And other students say, ‘I want to be shuttled from place to place and have things very structured.’”

Either way, for most students, it’s an invaluable experience. “I see the students six months later,” says Krebs, “or two years later at a conference, or maybe five years later they’re visiting or writing, and I always ask, ‘Was it worth the extra effort to do one of the international rotations?’” Inevitably, says Krebs, the student replies, “It was so worth it. It was one of my favorite experiences at UNE!”



BE LAYING DOWN THE LAW

When the the UNE College of Pharmacy (COP) opened its doors in 2009, the presence of the new college brought a renewed sense of energy to the venerable Maine Pharmacy Association (MPA), a state pharmacists' professional body, which was chartered in the Maine legislature in 1867.

“Let me give you a telling example,” says Kenneth McCall, who, as an associate professor in the COP Department of Pharmacy Practice and a former two-term president of the MPA, knows this terrain intimately. “Back in 2009, one of the taglines on the MPA website said, ‘We are the oldest state pharmacy association in the U.S.’ The newly minted UNE pharmacy students took one look at that and immediately said, ‘You know, we really think you ought to change that to ‘We are the *first*’ instead of ‘We are the *oldest*.’ And I think, symbolically, that subtle shift in perspective affected the entire organization, the entire profession in Maine.”

McCall offers a more concrete example of how, right off the bat, the new energy provided by the college helped move the profession forward. “Maine was the last state to recognize pharmacists as immunizers,” explains McCall. “We were 50th. But in 2009, when the college opened, then-Governor Baldacci signed into law a bill that, for the first time, allowed pharmacists to administer

vaccines in Maine. And of course Governor Baldacci was also at the COP building dedication ceremony.” That legislation marked an important milestone for Maine’s pharmacists, who finally gained recognition for their role as health care providers and officially became part of the public health care disease prevention system.

The scope of Maine pharmacists’ roles has expanded steadily since then, due in part to advocacy by the MPA. The law Baldacci passed in 2009 allowed pharmacists to administer four vaccines: influenza, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, pneumonia, and zoster. New laws signed by Governor Paul LePage now authorize pharmacists to administer all vaccines recommended for adults by the Centers for Disease Control. Additional legislative progress includes one law that allows pharmacy students, when working as interns, to administer vaccines while supervised by licensed pharmacists and another law that allows pharmacists to engage in “collaborative practice.”

As McCall explains, “Collaborative practice allows a pharmacist to enter into a written agreement with a physician or with a provider that enables the pharmacist to initiate medicines, to monitor those medicines, to modify doses, and discontinue medicines. So the pharmacist doesn’t diagnose the patient — that’s the physician’s job. But under a written protocol, the pharmacist can help monitor therapy, optimize therapy, and improve patient outcomes.”

Next on the legislative horizon is a bill that would recognize pharmacists in statute and in law as health care providers, just as all the other members of the health care team — including physicians, nurses, physical therapists, social workers, and occupational therapists — are recognized as providers within their scope of practice. Says McCall, “This doesn’t mean we’re saying we want pharmacists to be recognized as diagnosticians or that we want pharmacists to take the place of a nurse practitioner or a physician. We’re saying, within the pharmacist’s scope of practice, we want to be formally recognized as health care providers. And that is important because it opens the opportunity to be part of the discussion about services that are provided and compensation for services.”

The provider recognition bill has been a tougher “ask” in Augusta, but McCall remains undaunted. Shaping health care policy is painstaking work that requires persistence, finesse, and a willingness to listen and collaborate. Says McCall, “You try to listen to all the different stakeholders in these conversations, such as, obviously, the other important groups that represent physicians and nurse practitioners and hospitals, and from that you try to gain insights on how to better frame legislation.”

With Maine’s limited budgets, legislators are always looking for a return on investment or evidence that shows a given policy is cost-



From left: UNE Pharmacy students in front of the Maine State House in Augusta; Inside the legislative chamber.

“Every year, we’ve had students go up to Augusta, where we participate in the legislative process at the committee level or reserve a day on the calendar in the Hall of Flags. We’ve had students involved in conversations with the governor and with legislators about what can be done to decrease the risk of diversion with controlled substance”

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effective, something McCall readily acknowledges. “They want to know that not only would this improve quality of care and access to care but would help to reduce health care costs. And we’re collecting more and more evidence about this. For example, take a comprehensive medication review for someone who is over 65 and who is on, say, 10, 15, 20 different medications: we know that medication-adverse events and medication nonadherence are frequent causes of emergency department visits. So that’s just one example of how the kinds of services we’re proposing could save money in the long run.”

For McCall, part of the key to successful professional advocacy is student involvement, a critical offshoot of the ongoing synergy

between the UNE COP and the MPA. McCall ensures that there are opportunities for every cohort of UNE pharmacy students to gain experience doing legislative advocacy. “Every year,” says McCall, “we’ve had students go up to Augusta, where we participate in the legislative process at the committee level or reserve a day on the calendar in the Hall of Flags. We’ve had students involved in conversations with the governor and with legislators about what can be done to decrease the risk of diversion with controlled substances. We’ve had students engaged in letter-writing campaigns to senators and representatives.”

By participating in a session of Maine’s legislature and advocating for the public, for their profession, and for public health care in general, students gain a broader perspective than they typically receive in the classroom. “In the classroom,” says McCall, “students are learning about a drug, and they’re learning about a patient’s condition. Even when you’re teaching or when you provide pharmacy practice, you’re thinking about that patient who’s right in front of you. But sometimes it’s important to step back and think at a public health level.”

For Erin Kany, COP ’17, who is now doing a PGY1 (post-graduate year one) pharmacy residency at the Veterans Administration, engaging in public advocacy while at UNE COP was an invaluable experience. Says Kany,

“I learned that if I wanted to see changes in my profession, I would need to speak up and say something. Through the experiences I had with Dr. McCall, I became aware of how pharmacists and pharmacy students are working everyday with their legislators to make changes that will positively impact the care we provide for our patients.”

Ultimately, it seems that, for McCall, public advocacy is a matter of character — and of repaying the public trust. “I look at it as the intersection between your profession and your role as a citizen,” says McCall. “You’re entering into this profession, and you’re entering into a commitment of trust with the public to provide competent, compassionate care. It’s the public that gives you the privilege of practicing pharmacy. Advocacy is a way of giving something back to the public.”

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FAMILY AFFAIR

UNE’s Pre-Professional Pharmacy program for undergraduates is an ambitious, accelerated course of study that prepares first-year college students, often fresh out of high school, to enter a rigorous professional Pharm.D. program after only two years of college. It is one of the most academically demanding degree paths offered at UNE. Ensuring that students are successful in negotiating the head-spinning transition calls for some extremely creative thinking around the idea of student support.

Enter the Rx for Success: Pre-Professional Pharmacy Program Living Learning Community. Launched in the fall of 2016, the Rx for Success Living Learning Community (LLC) is a holistic support program that invites all first-year pre-pharmacy students to live together on the same floor of a designated residence hall (under the auspices of a specially trained resident advisor, or RA), while offering up a rich and diverse slate of resources and activities. The LLC is run jointly by Sarah Vincent, an assistant clinical professor in the UNE College of Pharmacy (COP) and the Pre-Pharmacy program coordinator, and Maria Goodwin, the coordinator of the first-year experience in the UNE Office of Student Affairs.

“We began developing learning communities at UNE as a way to build intentional communities

of support,” says Goodwin. “The idea is to create a specific environment where students with similar academic and career goals could live in a community and take classes with their neighbors and their roommates. That way every student in the community understands what the others are going through.”

Of course, there’s also a lot of pizza eating, movie watching, and group excursions that range from going apple picking to a recent Diabetes Walk fundraiser — organized by the graduate pharmacy student organization known as SNPhA (Student National Pharmaceutical Association). In addition to these team-building activities and fun social outings, the LLC gives students one-on-one advising and multiple opportunities to become acclimated to the COP so that they are better prepared to enter graduate school.

Vincent elaborates, “Each semester our pre-pharmacy students visit the College of Pharmacy, where they do a pharmacy simulation with the pharmacy students. The pharmacy students show them what they’ve learned, and the undergraduate students get hands-on experience doing some things that a pharmacist might do. They also get to meet the pharmacy students, meet some faculty and staff, tour the facility, and attend a sample class.”

So far, about half of each new pre-pharmacy cohort (roughly 30 out of 60 students) has opted into the Rx For Success Living Learning Community — of course, many students have jobs or prior housing commitments that preclude full engagement. But Vincent is quite clear that the opportunities afforded by the LLC are available to all pre-pharmacy students, and that the LLC can serve as a cultural locus point for the entire



UNE Pre-Professional Pharmacy students participate in the annual diabetes walk, organized by UNE’s graduate pharmacy student organization, SNPhA.

pre-pharmacy cohort, sending out profound ripple effects that transcend even the pre-pharmacy program itself.

“My goal and my hope is that this helps these students to feel like the university is providing them with support systems,” says Vincent. “Even if they’re not part of the LLC, they’re still benefitting from that LLC being available. I often see pre-pharmacy students who are not technically in the LLC going over to the residence floor because that’s the gathering place. I think that perception does pervade not just the major but throughout the undergraduates. They see what’s going on, and even if they don’t partake of it, that perception is a big deal. They feel cared about.”

Almost like they’re part of an extended family? “The concept of family is key to the learning community format,” agrees Goodwin. “We have monthly family dinners where we come together to check-in with each other and talk about the college experience thus far. We have community members reflect on what is going well, or maybe not so well, and we identify others in the community that can provide help and support.”

The result is the creation of a community ethos that is seeded in the youngest first-years and passed along from class to class. “You have this community of students who matriculate through the years, up to graduate school,” says

Vincent. “And so, another component to the LLC is the establishment of a culture that says: this is an inclusive community; you’re not working against your peers, you’re working with your peers; you’re not competing against them.”

Indeed, as the LLC evolves, second-year students have remained active in the community, often serving as mentors for new students. “Many of the changes that we made, or things that we kept the same, for this year’s group are due in large part to the feedback and involvement of last year’s LLC students,” says Goodwin. “Some of them met with us throughout the spring semester on a planning taskforce. The RA for this year’s community was a member of last year’s LLC, and the second-years are still involved, joining us throughout the year for learning community events and building an even larger network of support.”

It’s still a young program, but preliminary data show that network of support is translating into student success, with an increase in GPA and an increase in retention as the initial LLC cohort moves through the program. And from a qualitative perspective, the student response has been overwhelmingly positive.

“It’s an awesome opportunity,” says MaKayla Nadeau, who is currently a second-year pre-pharmacy student. “Living on a floor that is primarily other pre-professional pharmacy

students allows you to meet people who are just like you right away. Also, because you all take most of the same classes and live together, you can work on homework and study for exams together. The community really helps you make connections and form a support system with your future classmates and even teachers.”

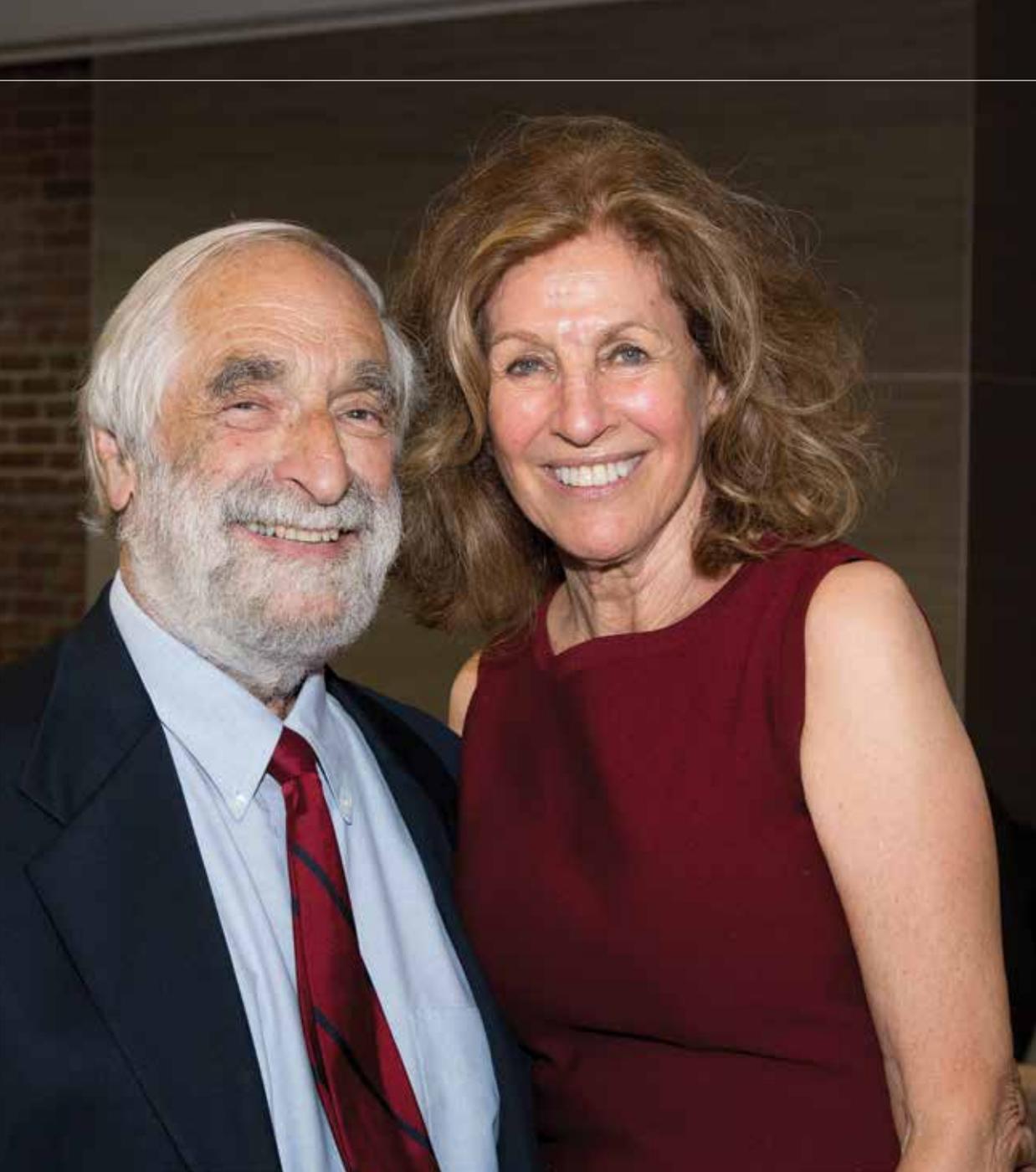
For Vincent, the Living Learning Community’s greatest impact on students comes from fostering that sense of mutual support. “It’s the bonds they’ve formed with one another,” she says. “They study together, because they’re right there, and they help each other. The ones who have had a lot of experience with, say, Gen Chem help the ones who are struggling with that; or, say, the ones who are really good at math, help the others with their math stuff. Those sorts of relationships, the support systems that are right there, are super, super important for them.”

“And not just in terms of their studies,” she continues. “They can ask their peers things they can’t ask me. I try to be as open as possible to helping them, but I realize that there are only some things they’re going to ask a faculty member. That’s probably the way it should be. But giving them this support system, so they have someone they can ask, no matter what the question is — that’s what this is all about. So they can be successful and work it out, whatever it is.”



UNE Pre-Professional Pharmacy students offer support at the annual JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) diabetes walk fundraising event.

On August 15, 2017, the UNE Art Gallery celebrated the legacy of Stephen Halpert and recognized the generosity of Judy and Leonard Lauder with a special photography exhibition and reception in the newly renovated Innovation Hall. A portion of a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lauder will fund an endowment to preserve and grow the UNE photography collection, which they named the *Stephen K. Halpert Photographic Collection at UNE*. The remainder of the gift funded the installation of an elevator within the Art Gallery, which is currently under construction. Friends, family members, supporters, and artists were welcomed by President James D. Herbert, who highlighted Steve's many scholarly and artistic contributions to UNE and to the Art Gallery as well as Judy's long relationship with UNE as a photographer. Albert Glickman, Judy's late husband, who was once a Westbrook Trustee and a close friend of Steve's, was also recognized.





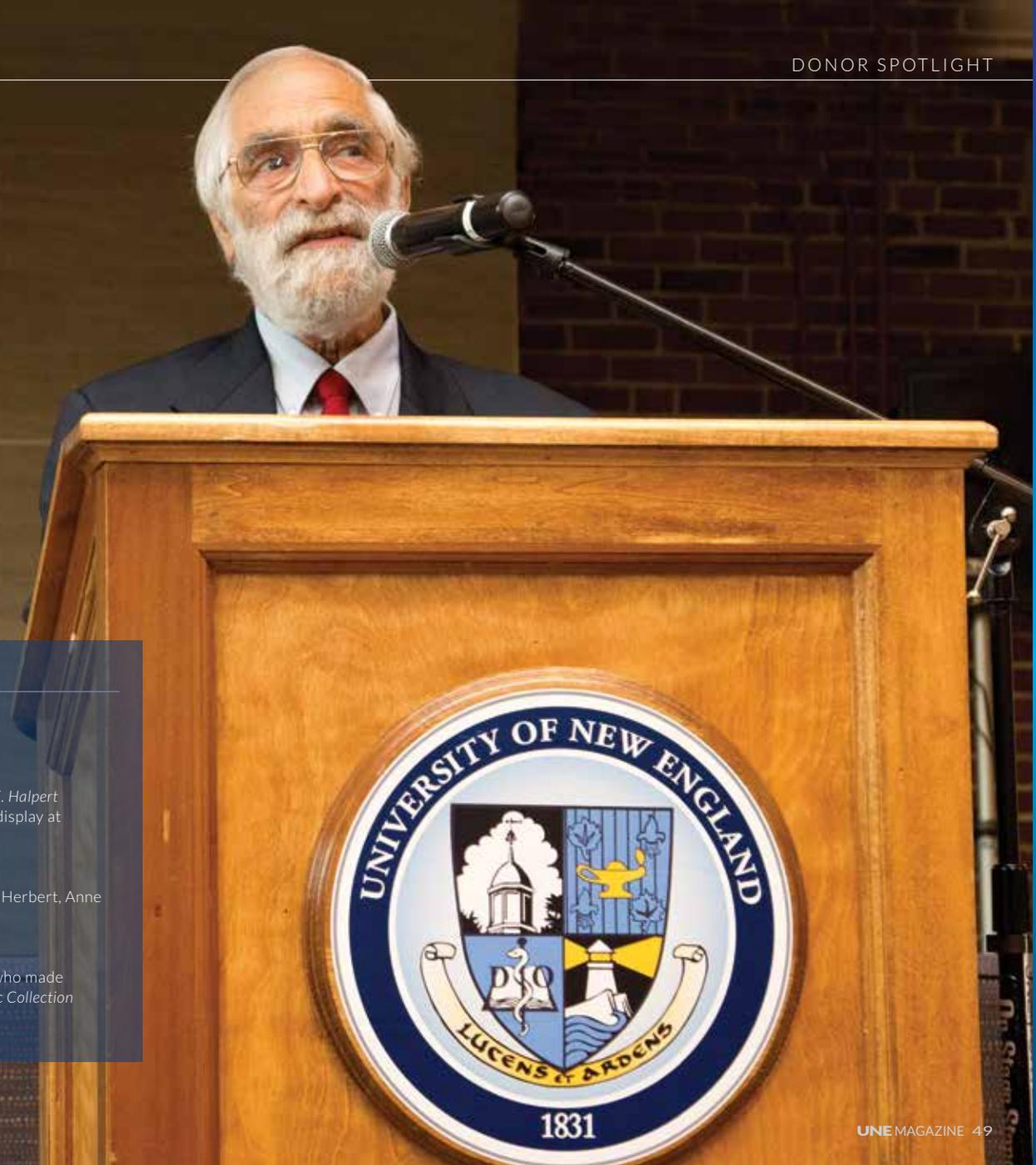
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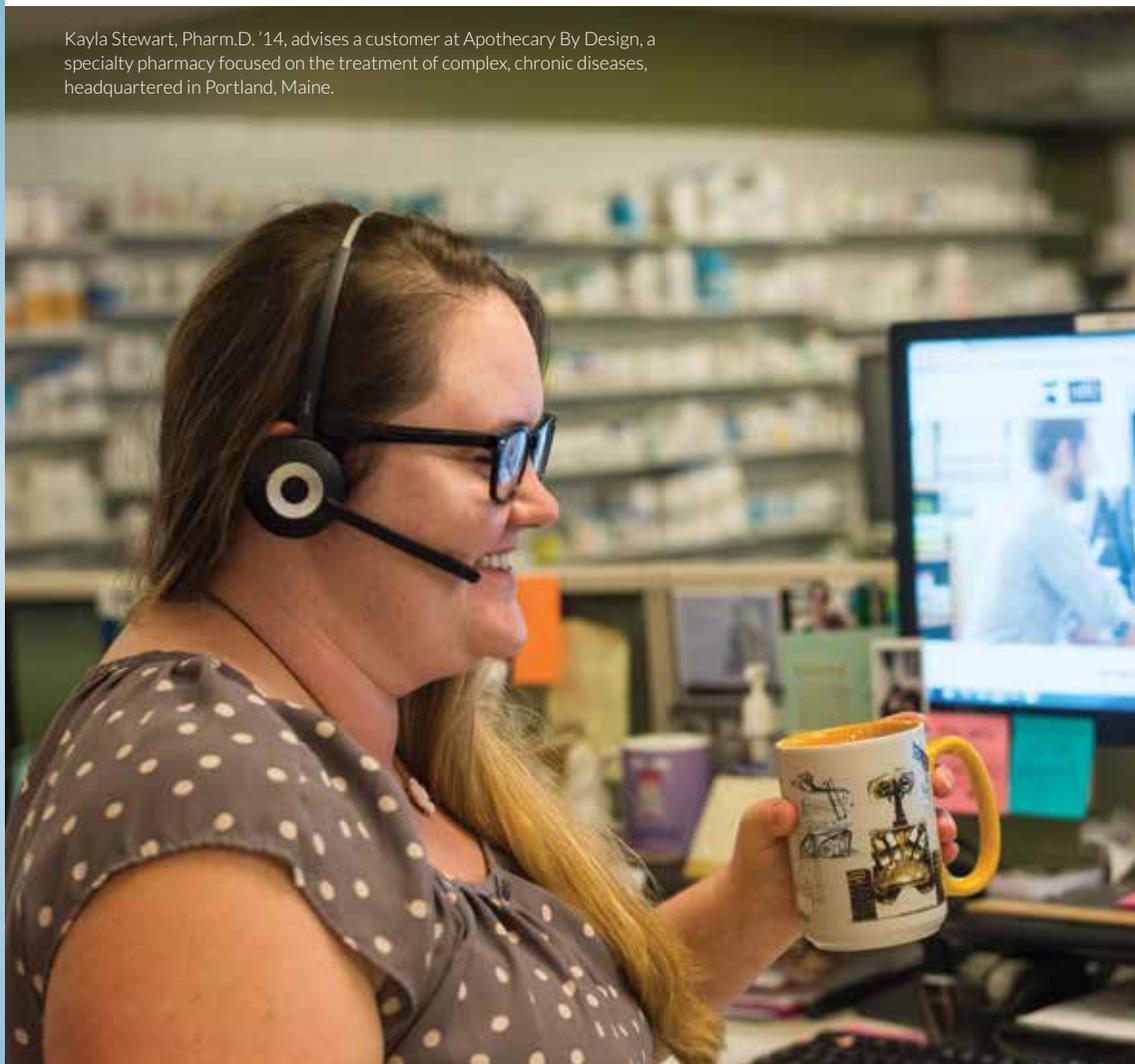
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UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Alumni Spotlights

by Sarah Wissler



Kayla Stewart, Pharm.D. '14, advises a customer at Apothecary By Design, a specialty pharmacy focused on the treatment of complex, chronic diseases, headquartered in Portland, Maine.



Brandon Dionne, Pharm.D. '13, teaching in the classroom at Northeastern University.

BRANDON DIONNE, PHARM.D. '13

CURRENT PURSUITS: I am an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pharmacy and Health Systems Sciences within Northeastern University's School of Pharmacy, Bouvé College of Health Professions. I co-coordinate and teach a course in comprehensive disease management, which primarily focuses on infectious disease therapeutics. I also work with students on research projects as part of their capstone requirement or independent study. Additionally, as clinical faculty, I maintain a practice site at Brigham and Women's Hospital where I round with the infectious diseases consult teams and work on the antimicrobial stewardship team. As part of this responsibility, I precept both final year pharmacy students and pharmacy residents on their clinical rotations.

THE UNE EXPERIENCE: During my time at the UNE College of Pharmacy, I had the opportunity to complete an elective course, an independent study in benchtop research, and an advanced

pharmacy practice experience, all in infectious diseases. The College of Pharmacy's course in clinical pharmacokinetics really drove home the medication expertise that pharmacists can provide to the medical team, especially with antibiotics.

What really interested me about infectious diseases is that when antibiotics are used inappropriately, it not only affects the patient being treated but also society as a whole because it contributes to antimicrobial resistance.

NEXT STEPS: I greatly enjoy my current position because it provides me with a mix of teaching, clinical practice, and research, which always keeps things interesting. The most rewarding part of my job is when a student is recognized by the team for a good catch or finally starts to make connections between what they learned in class and real life clinical practice.

As pharmacists, it is important to pass on the knowledge we have received and be involved in

training the next generation; to that end, I hope to establish an accredited PGY2 Pharmacy Residency in Infectious Diseases and serve as the program director. I also plan to continue to give back to the pharmacy profession through service in professional organizations, possibly including an elected office, as well staying involved with the College of Pharmacy.

KAYLA STEWART, PHARM.D. '14

CURRENT PURSUITS: I am the reproductive health clinical team lead at Apothecary By Design specialty pharmacy. Working with a team of remarkably talented pharmacists, technicians, nurses, and patient care coordinators, I provide education and support to patients undergoing fertility treatments. I ensure that our patients have all the supplies and medications they need and the knowledge required to use them safely and appropriately.

Improving a patient's experience through education and counseling is by far the most exciting and rewarding part of my job. A typical patient undergoing in-vitro fertilization (IVF) might receive four or five expensive injectable medications at one time, each complex and unique in its preparation. Adding these complex medications to the immense stress that accompanies infertility and the cost associated with the treatment can be incredibly overwhelming for many patients. When I see a patient empowered and confident in her understanding of the medications after I've provided counseling, I feel truly rewarded.

THE UNE EXPERIENCE: The UNE College of Pharmacy has provided me with an invaluable set of skills that I utilize every day, one of the most important being the ability to collect and analyze evidence-based information. At UNE, I built an essential knowledge base and learned the skills required to continually add to it. Even more beneficial were the experiences I

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— Kayla Stewart

gained through my Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations. My rotation in Granada, Spain, was transformative, and I provide better health care as a result. During my Wentworth-Douglass rotation, I was able to translate my knowledge into applied clinical skills. And, it was the preceptor during my rotation at UNE who not only inspired me to pursue a career in specialty pharmacy but eventually hired me. I worked with many brilliant preceptors who were instrumental in making me the pharmacist I am proud to be today.

NEXT STEPS: My future goals revolve around expanding my clinical knowledge and improving my ability to provide exceptional patient care. Although I lead the reproductive health team, I work with many other types of patients as well. The specialty pharmacy industry is growing rapidly, and I aim to keep current on the new therapies emerging in a variety of disease states. I also plan to continue working with pharmacy students on their APPE rotations at Apothecary By Design, in hopes that I can pass on some of what was given to me by my preceptors.

LINH TRAN, PHARM.D. '17

CURRENT PURSUITS: I am completing a two-year Rutgers U.S. Medical Affairs Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Genentech in San Francisco, California. The first year is spent in the area of

medical communications within U.S. Medical Affairs. I am responsible for communicating relevant, timely, accurate, and balanced information on Genentech's products to health care professionals, working to positively influence the safe and effective use of these products.

The second year of my fellowship is spent on rotations of another functional area, which I anticipate will be global medical information.

“I owe Dr. Edward Li and Dr. Christian Teter a great deal of gratitude for the start of my career.” — Linh Tran

THE UNE EXPERIENCE: I owe Dr. Edward Li and Dr. Christian Teter a great deal of gratitude for the start of my career. I was lost during my second year of pharmacy school and I did not know what I wanted to do after graduation. I only knew I wanted to help make a large impact on health care. Professor Li presented the idea of public policy and gave me the opportunity to gain experience with a summer internship at a managed care oncology company.

Through Associate Professor Teter's many office hours and his numerous projects, I learned a lot about the aspects of pharmacy not taught within the classroom. He taught me that it's important



From left: Linh Tran, Pharm.D. '17, on site at Genentech in San Francisco, California; Kayla Stewart teaches a customer how to administer medications via self-injection at the Apothecary By Design office in Portland, Maine.



Clockwise from top left: Olha Perkowski, Pharm.D. '17, at CVS Pharmacy in Peabody, Massachusetts; Shail Patel, Pharm.D. '13; Olha Perkowski with her CVS Pharmacy teammates.

to understand and master soft skills like how to work well with others, or “play well in the sandbox.” He said that although you can be trained for any job after graduation, a positive attitude can’t be taught.

NEXT STEPS: After my fellowship, I hope to continue my role here with this great company. I would like to work as a medical writer, creating global documents for health care providers around the world. I also want to become a preceptor, but I will approach this one step at a time!

OLHA PERKOWSKI, PHARM.D. '17

CURRENT PURSUITS: I’m a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Peabody, Massachusetts. What I really like about working in community pharmacy is having direct contact with my patients. It is really important to build trusting relationships with patients, getting to know them and their health issues better. When they come to the pharmacy looking for help or advice and I’m able to help, it’s the most rewarding part of my job.

THE UNE EXPERIENCE: I applied to four different schools of pharmacy and had interviews at all of them. I made my choice based on my experience during interview day. The UNE College of Pharmacy faculty and administrative staff were very welcoming and friendly. They

answered all of my questions about my expectations for the program. Plus, I couldn’t resist the cozy campus and beautiful Portland area. I absolutely enjoyed my time at UNE!

The College of Pharmacy played a huge role in preparing me to be a successful pharmacist. The relationship between students and professors at the College of Pharmacy is collaborative, which resembles my professional health care team. UNE provides opportunities to gain the necessary knowledge, develop interprofessional connections and deliver exceptional health care. Throughout my studies, I always felt a lot of support from professors and administrators. I’m very thankful for that.

“The College of Pharmacy played a huge role in preparing me to be a successful pharmacist.”

— Olha Perkowski

NEXT STEPS: I plan on growing in my pharmacy career and gaining more experience. I particularly enjoy community outreach, and community pharmacy provides many outlets for this type of work. At CVS, I participate in an outreach program called “One Choice” and have given a couple of presentations on prescription drug abuse to high school students. Knowing that I

can help others make decisions about how to lead healthier lives makes me feel fulfilled both personally and professionally.

SHAIL PATEL, PHARM.D. '13

CURRENT PURSUITS: At the beginning of August 2017, I started my third position at Eli Lilly in four years! In this new market analytics and forecasting role, I will be working on developing forecasts for oncology products in the pipeline as well as marketed oncology products. In the future, I may be involved in business development projects, including in-licensing and external collaborations.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is having the opportunity to meet people across the company. During my fellowship, I was expected to network as much as possible and learn from seasoned experts about their contributions. Eli Lilly is a very large corporation with countless functional groups working on different projects. Yet, we are all united with the single goal of bringing the next major treatment to market.

THE UNE EXPERIENCE: Oncology is a very complicated field, with scientific advances each and every single day. Courses such as Dr. John Redwanski’s Drug Information class helped me

better understand how to locate the correct resources to find the needed answers, which has proved invaluable in my career.

NEXT STEPS: I plan to continue working in this industry and look forward to expanding my knowledge in my new position.

Working in the cancer treatment field has been a dynamic, intellectually stimulating, and fulfilling opportunity. I have met people with diverse backgrounds, both educational and cultural, during my four years at Eli Lilly. These experiences continue to shape my outlook and influence the way I approach challenges. I would wholeheartedly recommend any UNE student to consider a career in oncology and pharmaceutical research.

SYLVIA PARK, PHARM.D. '14

CURRENT PURSUITS: After growing up on the East Coast and living there my entire life, the thought of moving far from my family was quite scary. However, when I came out of my comfort zone, I found my dream job! I am a U.S. Commissioned Corps Officer and clinical pharmacist at Northern Navajo Medical Center, which is the Indian Health Service located in Shiprock, New Mexico. I serve American Indians, primarily the Navajo tribe.

As a clinical pharmacist, I work closely with providers to improve patient health outcomes and safety by reviewing patient charts and labs, answering drug information questions, and making drug-related recommendations. I also work as a chronic pain management pharmacist, providing recommendations on pain regimens, training pharmacy staff on opioid safety and naloxone, and answering any pain-related questions. As a Commissioned Corps Officer of the Public Health Service (PHS), I serve in leadership roles such as the Vaccines For Children coordinator and Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy coordinator. Furthermore, I educate health professionals, make implementations to improve patient quality and safety, and provide training on any health-related or system updates.

The mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is “to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska natives (AI/AN) to the highest level.” Like the mission, the most rewarding aspect of my job is that I serve American Indians to promote their health outcomes by working as part of an interdisciplinary team. A lot of American Indians still experience financial difficulty, lack of water/electricity resources, and transportation issues. Therefore, identifying their needs and barriers to access are key sources of their treatment plan. I am grateful that I can be involved in their health care to raise their physical, mental, social, and spiritual wellbeing.

THE UNE EXPERIENCE: UNE provided great opportunities to complete six Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations in a variety of hospital and community settings. The APPEs strengthened my pharmaceutical and clinical skills in areas such as anticoagulation therapy, sterile and non-sterile compounding, infectious disease, and medication reconciliation. I was also actively involved, either as an officer or as a member, in many professional pharmacy organizations through UNE. I was able to organize events and learned to work more effectively as a team member while educating the public on comprehensive pharmaceutical care. Through these experiences, I gained leadership and communication skills as well as an understanding of best clinical practices and the importance of public health. Lastly, I’m thankful for Dr. Gayle Brazeau’s support through every step of my PHS application.

NEXT STEPS: I hope to continue serving as an officer in the U.S. Commissioned Corps of Public Health Service, working on behalf of minorities and vulnerable populations. In the future, I would like to be involved with research or policy to promote public health and improve health awareness.



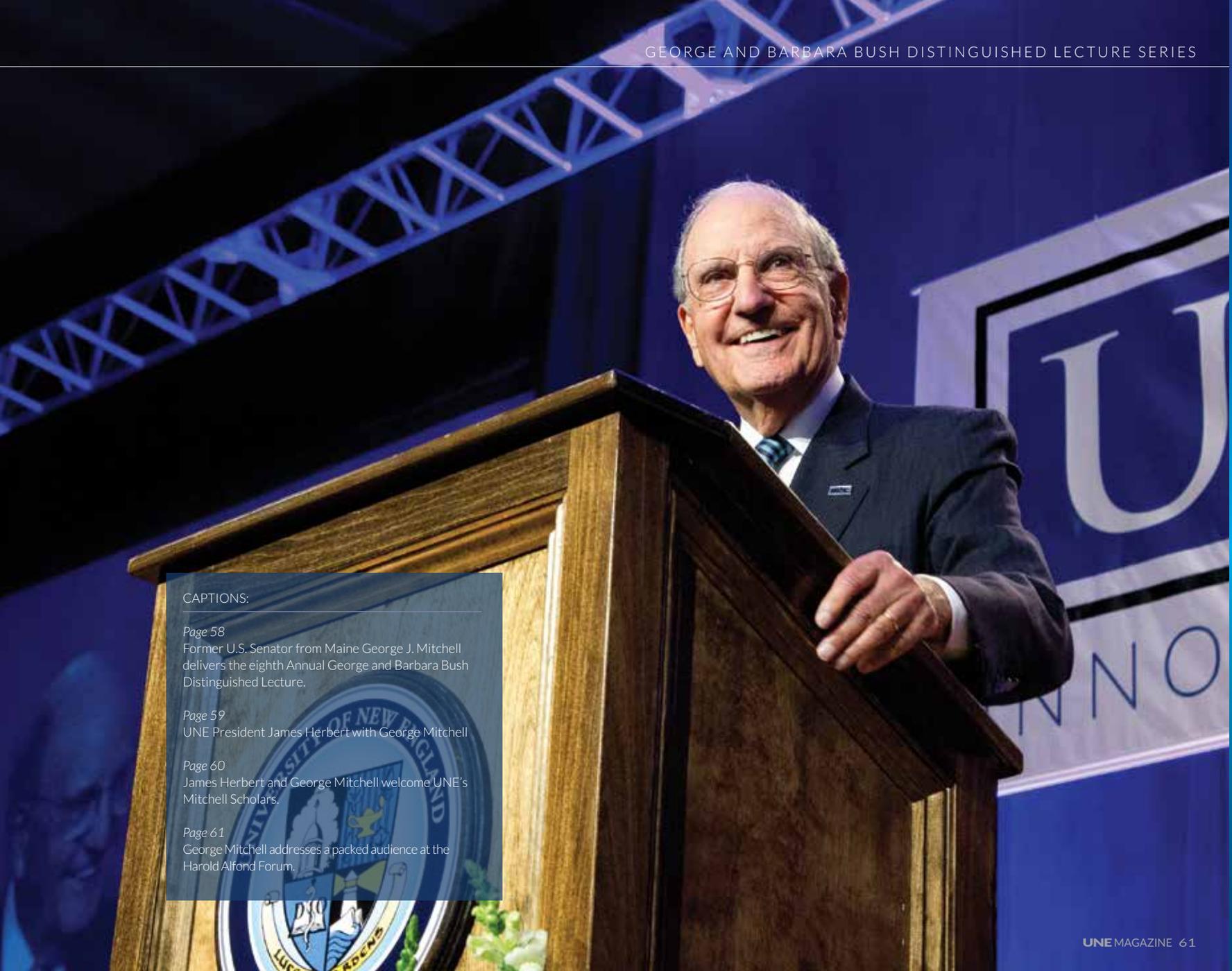
From left: Sylvia Park, Pharm.D. '14, working at the Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico; The exterior of the medical center.

Former U.S. Senator from Maine George J. Mitchell served as the featured speaker at the eighth Annual George and Barbara Bush Distinguished Lecture on September 12 at 5 p.m. in UNE's Harold Alfond Forum on the Biddeford Campus. Mitchell's lecture was titled "Challenges Facing the U.S., at Home and Abroad." The event was free and open to the public.

Mitchell has had a long and distinguished career, serving for several years as a federal judge before being elected to the U.S. Senate, where he served from 1980 to 1995. From 1989 to 1995, he held the position of Senate Majority Leader. Mitchell received the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his role as chairman of peace negotiations in the Northern Ireland peace agreement. Most recently, he has served as U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East.

Mitchell's Bush Lecture marked a return to the UNE podium, after speaking as part of the university's Tangier Global Forum on the UNE Morocco Campus in May.





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UNE PARTICIPATES IN “ONE BOOK, MANY CONVERSATIONS” SEMINARS

From October 9 to 15, 2017, people around the United States and the world gathered in person and online to discuss George Orwell's *1984*, as part of “One Book, Many Conversations,” a seminar series from the National Humanities Alliance.

The University of New England and the UNE Center for Global Humanities sponsored a slate of discussions in southern Maine. There were four events held on UNE's campuses in Biddeford and Portland, and UNE faculty and staff also moderated discussions at various off-campus locations.

1984 was chosen as the text for this inaugural event because of the spontaneous, organic wave of interest that current events have sparked in the novel. The book, like all texts and ideas that endure the test of time, is complex and raises a broad and powerful range of questions. They include the nature of citizenship; the sources of power; and what it takes to be a leader, to be courageous, and to love another human being. These themes are broad, common to the human condition, and cross all partisan boundaries.



UNE DEDICATES NEW RESEARCH VESSEL “SHARKOLOGY”

On Friday, September 29, 2017, the University of New England formally dedicated the *Sharkology*, the newest addition to its marine research fleet. The ceremony took place at 10 a.m. on the UNE boat dock, located on the Biddeford Campus. The *Sharkology* is a 35-foot 350 Marlin FM that will be used to conduct field science in apex predators (sharks and marine mammals).

In attendance for the dedication were UNE President James Herbert; UNE Provost Michael Sheldon; UNE Vice President William Chance; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Jeanne Hey; Professor Barry Costa-Pierce, chair of the University of New England Department of Marine Sciences and director of the UNE Center for Excellence in Marine Sciences; Professor James Sulikowski, Ph.D.; and *Sharkology* donor Arthur P. Girard and family.

The morning's program began with a welcome from President Herbert, followed by talks from Costa-Pierce and Sulikowski, the christening of the *Sharkology* by Arthur P. Girard, and a short boat ride. “The donation of this research vessel provides UNE with an opportunity to fill a unique niche in New England by providing a platform to study sharks, tuna, whales, and other charismatic, high profile, and often endangered or threatened species,” said Sulikowski.



“YOU ARE WELCOME HERE”: UNE PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

The University of New England has joined the global “You are Welcome Here” initiative, created to show students around the world that they are supported by colleges and universities in the U.S. This movement is designed to tell the world that U.S. higher education institutions are safe, diverse, inclusive, and dedicated to students of all backgrounds.

The campaign began November 2016, with six universities creating videos with the “You are Welcome Here” theme and hashtag. Bolstered by the support of AIRC and NAFSA, the campaign garnered national attention from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and U.S. *News and World Report*. Today, more than 250 colleges, universities, and organizations have joined the movement, creating videos to extend the message on a global scale.

Students, faculty, and staff from UNE's two Maine campuses and its Tangier, Morocco Campus participated in the UNE video, celebrating the spirit of the UNE community and sharing the message that all are welcome here.

Anouar Majid, vice president for Global Affairs, said that UNE established a campus in Morocco to share our spirit of friendship and hospitality: “Our Tangier Campus is, in fact, our embassy to the region, sending a strong message that all people are welcome in Maine, the United States, and, of course, at UNE.”



UNE'S ADEPITAN OWOSHO RECOGNIZED BY PROMINENT MEDICAL JOURNAL

Adepitan Owosho, B.Ch.D., FAAOM, assistant clinical professor in the College of Dental Medicine, has received the Millard Award by the *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology Journal* (O000), a preeminent journal in the fields of oral surgery, oral medicine, oral pathology, oral radiology, and advanced general practice dentistry.

Owosho received the award for having the best paper published in the oral medicine section of O000 between July 2016 and June 2017. It recognizes his November 2016 publication on head and neck cancer, titled “Comparison of mean radiation dose and dosimetric distribution to tooth-bearing regions of the mandible associated with proton beam radiation therapy and intensity-modulated radiation therapy for ipsilateral head and neck tumor.” His co-authors for the study were SaeHee K. Yom, D.D.S., M.P.H.; Zhiqiang Han, B.S.; Kevin Sine, B.S.; Nancy Y. Lee, M.D.; Joseph M. Huryn, D.D.S., and Cherry L. Estilo, D.M.D.

The rigorous decision process for the Millard Award involved selection of the top three papers by a sub-committee. The entire Oral Medicine Section Editorial Board then voted on the winning article. Owosho's publication will be recognized in a future issue of O000, and he will be honored at the American Academy of Oral Medicine annual meeting.



UNE COM AMONG TOP 10 MEDICAL SCHOOLS FOR RESIDENCY PLACEMENT

U.S. News and World Report evaluated residency placement rates at medical schools throughout the United States. The report found that the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM) was among the top 10 medical schools in the nation for matching students with their first-choice residency programs.

According to the report, more than 60 percent of UNE COM graduates from the Class of 2016 were admitted to their first-choice residency program. The top-10 list includes medical schools at some of the nation's most prestigious institutions, including Stanford University, Columbia University, and the University of California – San Diego.

“UNE COM's innovative, integrated curriculum, coupled with our early adoption of entrustable activities and our strong clinical campus system create an environment where students can develop into the kind of physicians that residencies want,” said UNE COM Dean Jane Carreiro, D.O.



UNE HOLDS WORKSHOP ON OPIOID USE DISORDER AND MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

On Saturday, October 28, 2017, the University of New England Center for Excellence in Health Innovation hosted an opioid use disorder (OUD) and medication assisted treatment (MAT) Workshop at UNE's Innovation Hall.

More than 150 people registered, and attendees included UNE students from the College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Pharmacy, Westbrook College of Health Professions and College of Dental Medicine, as well as UNE faculty and clinicians from the community. Experts led presentations and discussions on MAT; screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT); prescribing laws; public health impact; and stigma.

“As we face a deadly epidemic of opioid addiction, workshops like this are critical to assuring the clinicians of tomorrow as well as today are able to work together with clinicians from other professions and patients to successfully screen people for addiction, help people get into treatment, and keep them in recovery,” said Dora Anne Mills, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Center for Excellence in Health Innovation.



HUNDREDS VOLUNTEER FOR UNE'S ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE

The University of New England held its annual Day of Service on Saturday, September 23. Hundreds of UNE community members, including students, faculty, staff, and alumni, dispersed among 32 volunteer sites throughout the Biddeford-Saco-Kennebunk area to volunteer their time and services. Participants were greeted by UNE President James Herbert as well as Biddeford and Saco mayors, Alan Casavant and Ron Michaud, at the Biddeford Campus Center before departing for their day of volunteer work.

Sam McReynolds, Ph.D., professor and chair in the Department of Society, Culture and Languages and coordinator of the Day of Service, explained that there was “something for everyone” at the event. “For those who may not be ‘nature people,’” he said, “there are many other ways to get involved: painting buildings for non-profit organizations, assembling machinery like lawn mowers and bikes, signing up blood donors for the Red Cross, and assisting the elderly with at-home tasks.”

“Every volunteer act that stems from this event helps the lives and routines of Biddeford area citizens,” stated McReynolds. “Through the Day of Service, UNE becomes the catalyst for change in Southern Maine.”



UNE EARNS MULTIPLE ACCOLADES IN NATIONAL HIGHER ED RATINGS

The University of New England recently received a plethora of accolades as several sets of rankings have been published that demonstrate the university's value and position as a provider of high quality education.

Rising 15 spots from last year, UNE landed on *Forbes'* America's Top Colleges list for the fifth year in a row. It was also the highest ranked Maine School, rising two spots from last year's standing, in the *U.S. News & World Report* list of America's Best Colleges in the Best Regional Universities category for the North, a distinction that UNE has held continuously for seven years. As it was in 2016, UNE was listed among the year's Best Colleges by *MONEY* magazine; and also for the second time, it received a financial ranking of A3 from Moody's Investors Service.

UNE President James Herbert responded to the ratings announcements with pride. “These rankings are a testament to UNE's dedication to our students,” he said. “We provide them with a high caliber education, an extremely satisfying college experience, and the potential for a remarkable return on investment upon graduation. It is gratifying to see that those attributes of the university are being so widely recognized.”



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AWARDED GRANT TO WORK WITH RURAL, AGING POPULATIONS

The UNE School of Social Work has been awarded its third Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training grant. The \$448,000 Training in Aging Diversity (TRIAD) grant is a four-year program designed to bring classroom and clinical education to Maine's rural communities.

“We want students in training to be immersed in rural areas so that they fall in love with rural practice,” said Director of the School of Social Work Shelley Cohen Konrad, Ph.D., who is the principal investigator for the grant. “Fostering students' passion for working with underserved populations will make them that much more likely to seek employment in those areas once they graduate.”

Through this grant, UNE will seek clinical field placements and residencies for students in rural Maine. The School of Social Work will also develop core curriculum in aging and neuroscience in collaboration with the Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences, establish a TRIAD certificate program, and collaborate with UNE's Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) grant to advance knowledge of aging and substance use disorders.

“This grant serves not only to support the education of aspiring social work students but also contributes to cultivating a workforce committed to rural care delivery and improving the health and well-being of older adults,” said Karen Pardue, interim dean of the Westbrook College of Health Professions.



BIDDEFORD AND UNE CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR FOR “FINDING THE PIECES” CAMP

The University of New England and City of Biddeford are celebrating the launch of Finding the Pieces, a summer camp for children with autism. Eight children from Biddeford attended the two-week camp program, working with camp counselors studying at UNE.

The idea for the camp began when Biddeford City Councilor Bob Quattrone and his wife struggled to find a nearby day camp for their seven year-old son, Bryce, who has autism spectrum disorder. Quattrone reached out to UNE for help establishing a camp.

“Finding the Pieces was a success in its first year because UNE was 100 percent onboard,” Quattrone said. “Faculty members Caryn Husman, M.S., OTR/L, Elizabeth Crampsey, M.S., OTR/L, BCPR, and Kris Winston, Ph.D., OTR/L, brought much professionalism and dedication in the development process. They offered ideas that were progressive and innovative.”

“This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to form positive relationships with our students, engage in community outings, and participate in a summer camp experience,” said Husman, director of the UNE Health, Wellness and Occupational Studies program. “Additionally, our students learned valuable skills in working with children who have autism and experienced the importance of community engagement and fun for the health and wellness of all children.”



UNE CAS DEAN JEANNE HEY TALKS POLITICS ON “MAINE CALLING”

Jeanne Hey, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), served as a guest on the August 22 installment of *Maine Public's* radio show “Maine Calling.” Along with co-guests James Melcher, professor of political science at the University of Maine Farmington, and Colin Woodard, author and political journalist for the *Portland Press Herald*, Hey participated in a discussion about the latest political news out of Washington, D.C., covering issues that included the departure of Steve Bannon from his role as President Trump's chief strategist.

Hey also discussed ways in which Trump taps into his base of followers, namely, demonstrating an affinity for the military, which, she said, could be viewed as problematic. “He loves being surrounded by generals. He talks about it all the time,” said Hey. “I would say what kind of scares me about that is he's not surrounding himself with diplomats, and when you're talking about Afghanistan or anything else, the military side is but one side of the advice you need.”



UNE CDM PARTNERS WITH NYU LUTHERAN DENTAL MEDICINE ON NEW RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The University of New England College of Dental Medicine (UNE CDM) has partnered with NYU Lutheran Dental Medicine, now part of the NYU Langone Medical Center, to provide a CODA-accredited Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program. This postgraduate residency program began July 3, 2017, at UNE CDM.

The College of Dental Medicine's AEGD residents will provide patient-centered treatments, including oral surgery and complex prosthodontics, in a collaborative and educational group practice setting.

This program expands the role of the UNE CDM, the first dental college in Northern New England, and creates new, affordable care options for underserved populations. Area dentists will have the opportunity to refer patients with complex oral health care needs to UNE's Oral Health Center, giving these patients a new pathway to care.

“The goal of this new partnership is to provide training to recent graduates in evidence-based clinical dentistry at a postdoctoral level,” said Elias Mikael Chatah, D.M.D., assistant clinical professor and AEGD site director in the College of Dental Medicine. “Residents will learn how to refine clinical skills necessary to provide comprehensive oral health care, including advanced treatment planning for a wider patient population.”

NOR'EASTER NEWS

FOUR DOWNS WITH COACH LICHTEN

Interview conducted by Curt Smyth

When the University of New England announced in December of 2014 it would be adding football, Mike Lichten was in the midst of building a recruiting class at Becker College that would transform the Hawks' program from a one-win output in 2014 into a 7-3 mark the following season. Fast-forward to 2017. Now the head coach at UNE, Lichten has a different type of building project — one of starting a program from scratch as the Nor'easters look to make an entrance into NCAA III football in 2018. Lichten has a roster of more than 70 student-athletes for the Nor'easters' 2017 pre-varsity season, and he is excited for the challenges that lie ahead. We recently sat down with Coach Lichten to get his thoughts on establishing the foundation for the UNE football program.

What does it mean to you to be the person to lead the UNE football program?

"In a word: honored. There are very few moments in a person's life where they get an opportunity to shape and create history. The decision made by UNE's senior administration and athletics

leadership to appoint me as the first leader of this program finds me humbled as well as driven to validate their faith in me. I understand the focus of the position, and I will work each day to validate the trust that UNE and its community has in me. I recognize the faith that our players' families have in us. I am a teacher who educates young men through the sport of football.

What are the characteristics you and your coaching staff are looking for in a UNE football student-athlete?

"Academic integrity, high moral character, and a love for football — in that order. In the recruiting process we look closely into how each prospect demonstrates these qualities. Recruited student-athletes are here to get a great education, immerse themselves in everything UNE has to offer, and to better their own lives through hard work and accountability. Our family members will be selfless, putting the betterment of the group ahead of their own agenda. Our student-athletes will play tough, physical football and will not know the meaning of giving up or quitting."



What can we expect to see from the UNE football team?

"You can expect the members of this program to represent the University of New England with integrity, determination, and competitiveness no matter what our task is. We will make the University proud every day, not just on game day. Our student-athletes will be leaders in the



UNE head coach Mike Lichten built the football program at Becker College and will look to do the same for the Nor'easters.

Opposite page: The Nor'easters biggest fan shows his appreciation.

classroom, on-campus, in Southern Maine communities, and on the football field. We intend to be the biggest supporters of our other immensely successful athletics teams, as they have set a high standard of winning culture and expectations at UNE. Our student-athletes will be members of clubs and student government.

On the field you can expect a team that functions as one. We are a group of diverse individuals brought together to achieve the goal of a

conference championship and regional dominance in New England and beyond. We are a group that recognizes that nothing and no one is more important than the success of the whole, of the family.”

What is your long-term plan for the UNE football program?

“This will certainly be a building process — one that will need to be done in a strategic and deliberate manner. From the outset we have been

focused on assembling the roster and hiring a coaching staff that will develop these young men in all facets of their lives.

The next phase will be to work with the senior administration and Athletics Department leadership to help develop plans for a first-rate facility that will support not only the football program but our other teams and the campus community.

Once we have accomplished our initial goals, we will look to establish the UNE football program as a power not only within Commonwealth Coast Football but at the regional level as well.

While we strive to achieve each one of our goals, we will never compromise the mission of the UNE football program: to guide young men to become mature, prepared members of a global society; to teach student-athletes — through playing football — the importance of teamwork, accountability, discipline, sacrifice, and determination, and how to overcome adversity in every aspect of their lives.”

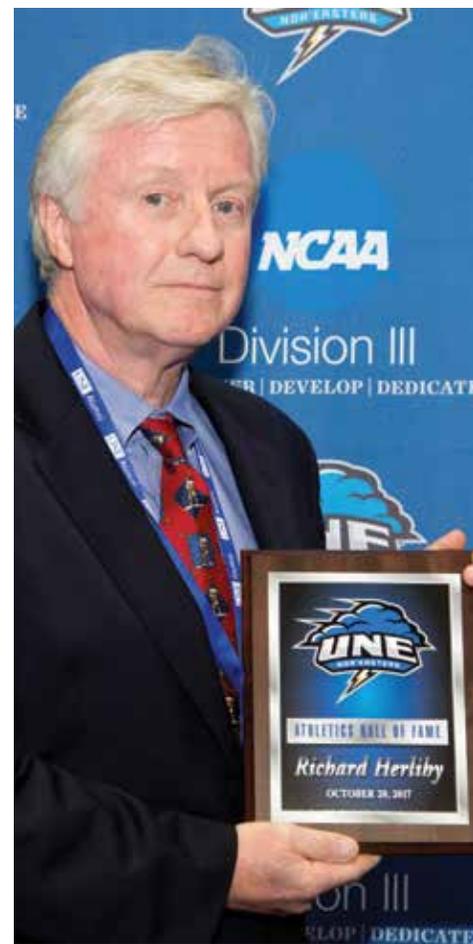


Nor'easter Nation was in full force in the pre-varsity season, including a throng of nearly 500 for a September 2 matchup at Curry College. Opposite page: Ronnie Mwai '21 (center) was one of 63 first-years on the 2017 Nor'easters' pre-varsity roster.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

UNE ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS THE CLASS OF 2017

BY TRISTAN DURGIN



Three former student-athletes, two current members of the UNE Athletics Department, and one fondly remembered championship team were among those inducted into the University of New England Varsity Club Athletics Hall of Fame in a ceremony held at the Harold Alford Forum on October 20.

The Class of 2017 is comprised of former student-athletes Richard Herlihy SFC '78, Lizzie Wareham UNE '12, and Kelley Paradis UNE '12; current head cross country coach Ron Ouellette; current interim director of athletics Curt Smyth; and the 1993 UNE women's volleyball team.

A 1978 graduate of St. Francis College, Herlihy played four years of varsity ice hockey, four years of varsity baseball, and ran cross country for one season. A three-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) First Team All-Star in ice hockey, Herlihy totaled 95 goals and 81 assists over his four-year career. He was voted team Most Valuable Player in 1978 and league MVP that same season. Herlihy led the Red Knights in goals (30) his senior season.

Wareham, who graduated in 2012, is the first UNE swimmer enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Seven times during her career she earned All-New England status at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships, and she was the first UNE swimmer to qualify for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship. Wareham currently holds four individual team records and is part of three record-holding relay entries. UNE posted a dual meet record of 34-11 during her career.

The catalyst for some of the most successful UNE women's basketball teams in program history, Paradis graduated in 2012. She finished her career with 1,467 points (6th all-time), 278 steals (2nd), and 118 blocked shots (2nd). Paradis was a three-time first team all-conference selection, while being voted Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Defensive Player of the Year her junior season and CCC Player of the Year her senior year. During her career, the Nor'easters had an overall record of 89-27 and made two appearances at the NCAA Division III Championship.



A Biddeford native, Ouellette has guided the Nor'easters' men's and women's cross country teams for 17 seasons. He is an eight-time CCC Coach of the Year (7 women; 1 men) and has led the women's team to five consecutive conference titles. Between the men's and women's programs, the Nor'easters have also finished runners-up at the conference meet a total of nine times. Ouellette is a member of the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honor.

Smyth, UNE's sports information director since 1997, served as the head coach of three different sports (women's basketball, men's golf, and softball) prior to moving to solely an administrative role in 2007. Under his direction,

the women's basketball program won a total of 142 games over a 10-year period, including the Nor'easters' first CCC title and NCAA Championship appearance. Smyth has held the position of interim director of Athletics on three occasions.

The 1993 women's volleyball team posted a 22-12 record en route to the NAIA District 5 championship. After winning its district title, UNE went on to take the NAIA Bi/Tri-District 13 title to earn a trip to the NAIA National Championship held in San Diego. The Knights were led by first team all-district selections Joyce Bisson and Leslie Collins.



CAPTIONS

Opposite page: St. Francis alum Richard Herlihy '78 accepts his award as part of the Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Above Left: Front row L to R: Kelley Paradis, Richard Herlihy, Curt Smyth, Lizzie Wareham, Ron Ouellette; Back row L to R: Barbara Darkangelo, Head Coach Karol L'Heureux, Kimberly Nutter, Allison Reynolds, Joyce Bisson, President James Herbert, Ph.D., Leslie Collins, Amy Shaker, Jill Pasquarelli, Mareen Gangi

Above Right: Curt Smyth offers his Hall of Fame induction acceptance remarks.

CLASS

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1941

Antoinette Casavola Going writes, "Fond memories remain of the years at Westbrook Junior College and the 76 years following graduation. I am able to live independently in the area where I grew up. My family members live in the area, so I feel fortunate. The Westbrook College campus keeps expanding but they have kept the memorial garden as is. I was lucky to spend my working years as a certified medical assistant in doctor's offices, retiring in 1986 from the Maine Center for Medicine, but returned to work part time until fully retiring at 83 years old."

Jeannette Wilder Shedd writes, "Still hanging in at 95 years of age. We recently celebrated my birthday with daughter and her husband, grand-daughter and three great grandchildren at a local restaurant. I was married to a U.S. Naval officer for over fifty years. As a family we enjoyed living overseas in Naples, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, and many parts of the U.S. We had two sons and a daughter — one son and daughter are still living. They were both teachers — now retired. I am living with my daughter and her husband on beautiful Lake Talquin in Quincy, Florida. Best wishes to my fellow graduates."

1943

Leah Kaatz Cohen writes, "I have fond memories of my two years at Westbrook — one of which was my frozen knee caps as I waited in Monument Square to take the bus from Munjoy Hill to Stevens Ave in the winter. I am well."

Charlotte Richards Morse writes, "It is sad for me to report the recent passing of **Louise Kerr Miles** on June 11, 2017 at Piper Shores in Scarborough where she had been living for several years. Louise and I were roommates for two years, the first year at Bell House, and the next at Houghton Hall both now gone from Stevens Avenue and replaced by Park Danforth. We had kept in touch over the years and before I left Scarborough I had several fun lunch visits with her at Piper Shores. I am sorry to know that she is gone along with so many more members of the Class of 1943. Who knew way back then that some of us would still be present at age 94 in 2017. Since returning from Maine, I have sold my home here in Northampton and I am now living in a condo at Magna House which used to be a dormitory here for students at Clarke School for the Deaf. My creaky knees limit my activity but I am doing pretty well

otherwise. My four children are retired and nearby, my six grands are doing well, and the four great grands are adding the sparkle to the whole family. **Marie Beattey Patrick** and I have been in touch several times and I would like to hear from her again or from anyone who cares to be in touch — charmorse23@comcast.net. The class of 1943 at WJC was a great circle of friends who lived in the best years!"

1945

Priscilla Smith Scheiner writes, "Believe it or not, I have finally sent my copy of the slides from our 50th Reunion in June 1995 at the request of President Bill Andrews for the Westbrook Alumni Archives. Also included in my 1995 notebook are many other photos, news columns from 1964-2014 etc. If you are ever at our Westbrook Campus, please stop by and reminisce a bit at the archives. I'm in my 92nd year and want to clean up some files after a long time."

1946

Lydia Backer LaFleur writes, "I recall with fondness my two years at Westbrook Junior College, many years ago. Now that I am 90 years old, I post on my blog — stillupright.wordpress.com — about my experiences in aging."

1947

Ruth Stiles Hazelton writes, "**Rachel Purdy Haggerty** is still at her home in Phoenix. We speak about once a month. She has had hip surgery (as have I) and is looking at some assisted living options as that may come in the future. **Maybelle Blake Johnson** has just relocated to Atria Crossroads Places in Waterford CT. We will long remember the year both were here in Maine and we were able to revisit campus. So much is happening there these days and I am proud of all that has been taking place and wish that I could revisit. The College of Dental Medicine would be first on my list to see as my grandfather was an early dentist here. That field is much needed today in Maine. My husband passed away in March 2015 and my oldest daughter died this February. I am still home trying to clear the past which is really going slowly."

Pauline Beck Ingold writes, "Greetings to all from Estes Park, Colorado. I'm retired now from Physical Therapy and our mission work in Indonesia. I'm now active in the Methodist Church as lay leader, choir member and Methodist Women's work. Sorry to miss the recent June reunion."

1949

Betty Mayo Ten Eyck writes, "John Caspole and I are still doing well and that is something at our age to be thankful for. We tied the knot three years ago. We were married when we were quite younger — our four sons are happy Mom and Dad are back together again."

Jane Lewis Gleason writes that she had a nice long visit from **Cleo Nichols George**, her old roomie. **Carly Chapman Hills** called me from South Carolina — she is well and hopes to come back for our 70th reunion in 2019. **Elaine McFarland Johnson** and I were back on campus for Reunion Weekend. The campus is gorgeous and the restoration of Alumni Hall is remarkable. I urge any of you to visit when near. Our old school is a remarkable university now. We're hoping to

have our annual mini reunion in the fall at DiMillos in Portland. We ran into **Judith Keegan Sturgeon** and she is well — playing a lot of bridge with **Joanne Thomas-Hall**. Portland's waterfront is bustling with huge cruise ships now and the old port on Commercial St. has many interesting shops — now a focal point in Maine. Hope you will join us for our 70th reunion. Plans are underway — stay tuned!"

Norma Sorli Gormley writes, "In May I enjoyed having lunch with **Phyllis Galanto Hawkes**. Phyllis stays well and active. I am spending the summer at Franklin Pierce Lake. There were no nesting loons here this year but still see and hear loons on the lake."

Elaine McFarland Johnson writes, "**Jane Lewis Gleason** is always good at getting some of us together every year. She and I did go to the Reunion luncheon this year which was nice. I enjoy going to the Christmas gathering which was at Alumni Hall last December. My two daughters and their families live in the area, one in Gorham and one in Topsham, and my son and his family live in New York. All, including seven grandchildren and several dogs, spend as much time as possible at Little Sebago Lake in the

summer. I am still in an American Volkssporting (walking) group — ava.org — and try to get to the gym three times a week."

Shirley Harkinson Morrison writes, "My husband Mort passed away in April of 2016 while we were in Florida. I feel so grateful for all the wonderful memories I have and appreciate our five beautiful daughters and their families for all they do for me. Mort and I had just celebrated our sixty-fifth wedding anniversary."

1950

Caryl Cadario Gleason writes, "I married Daniel Gleason from Wellesley, MA. We had five children, three boys and two girls. I now have thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. I became a widow and moved to Florida, which I loved for its warmth. The children all live in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I took up golf and became an avid golfer, I am still at it. I joined Weight Watchers and became a member for life. In my past I was "Miss Hampton Beach." I was attending Westbrook Junior College at the time."

1951

Beverly Finney Aker writes, "On a recent July afternoon, we drove to the Saco Museum on an errand and there I decided "Let's go see UNE." We got easy directions and shortly found the entrance. I guess they have tours at 10 and 2 — which we missed, but spent time driving through the grounds, looking at the nice layout and buildings. We went in to the cafeteria for coffee and a lovely view of the river and chatted with several employees. It was a pleasant way to spend an afternoon."

Nancy Howe Cousins writes, "Sad news to report the death of Bill Shoemaker, husband of **Margaret Bragdon Shoemaker**, in July 2017 in Sebring, FL. Meg is now living with her son Jay in North Carolina."

Audrey Whiting Craver writes, "I continue to enjoy life in Florida with walking and swimming every day. I'm a great grandmother now and answer to the nickname "G.G." New England calls me home every summer and look forward to vacation in MA this August."

Beverly Cushman Knudsen writes, "My husband passed away in 2002, but I'm still able to live in my own home overlooking Casco Bay — a beautiful view from any window. I have a son and daughter-in-law living on the upper part of my lot, a grandson and family living with 2 children on the next street. My daughter and husband moved to Atlanta, GA to be near their two daughters and family — 5 grandchildren. Life has treated me well — still driving, doing yard work, going where and when I want, and I'm doing volunteer work with my two granddaughters."

Gloria LaMothe Reiske writes, "July 15 was a special day. Our oldest son, Bill, received a doctoral degree. It was a great family reunion. I received a woman of Achievement Award — very humbling. I also wrote a children's book about peer relationships with blind and sight impaired children. It's at the illustrator now, and is almost ready for publishing. We now have thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren so lots of family visits are always happening. Best wish to all."

1953



Luisa K. Whiting writes, "Everything is fine here in Essex, CT. I thought you would get a kick out of this picture of me."

1954

Ann Jackson Hinckley writes, "We are happy in Virginia, but sometimes miss New England. Like lots of people my age, I am having knee replacement surgery. My three grandsons are my love, even at their older ages of 24, 21, and 17. My husband will be my caretaker after surgery — thank heavens I have him."

Nancy Packard Vanites writes, "It's good to see WJC/UNE Portland campus expanding gracefully with new or broadening programs. My education at WJC has surely benefited me in countless ways, and I am so appreciative of all my fine teachers and professors. It's always a pleasure to get together with classmates whose friendships endure beyond time and distance. Several of us, with my mother's help, wrote the school song, "The Westbrook Way," for all it meant then and always will through all the forward movement of education."

1955

Mary Jane Thomas Dougherty passed away in June 2016. Her daughter writes that "My mother was always proud to say she had attended kindergarten, elementary, junior high, high school, and college all on the same street — Stevens Ave!"

Jean Farnham Henshaw writes, "In May I toured beautiful Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast. I had a long surprise chat with **Katherine Roach Creco '56** from Portland, Oregon. We traveled around Europe for six months in 1958 and have kept in touch. It is always great to catch up with longtime

friends. Thirty solar panels were installed on my roof in July. That is part of my helping to save the environment."



Ann Houghton Hunt writes, "Amal and I celebrated our 60th anniversary in June (as many others in our class may have also). We held a dinner party at our community clubhouse for 50 friends and relatives. Mal is an 11 year stroke survivor; he had carotid artery surgery in December and an aortic valve replacement in April, so we have much to be thankful for. We missed our time in Florida this past February due to the pending surgery, but hope to get down there next winter."

Joan Bagley Della Torre writes, “I have had a busy year with travel and was able to cross off one of the items on my “Bucket List.” I went with my daughter, son-in-law and oldest granddaughter to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. What a fabulous sight the Canyon is to behold! Wow. And Vegas had many sights to behold also. I also went on a trip to Nova Scotia with a Senior Group and went to the 150th Anniversary Celebration in Halifax. The highlight of this trip was the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo! (no connection to skin tattoos!). It was a combination of military bands, bagpipes, drums, choirs, gymnasts, dancers, in the huge Civic center there. The gymnasts were from the Cirque D’ Soleil. I have a granddaughter, who is a senior this year at UNE. She is studying Biology and is on the UNE Soccer team and I enjoy going to her games. I have spoken to **Louella Carnes Hoffman** and we hope to get together sometime soon.”

1957

Trilby Gifford Fry writes, “Life is busy with tending animals, volunteering, and quilting. I have become a PBR (professional bull riding) fan and go to events nearby and the finals in Las Vegas each fall. I sub teach when called and love my second graders.”

Jean Merrill Kennedy writes, “My 60th Reunion unfortunately had to be missed but with the connection to Facebook I felt that I was actually in attendance. I have recently retired after 24 years in the Archives at the Boston Symphony but still find time to volunteer in the local library, sing, yoga, attend writers group meetings. The greatest addition to our family is a great-grandson, Samuel Joseph, who is now two and a half. It is great to keep in touch with **Elisabeth Jackson Brown**.”

1959

“**Marilyn Brown Langley** and husband Gary spend time together enjoying the lake in Stockholm, ME. Their daughter Cindy has one daughter; one of their twin daughters has two daughters; the other, a son and a daughter. She enjoys spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren, and her cat, Angel.

Ellen Klev Manson lives in Melbourne, FL. and writes that all is well and sends her best to all.

Jane Furbush Murphy meets **Janice Gregory McGonagle**, **Marjorie Meyer Snell**, and **Andrea Stevens Anderson** for lunch in Nashua, NH about three times a year, also catching up on **Barbara Parnin Klyzeiko**. They lost contact with **Ann Richmond**. Jane writes that all of them are in fairly good shape for “old girls!”

Judith Williamson Naylor writes that her life in Suwanee where she has been living for 50 years, 30 miles north of Atlanta, is quite routine. Being in good health, she works for her church in several capacities and enjoys doing yard work and playing bridge which she did not do in college. Nineteen years ago she and her son built a house together; she had the terrace level and her son and family had the upper two stories. Now, the children are grown, and she and her son remain living in the home. One grandson lives in Denver; the other, Iraq. Judy doubts if she will ever return to Maine. (Try to come to our next reunion in 2019!)



Deborah Tibbets Sterling writes, “Paul and I sold our home of 48 years in Connecticut and moved to Smyrna, Delaware to be closer to our daughter and her family. Our son is in Las Vegas with his family which gives us a good excuse to travel there. As most of you know, I retired from the Yale University Athletics Department after over 28 years in the Directors Office and some days wish I never left. However, I am very busy with our 55+ community as Chairman of the Welcoming Committee, Chairman of the Travel and Social Committee, and Co-Chair of the Activities Committee of the Women’s Club. Paul is active in the Men’s Club. Also, we play bingo and do a lot of trips and get-togethers with our residential friends. Life is good. Paul and I are healthy and happy and very glad we retired to Delaware.”

Hello to all the Houghton Hall girls from **Alice North Wood** who retired from the Walpole VNA and still misses the fine staff and clients. Her husband of 54 years passed away last year

following a long battle with cancer. She spends most of her time at her home on the Westport River in Dedham, MA while enjoying the beach, boating, and bird watching.

A big thank you to the classmates who contributed to this column, writes **Barbara Troubh Epstein**. “I wish more of you sent some news, even one-line greetings are welcome.” On a sad note, **Lois Wayner Endlar** passed away in June. I received a note from her husband and a call from her daughter. We send our sincere condolences to her family. This has been a good year. I spent most of the winter weekdays skiing as well as working with Maine Adaptive clients on the slopes. I had a bad car accident returning from the slopes and demolished my car on March 31 — all is OK. This summer, I have also volunteered with Maine Adaptive for the golf and kayak programs. My gardens need my TLC. Burt and I and another couple went to the Berkshires where we enjoyed the museums, theater, and the music in the area. I am still a tour guide for two companies in September and October when the cruise ships arrive. I may be going to France and Italy in November... back on the slopes by December. Please, keep in touch. I will save news for the next issue.”

Jane Furbush Murphy writes, “At least twice a year a few of our Westbrook friends have lunch together — Goddard Girls (**Andrea Stevens Anderson**, **Marjorie Meyer Snell** and myself). We enjoy our time together.”

Sylvia Marcotte-Cloutier writes, “I’m still living in Blythe, California and in 120 degree heat as of today. You can fry an egg on the side walk. I’m still in the retail jewelry business and a gold/silver smith — a total of 47 years and still going with a daughter and grandson helping me. My second job is with my companion — a medical doctor — of which we operate a missionary type clinic that works on a donation and honor system. It’s quite a challenge to say the least — could never give up either one of the jobs. Also have a website maineorphans.com which is a real passion for me in hope of bringing closure to a lot of us who were in the orphanages or were orphans. I have had a wild and interesting life since the Westbrook days. My companion has had a lot of the same.”

Phyllis Cramer Nixon writes, “Westbrook will always be remembered with such fondness and all the wonderful friends. A few of us gathered together a few years ago and it was as if we had never left each other! On a

very sad note, I am sorry to say **Carol Oldenbrook Twyon**, or better known to me as ‘roomie,’ has passed away. I had spoken with her son, Mark, before I went to Florida and Carol was in the hospital with breathing issues etc. I was going to visit with her and then her friends in Sunapee called to say “no visitors” for a while per doctors’ orders. Very sadly after returning home from Florida, I heard from **Judith Arnold Murray** that Carol had died in February. What a wonderful person she was, always so full of life, and someone special we will always remember. She will always be in my heart.”

1961

Suzanne Robinson Anderson writes, “I spent three weeks in Budapest, Hungary with three friends. I had no trouble getting around the beautiful city because one friend was born there. It was a fabulous trip through a wonderful country. I’m still living in Maine and still love skiing both in Maine and Park City, Utah where my son and family live. I also started playing Pickle Ball last summer and love it. My sister and I have a lake house on Long Lake in Bridgton, ME and lady CE spending the summer and winter. My love to all my classmates.”

Martha Partridge Harris Gaudes writes, “Same old, same old. We go to Nokomis, FL every winter where we have a very active life in our over 55 park. Children and grandchildren come to visit when they can. Our grandchildren are now 19, 14, 12 (twins) and 9. The oldest will be a sophomore at University of Tampa in the fall of 2017. Our summers are spent at our camp on Lake Massasecum in Bradford, NH where I keep busy with my vegetable and flower gardens, and of course children and grandchildren on weekends. My husband had back fusion surgery in January so he is still recovering from that. There is no BLT for him (no bending, lifting, or twisting), so a lot of work falls on me. Fortunately I am still able to do it. I still keep in touch with my WJC roomies **Nancy Bennett Hamel** and **Veronica Chiulli Edell**. I play ‘words with friends’ on the computer with roomie **Patricia Venedam Seyffert**. I also stay in touch with **Paula Evans Lanni** because we both worked in Cambridge, MA after graduation and we lived in the YWCA for a while.”

Joanne Berest Markley writes, "I have been married for 55 years, raised four daughters, and have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. I'm lucky to live a very active life style with tennis, golf, kayaking, gardening, walking, and running. This past year I won the 8K master's championship of my age group. We live in a very active beautiful community on Lake Keowee, South Carolina. Life is good for a couple of 'old folks.'"

Fulton J. Ryan writes, "My wife passed away 10 years ago in February. I still reside in Kingfield where I taught at Mt. Abram Regional High School, retiring in 2003. Together we had three children. I have a grandson who works for Wayfair in Brunswick in the sales department. My granddaughter graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Maine at Orono in May 2017 with a degree in Civil Engineering; she resides in Saco and is working for Stantec as a structural engineer. The last of the grandchildren will be a senior at Erskine Academy in the fall. His plan is to continue on with his education in the field of physical therapy"

1962

Madeline Frustaci Coppinger writes, "Sadly my husband Francis passed away on February 25, 2017. We had nearly 52 years together."

1963



Donna Rowe Fowlie '63, '85 writes, "There was a June mini reunion of girls in York, PA when **Rebecca Rice Schlieper** hosted Maine gals **Sharon Pellegrini Mertz**, and **Victoria A. Randall**, New Hampshire gal **Cynthia Chaffee Trayers**, Massachusetts gal **Meredith Cronk Graf**, Georgia gals **Donna Rowe Fowlie '63, '85**, and **Nancy McDowell Nichols** for a long weekend. We had many laughs, many late nights and a great time together. Also joining us was **Joni McDowell '68** who seems to fit right in with the 'older' Brookies. Our best wishes go out to **Emily L. Watkins** as she and Al

relocated to be closer to family members because of health issues. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 55th reunion next June — we hope to have many class members join us on campus in Portland for a fun weekend and time to catch up on the latest advancements of our Alma Mater."

Daniel F. Keohane writes, "We have had a great summer as Anne and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary at the beginning of June. To continue the celebration we took our kids, their spouses and grandchildren on the Royal Caribbean Radiance of the Seas cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage, Alaska. After spending a day and a half in Vancouver, including a day on a hop, hop off trolley, we went to Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Juneau, Skagway, the Hubbard Glacier (76 miles long from its source to the sea), and finished the cruise in Seward, followed by a four hour bus trip to Anchorage Airport. While the ship activities were very special, in our case a seven hour narrow gage train ride meandering through the mountains was our highlight. In the meantime our kids and grandkids took advantage of various ship activities into the early morning hours, with the highlight of a special dinner celebrating our oldest grandchild Haley's 16th Birthday. The serving members started

singing Happy Birthday and were followed by many other ship guests in surrounding tables. Looking forward to our 60th!"

Marilyn Stanley SeeHusen writes, "My husband, Bob passed away November 28, 2016. Now a new chapter of my life begins. I'm so thankful for my family and dear friends for support."

Elizabeth Milburn Stevens writes, "In December of 2011, I sold my home and moved from Massachusetts to California. My daughter, Liza and her husband Jon, were in Daly City and planning on starting a family and I wanted to be a part of that. I was fortunate enough to be able to spend one full day a week with my first two granddaughters from the time they were born. I loved my time with them but by the fall of 2011, they were both in school. In the fall of 2012, I started Charis Bible College in San Jose and in September of 2013, Jemma Cassell Bathori, my third granddaughter was born. My daughter and her husband are psychologists working in the bay area so I get to spend a lot of time with Jemma. In 2014, I graduated from Charis Bible College, and in 2015, I published my first children's book. It's called, *Can I Keep Him?* It's a short

book of verse featuring illustrations by my granddaughter, Kelsey, who was eight years old at the time. My second book, *Abba Father's Lullaby* will be coming out in August. It's the simple story of our redemption told to a child in verse. The story is of the Father's love for them that began, "Even before He made the world" (Ephesians 1:4 NTL). I'm excited and looking forward to sharing this story with children of all ages. It has been my great, good fortune to have **Susan Jessop Moody** to edit and encourage my writing. Susan has an extensive background in literature and theology. She and her husband live on a wonderful farm in New Hampshire and when she's not e-mailing me suggestions about my current writing projects, she's planting vegetables and flowers, harvesting crops, cooking, canning, and helping with whatever needs fixing on the farm. I'm blessed to have her in my life."

Bette Jane Swett Thibeault writes, "Greetings from Lewiston, Maine. I wish all my fellow graduates, Class of 1963, a big hello and hope everyone is doing well as we approach a new time in our lives. I am still working as a Therapeutic Massage Specialist, having just finished my seventh year as one of the therapists the Baths College Dance Festival relies on to work on their professional dancers who come to Lewiston to share their brilliance on stage. It is a terrific experience and I am able to attend all of the performances I can fit into my life. I am busy also as an Irien Syndrome Screener, helping people who have been unable to read successfully due to a brain malfunction between the optic nerve and the eyes. I am certified from Boston Irien and am into my 15th year of screening. My family is well, happy and working in the fields they love, music for my son and my daughter is now actively involved in the Cannabis Medical program that is booming in Maine. The terrific grandchildren are active in school, sports, music, and love to be with Whimsy and Pepe whenever they can. My last trip was to Paris and Southern France, the next with my family is to Williamsburg, VA. I am blessed, happy, and so pleased to pass along this message to you all."



Suzin Garfield Zimble writes, "Another year has passed and all is well so far. We are still living on the Cape in the summer and back in Florida for the winter. How lucky we are. Not much is changed except our number two grandson got married to a beautiful girl from France. I guess this is the beginning of more weddings and hopefully great grandchildren. Health wise, no major problems here. I'm still playing golf and enjoying it just as much as I ever did. We're not doing as much traveling as we used to mainly because all the children and their families live close by. I am definitely looking forward to our reunion next year."

1967

Andrea Staples Abbott writes, "We have lived in Florida for 19 years dividing our time between Maine and Florida. We love the sunshine and warmth which the south offers. Our two sons are married and we have four delightful grandchildren who keep us busy when we are near them. We love attending their choral music and sporting events."

Norman R. Beaupre, Ph.D. writes, "I retired in 2000 with the intent of traveling and writing which I have done. Since then I have published so far 23 books both in English and in French. The latest one being *The Day the Horses Went to the Fair: Animal Lover and Painter Rosa Bonheur*. I went to Paris last September then on to Lourdes for a few days to return to Paris for the last four days of my trip. I stayed at my friends' apartment and one Saturday we went to visit Fontainebleau where the artist Rosa Bonheur lived and had her atelier called the Chateau de By. Last February my wife and I went to Aruba for three weeks and sat in the sun enjoying the rays. I am now editing my 23rd book in French, a novel about a simple-minded girl living in New England of Quebecois heritage. I still live in Biddeford and so does my

daughter **Diane G. Beaupre '81, M.S.W. '97**, who moved here from Portsmouth and who works for Humana. I recently paid a visit to **Father Raymond Blaise Lagace, OFM '51**, a Franciscan priest who was one of my professors at St. Francis College. He taught French and inspired me to become a French teacher. He now lives in Augusta, Maine."

John Conn writes, "Would anyone like a free copy of my bestselling book? *Dream Home or Worst Nightmare*. Just call 858-353-1829"

John A. Deering writes, "I retired from the U.S. Government in 2012 — still enjoying life in Maine! I'm looking forward to seeing the 50th reunion in October in Biddeford!"

Laraine Carson Derrig writes, "I am excited to report that my daughter has been accepted into the UNE Master of Social Work program this year and started in August. I graduated in the first nursing class in 1967 from Westbrook College and have had a wonderful career. I am so glad that she will have the experience and traditions that the college offers."

Neil T. Loew writes, "Enjoying retired life on Cape Cod in East Falmouth. I'm looking forward to our 50th Reunion in October, hoping for a good show from our class."



Linda Ramsay Sheehan writes, "Our 50th reunion in June was great! I went with **Joan Slade Desgroseilliers** and we met up with about 22 of our classmates. We were sorry some of the girls we keep in contact with couldn't make it: **Carolyn Hansen Miller, Nancy Spoonley Greene, Linda Lawn Walsh** and **Barbara Walsh Pennington**. It was amazing how the campus has changed, but in a good way. All the renovations have kept the integrity of the old campus. We had two underclassmen that hung around with us for the weekend and were able to answer any of our questions. They were a lot of fun to be with. They also enjoyed hearing our story of what campus life was like for us; after all it has been 50 years!"

Joseph C. Welch writes, "I retired from dual careers; educator/administrator and Merchant Marine Captain. Marcia, my wife of 43 years, and I are both enjoying retirement and spoiling our nine grandchildren."

Barbara Morris Zelenka writes, "Seeing some of my college friends at the reunion was wonderful. Everyone was happy and full of life. My three girls and I went to Turks and Caicos this past May. The love and memories we have will always be with us."

1968

Clifford A. Faille writes, "New grand-baby girl born November 2016 to our youngest son, Jeff who works in the Charlotte, North Carolina area."

1969

Judith Conway Molt writes, "I retired after 37 years in the Pharmaceutical Industry in Regulatory Affairs. I married James Molt Colgate and am the grandmother of four. I'm the president of Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Hershey's Mill Branch, and am a member of the Paoli Hospital Foundation Task Force. I am also the chairman of the Sullivan House. I'm also a caregiver for my mother. I have been fortunate to have traveled

to all seven continents; most travels have been with National Geographic. We enjoy sailing our 37 foot Island Packet (Quaich) out of Monmouth Beach, NJ."

Linda Cilley Ratoff writes, "I'm still working, though only part time. 48 years as a dental hygienist and I still love it. I wasn't able to make it to the last reunion but I'm certainly going to try to make it to our 50th in just a few years. Ron and I never had kids, but I have a wonderful godson who has three great kids so I get to have all the fun and then send them home."

Deborah Schmitt Shillo writes, "The past year is one for the records. My husband and I sold our seasonal business on Fishers Island, NY after 20 years, time to relax. But my daughters have now turned my life upside down. My daughter Kate was married in July 2016 at our summer residence in Fishers Island, NY. Her wedding was featured in Martha Stewart's "Real Weddings" Spring 2017. She now lives with her husband Nicholas Beardsley in Denver. My daughter Bronya has developed a very successful product called Fishers Island Lemonade — a cocktail in a can. Those of you that reside in New England may already be familiar with this delicious drink."



Linda Amaru Smythe writes, "Hello fellow Brookies. Michael and I continue to reside in California where we have been living for 35 years in the same neighborhood. Michael manages an independent bookstore in San Diego which is surviving and thriving, due in no small part to his effort and skills. I'm active at the bookstore when I'm needed and enjoy being there when I am. I also volunteer in my community as part of a Certified Emergency Response Team. It's an eye opening experience! It's amazing what happens behind the scenes and I'm glad to be an active participant. I still love the East coast and I miss the Fall however I consider California my home. Please let me know if you are headed this way; you have a place to stay! Let's get organized for our 50th! In the picture, I'm the one on the far right and Michael is wearing glasses and has silver hair. We never had children — but this is our family, quite an eclectic group."

Karen Murphy Vucich writes, "I moved to Denver Colorado in 1969 with **Susan Hatt Harty** and then to Vail, Colorado in 1972, and I have been here ever since! My husband, Tom, and I are now retired and divide our time between Vail and Paros, Greece. We still enjoy skiing, hiking, running, and camping in a VW bus. I often wonder about the whereabouts of the Ginn Hall girls and Marie Baraffo!" I would love to reconnect."

1971



Marie Davis Chilson writes, "This note finds me traveling across the country. This summer my husband and I have been on the road with our RV being busy tourists. We went back to Alaska and spent over a month revisiting areas we had seen four years ago and traveled a few places which were quite challenging. We worked our way down to sight see in the states of Washington

and Oregon which fulfilled our bucket list of having been in all 50 states. In January we went to Hawaii to see my son and daughter in law when they were there on Navy business and got a chance to meet our grandson for the first time. We also have a three year old granddaughter. I went to Okinawa, Japan to visit them where they have been stationed for three years. My daughter in law, Sarah, is an ICU nurse in the Navy. Good news is the family is now back in the states so we will be seeing them often and will have more time to spend with the grand-kids. I am sorry to have missed our last reunion, but I'll definitely be there for our 50th and hope as many other classmates can join us."

Judith Carrier Dannenberg writes, "I was married to Carl (U.S. Navy — retired) for 45 years. Our son, Carl S., built his own 31 foot lobster boat which took him one year and was appraised at \$250,000. I have two awesome grandchildren: Bryce Jodie and Reece — both students at George Stevens Academy. Bryce has been a stern girl on her dad's lobster boat since she was 10 and absolutely loves anything to do with the ocean. Reece has been on the varsity basketball team since he was a freshman and plays on AAU basketball teams in between the

high school season. I retired from the Hancock County district attorney's office in Ellsworth as a paralegal. I was responsible for district court criminal arraignment and trial dockets after 25 years of service in 2013. After retiring, I did some middle school substitute teaching for 1.5 years. I have worked the last 1.5 years part time for a former prosecutor who went into private practice specializing in child protective cases. I love the legal profession and can't seem to let go of it. Carl and I are enjoying our less hectic lifestyle and keep busy with our home, son/his wife, our fabulous grandchildren, and various hobbies and interests."

Julie Stearns Adams is still living in Hixson, TN. She is busy singing, dancing and caring for her two labradoodles! Husband Bill teaches duplicate bridge at the local bridge center and Julie suspects that after 19 years she may just have to learn the game. Daughter Sami is in NC with her own counseling practice and son Brooks is in southern California with wife and three children, Ryan, Emma, and Ava. They are coming out for Thanksgiving and it will be the first time in many years that they have all been together.

Shelley Weinrieb Amster is busy caring for her aging parents and working. Her dad has been in declining health and had his left leg amputated above the knee and is now living in a place in Westmorland, NH which is 15 miles away from her mom. Shelley spends several days a week there. She is busy balancing her consulting business and her trips north. Her son Adam loves living and teaching in China and is home for six weeks. Her husband, Mike, continues to participate regularly in events around running, biking, and swimming for charity. Shelley still tries to stay fit with tennis, bike rides, and hiking. She invites anyone coming through Concord to visit.

Sharon Goodell Anderson is busy with traveling and working as a substitute crossing guard which turned into a permanent part-time position at the end of the school year. She and **Sheri Higgins** traveled to Utah in the fall of 2016 and more recently to Vermont to visit the Shelburne Museum. Sharon has an upcoming trip to England, Scotland and Wales in September.

Karen Pease Coughlin writes that she and John are living at camp in Oakland, ME while their smaller one floor house is being built in Topsham, ME. She lives a little closer to **Bobbie Tewskbury**

Proctor right now and she looks forward to seeing her and is hoping they can get together with **Lynn Crowley Doxsey** in Boston this summer. She loves retirement and helping out with her two granddaughters, Madison 8 and Payton, 4.

After many years of injections, physical therapy and three arthroscopic surgeries, **Tina Segalla Grant** had a total knee replacement in October 2016. She made a speedy recovery and was walking within the first week. Tina thinks it may be the result of her knee being custom made on a 3-D printer which meant less surgery time. In mid-June of this year, Tina had Achilles Tendon surgery on her left foot with several bone spurs also removed. She is unable to put any weight on her foot now but is hopeful she will have a walking boot by the end of August.



Tina Segalla Grant writes, "Five 1971 Westbrook grads celebrated **Holly Bishop Howland's** oldest son's wedding in June. Left to right: **Sharon Goodell**

Anderson, Tina Segalla Grant, Holly Bishop Howland, Sherilyn N. Higgins, and Joan Gibson Aseltine."

Elaine Halberg Hall is at their Maine house until November enjoying the lake life. She has been busy for four years writing a book, along with a childhood friend from the area, on the first 100 years of history in her community. It ended up being 600 pages but she had a ball writing and researching. Her daughter Alison lives in Brooklyn and is a freelance theatrical lighting designer and also works for an architectural lighting firm.

Penny Jessop is loving retirement and the adventure it brings. She started a monthly nature program at the library. Many attendees are Somali immigrant children. She also volunteers at the memory care facility. She works at a local daycare once a week where she reads, sings and does finger plays with toddlers! She loves it and then goes home to take a nap. She will be running a nature adventure week at the bird sanctuary at the West Auburn school-house which is part of the local Historical Society.

Debbie Dyer Martin has a 16 year old son who is now a junior in high school. She says that teenage years are an

interesting and challenging experience. Summers are spent sailing, golfing, and working. Frank works for Sotheby's RE and Debbie works at Enhance Advisor investments. No plans for retirement until they are 80 because "80 is the new 60."

Gay Martin retired in June. She loves having the freedom that comes with not having to go to work. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

Michel Scott Susina (Shelly) is living in Rutland, VT. She and Dan are still enjoying retirement. They volunteer, travel and enjoy beaches of Maine whenever they can.

I, **Holly Bishop Howland** entertained **Tina Segalla Grant, Sheri Higgins, Joan Gibson Aseltine** and **Sharon Goodell Anderson** in Maine for a few days in the summer on Damariscotta Lake. Last year we spent the day with **Linda Foster Blomquist** and **Penny Jessop**. Mark and I celebrated our oldest son's wedding in Edgcomb, ME in June and were lucky to have all the girls attend. My mother passed away from Pulmonary Hypertension and COPD in December at the age of 88. On April 1st I decided to retire from my part time job at the dentist. I still have

the rental house in ME as well as the permanent house in Hampden, MA. My husband Mark hopes to retire on February 1st. He was just released from the hospital after five days with severe diverticulitis so the decision to retire may come a bit sooner."

Katheryn Lovell-Poulin '71, '82 writes, "This year I was inducted as a life Fellow by the American College of Forensic Examiners. I am still a psychology professor at Thomas Nelson in Williamsburg, VA, as I'm not quite ready to retire. I'm also working on my second book."

Sharmon Avery Toner writes, "I've been enjoying my first full year of retirement from the University of Southern Maine. Since retirement, I have been reconnecting with friends and co-workers, and I have been getting together monthly with high school classmates. My retirement plan is to continue my art and to include organized volunteer work, but that's been put off temporarily so that I can help friends with their home construction projects. Carpentry has always been a personal interest, having completed building two homes and the recent renovation of a camp. My daughter is working in Boston at Fenway Health as a Nurse Practitioner

and my son has returned to USM taking courses to complete a MS degree in Data Analytics."

1972

Susan Grindle Sanborn writes, "We welcomed a new grandson in May 2017. That makes 3! Having fun watching them grow and keeping up with my quilting, rug hooking, and friends."

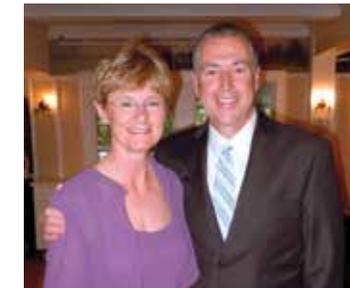
Carol E. Williams writes, "The end of June marked my retirement from my clinical hygiene job. It's been a great 45 years. I'll continue working part time with CDCA (formerly North East Regional Board) helping out with the examinations process. Along with that is my intention to spend more time at my camp during the summer and more time with family and grandsons. I continue to bike, and hike, which I enjoy."

1973

Dennis G. Grossano writes, "I've completed 40 years as an oncology pharmacist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. My wife, Pat and I have been married for 32 years and have three children; David, 30, Jenna, 27, and Stefanie, 23. I was an adjunct faculty

member for 14 years at the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine. I keep in touch with my four year roommate **John F. Desmond '74** and other classmates."

Lana Howe-Neveu writes, "My husband and I both retired from the University of Albany in May 2013, me after almost 30 years and my husband after 33 years. Shortly thereafter we moved to Simpsonville, South Carolina. We are enjoying retirement and love to travel."



Christopher C. Newell writes, "**Christine Muschamp Newell '74** and I have raised our kids here in the greater Portland area over the past 41 years. We ski all winter at Sugarloaf and then have the beaches of southern Maine in the summer. It's not a bad gig at all! We have four kids and four grandkids. I retired five years ago and still do some work to keep me getting up in the morning. Christine retires

next year from 35+ years teaching here in Cape Elizabeth. She's ready! It's been an interesting ride so far and we are looking forward to seeing what comes next."



Peter R. Rappocio writes, "I retired in January after 39 years as property manager for Silver Spring Country Club in Connecticut. I have also left the football staff at Fairfield Prep after 20 years on the staff. My wife Birdie and I have moved to Narragansett, Rhode Island. I have a volunteer position as a defensive coach at LaSalle Academy in Providence and Birdie is a substitute nurse for the Narragansett school system. We are now full time spoiling our six grandchildren."

1975

Susan M. Anderson '75 writes, "Time flies — I'm now a grandmother of 3 boys, ages 6-2-1. My two daughters

have been married for 10 years and 6 years. My oldest is back from England living in Massachusetts and my middle daughter is in Kennebunk and our son is in New York City! We've been married 39 years this summer and I still do some office work for his dental practice — only a little dental hygiene on the family. We'll be visiting Westbrook friends this summer the home of **Carol Lynn Mink Anderson.**"

Jill Baker Kelly, RDH writes, "I'm in my fifth year of practicing dental hygiene independently here on our property in Acton. Our former farm stand is now Orchardside Dental Hygiene LLC. I love my practice and all the locals who have entrusted me with their oral health. My husband is Art Kelly, owner of Kelly Orchards Inc. and we are blessed to have our home abutting our 40 acre orchard. We have five grandchildren ages four months to six years and thoroughly enjoy their visits — three grands living in Maine and two soon to be moving home from Brooklyn, NY."

1976

Susan McKeough writes, "As a new school year begins my thoughts travel back to our days at St. Francis College.

I loved SFC so much and wish I could travel back in time for just a day. I would cherish every single minute and change a few things too. I hope everyone still carries the spirit of St. Francis with you especially during these difficult times. Our country is facing so much hate and I pray one day we will wake up to a world filled with love, faith and peace. Until then — be well and know this former Knight is truly blessed just being a part of our community. I would love to hear from my former classmates."

1977

Teresa Tombarelli Blouin writes, "Hi everyone! I hope this 40 year anniversary is a good one for everyone! Glenn and I continue to enjoy life shared with many special family and friends. I am looking forward to a family trip to Spain in 2017 to reconnect with a foreign exchange student we have kept in touch with for over 26 years. In 2016, I visited Disney in Florida with family members for a very fun and memorable vacation."



Carol Knybel Graziano, RN writes, "Our home has grown by four feet. Meet Chaz Bo Jordan."

1978

Nancy Batal-Sholler writes, Our annual gathering of myself, **Gayle Freer Morico** and **Lois Dodd Reuter** took us to Bowie, MD in June 2017 to the home of Lois and Lyle. What a blast! We enjoyed the pool, awesome eats, drinks, and a road trip to Annapolis. We are already planning our next adventure."

Shirley Dow Manzo writes, "I'm now living in Arizona with my husband, Tom. I am working as an IT systems analyst for American Airlines and love it."

1979

Sandra Berkner writes, "I'm living in Simsbury, CT with my husband, Mark. Our two sons have ventured out on their own and are doing well.

I am working at The Hartford. In my spare time, I am an avid hiker and recently finished hiking all 64,000 foot mountains in the North East."



Carysue Yacobian Hogan writes, "Eight 'Brookies' got together this past spring to celebrate the recent marriage of **Kathy Silva Nesom** and Bob Nesom. In attendance for this joyous event along with 'Sylvie' and myself were **Janet Burton Landis**, **Paulette Fournier MacNeil**, **Laurie Nickerson**, **Carol Belbin Wright**, **Anne Burke-Sadow**, and **Kelley Connors Jarreau**. Unable to attend that evening was our dear friend **Lauree Neville Kiley**. A fabulous time was had by all! This entire 'Brookie' clan plans to get together again in the fall on Martha's Vineyard for more fun times. There is no closer group of girls who all met at Westbrook College and for that we are forever thankful."

1981

Diane Collins Field '81, '85 writes, "Greetings from Harpswell, Maine. We moved to Harpswell late last year and are enjoying our new community. We have both retired and are now focusing our time on family, non-profit work and traveling. I am still on the UNE Board of Trustees and as an alumna I'm proud of the changes that have occurred over the last 20 years. I hope you will stop by the Portland campus and see how amazing it looks."

Virginia Ruggles Corcoran writes:

"**Wanda Lopes McElroy** writes that she is semi-retired, but accidentally got a part time job, despite her best efforts to loaf around. Wanda is super happily married to Rick for 18 years, who is a public speaker and Wanda enjoys traveling with him, even though she's a home body. Wanda's son, Jace is 20, and is going to barber school and is a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor. Wanda spends her off time collecting for homeless vets, Baja Mexico animal Sanctuary, and mentoring/personal coaching. Wanda writes she is so grateful for this life, and Wanda shares that she is still loud, still funny, and reads a book a day. Wanda has reconnected with

Denise Vollono Cuscuna and **Shirley Marean Cole** on FB, and they are both doing well.

Kim Noble Hubbard writes that she enjoyed seeing everyone at the Westbrook College Reunion last summer. Since then Kim has taken their annual trip to England to visit her husband, John's, family in July. They are helping their daughter, Lydia (21), who purchased her first house in February. The home is a forecloser and needs lots of work, and their daughter hopes to move into the house in the fall. After their daughter moves out, Kim and John will be official "empty nesters," as their son Colin (24) also bought his own home almost three years ago. Kim still works in Special Education and volunteers with the school's Special Olympic team. Kim says they are blessed with a healthy family and that not only are John and their kids well, but so are her parents, Warren and **Dorothy Carvalho Noble '50**. Kim is looking forward to catching up with **Karen White Redman** and **Jean Whitney Manduca** in August.

As for me, **Ginny Ruggles Corcoran**, we continue to truly love living in Englewood, Florida — a lovely, quaint town on the West Coast of Florida where I am involved with the local

Garden Club and Photography Club and enjoy taking local educational classes. I continue my regular visits to Mattapoisett, MA, where my 91+ year old dad is doing well. My visit to Westbrook College for our Annual Reunion last year was very enjoyable and it was wonderful to reconnect with WC classmates and tour the beautiful WC Campus.

Please stay in touch and send any updates you wish included in the next Westbrook College Class Notes to me at my email: vbrc@comcast.net"



Myron Hager, HA celebrated his 100th birthday at Falmouth House on May 26th, 2017.

Mary Ellen Quinn Widberg, RDH writes, "**Michelle Carbone Dumont**, **Joanna Kaserman Mooney**, **Gina A. Stivaletti**, **Jane Heintzelman Boucher '82**, **Beth Bergeron Wilson**, and I met in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in June for a mini reunion. After our 35th reunion last year we decided we needed to see each other more often than every five years. We had a great day walking around Portsmouth on a food tour with Portsmouth Eats. In August Michelle and I attended RDH UOR in Chicago. Yes, we are still practicing and loving it after all these years. We all plan to meet up once or twice a year from now on. If anyone in the area wants to join us please contact me at jmwidberg624@verizon.net. The more the merrier — we would love to expand the group."

1982



Claire Lacasse Murray writes, "It's hard to believe that it's been 35 years since graduation from WC! The friendships

that I made there continue to enrich my life with treasured moments. I am happy to keep in regular contact with fellow Proctor Hall residents **Linda Yeo Martin, Barbara Lightbody Kellegrew, Kate Mireault Roberts '80, Cheryl Woodman Penney '81, and Lynn McNally Dynice '80.** We are scattered all over New England, but now that our kids are grown, we have been able to enjoy more time together reminiscing about the old days as well as making new memories."

1983

John Martin Downey, D.O. has been appointed by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal to serve on the Georgia Composite Medical Board. The board is responsible for licensure, medical policies, disciplinary decision and other activities involving the practitioners of the healing arts in the State of Georgia.

Deanna M. St. Germain, D.O. recently published this article on Adverse Childhood Experiences: http://www.acofp.org/ACOFPIMIS/Acofporg/PDFs/OFPP/Interactive/JulAug_2017.pdf

1986

Stephen C. Shannon, D.O. '86, M.P.H. was recently awarded the AOA's highest honor. Dr. Shannon is the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine President and CEO.

1987



Mark Bigda, D.O. writes, "I'm a full time solo internal medicine practitioner in Southhampton, MA. I was promoted to lieutenant colonel last summer with the US Air Force and am now the flight doctor and squad medical element for the 104th fighter wing at Barnes Air Force Base in Westfield, MA. I get to fly in F15's. I am still doing medical missions to remote villages in Haiti — this will be my 15th year. I am also proud to be a grandfather."

1988

Mark R. Henschke, D.O. '88, Pharm.D. has been selected as one of the 2017 "America's Most Honored Professionals" for the second year in a row and has been nominated for the 2018 Who's Who of Medicine and Healthcare.

1989



Michele Bukoveckas has been named Town Manager of Sebago, Maine.



Wayne J. Reynolds, D.O. writes, "I'm happy to announce my recent engagement to Pamela Anne Schwartz

atop Temple II of the Mayan Ruins of Tikal overlooking the Grand Plaza while visiting El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize this past spring after two years of courtship. A March 17, 2018 wedding and honeymoon planned for Dubai, Bhutan, and India to follow."

1992

Robert J. Courtney '92, '98 writes, "I'm working as a Home Health Nurse, and am RN wound care certified. I'm serving in the Indianapolis area."

1993

James A. Brunetti, D.O. writes, "I moved offices and started a concierge medical practice in Greenwich, CT."

1994

Joseph M. Geskey, D.O. has been selected by the American Health Council as one of "America's Best Doctors" in Ohio.

Julie Osgood '94, '95 writes, "In 2017 I received my doctorate in public health from Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North

Carolina, Chapel Hill. My dissertation focused on diabetes prevention. I also relocated to the Pacific Northwest to pursue career opportunities."

1995

Leah Perocchi Wright writes, "In February we moved to a new home in Gorham, closer to Darryl's parents and with more space. I'm in my 19th year at VNA Home Health and Hospice. Our agency is now statewide. I've made many trips up to the County. I know many classmates were from that area. It's beautiful especially in the summer!"

1999



Mark Alain Dery, D.O. writes, "I moved to New Orleans a few weeks before Hurricane Katrina for my infectious diseases fellowship. I was retained at the Tulane University School of Medicine as faculty and started a federally funded HIV clinic after my fellowship. In an effort to

tackle the staggering HIV rates in New Orleans, I have been utilizing creative methods for HIV testing and treatment strategies. These strategies caught the eye of TIME Magazine and my HIV clinic was featured in the December 1st 2016 issue."



Heidi Marie Guinen, M.S.W. writes, "We are doing great things at the New Hampshire state prison. Providing social justice will be a challenge for social workers working with clients that are in the criminal justice system. Finding the balance of treating this population and still paying homage to the victims of crime, can be a stressful challenge for even the most skilled social worker. Thankfully UNE prepares professionals to take on this challenge

and create and implement amazing therapeutic interventions. What better gift can we give a victim than to provide them peace of mind that a perpetrator is no longer a threat to them, or our community. This is what we strive to do and perhaps give those offenders a chance to become great citizens."



Randle L. Likes, D.O. writes, "I moved to Utah in the summer of 2014 to be near family, biking, hiking, and skiing. I'm the current ER Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer of Timpanogos Regional Hospital in Orem, UT."

Toni H. Picerno, D.O. writes, "My husband and I are excited to announce that we have welcomed a new daughter to our family. Amy Virginia was born February 2, 2017. Last fall I joined a new practice. I am one of two pediatricians in a multi-specialty family practice in Syracuse, NY. We focus on treating the underserved; most of our patients are recent immigrants, and many are refugees. It is quite a change from the

suburban practice I came from, but it is a great challenge and is very rewarding."

2000

Corey Collins, D.O. has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Massachusetts Medical Society — a statewide professional association of physicians with more than 25,000 members.

2001

Michelle Elizabeth Bost, P.A. writes, "I'm working as a physician assistant in Wentworth Douglass Hospital's Emergency Department. I'm married to John Bost, and we have two children. Lynea, 20, is entering her junior year at Husson University in Bangor, Maine and Colby, 13, is entering 8th grade."

Doreen Fournier, M.S.W. writes, "I began working at UNE in October 2016 as the Program Manager for the Maine Substance Use Prevention Services Program in the Center for Excellence in Health Innovation."

2003



Mark Montgomery, M.S.Ed. writes, "I finished my Ph.D in Education in 2014. In 2014 I created Joseph's Experience Inc., the only not for profit in central New York that serves people impacted by cancer and Leukemia. In fall 2016, I started a new position as the Associate Dean of Social Sciences and Public Services at my alma mater Mohawk Valley Community College."

2004

Jessica J. Bolduc '04, M.S.O.T. '05, Dr.O.T. writes, "I was elected as President Elect for the Maine Occupational Therapy Association — my term starts in July."

2007

Kevin T.C. Geffe, D.O. writes, "I'm enjoying raising my two boys, Quin and Carter, now 12 and 9. I continue to grow my private practice in the field of trauma surgery, advanced general surgery, and surgical critical care. I was recently named one of Delaware's "Top 40 Under 40" — forty most influential people under 40 making a difference in Delaware. I have also made several international humanitarian medical trips to Nepal, India, and Trinidad doing over 100+ surgeries."

Jessica M. Gellar-Cote, dental hygiene clinical instructor and **Zoe Hull-Sfredo, M.P.H. '16**, Program Manager at Maine AHEC Network participated in the University of New England Dental Careers Exploration Camp in August of 2017.

2009



Martha Gilman, D.O. writes, "I am FINALLY graduating from residency! I did an internship initially after medical school, but then took a total of four years off and was teaching undergraduate Anatomy and Physiology and other classes. The St. Vincent Family Medical Residency Program in Erie, PA took me under their wings and now I'm ready to fly! I will be joining Cathy Krouse, D.O. at her Direct Primary Care practice in Falmouth, ME this September and teaching one day a week at UNECOM! Sadly, my dad did not live to see my graduation. He died in June 2016, but his spirit is always with me."

Katherine A. Kemp, M.S.W. has joined the Strong Area Health Center as a clinical social worker. She will be offering behavioral health services to health and dental center patients.

2010



Brian J. Edel was named as the Saint Thomas Academy upper school director for grades 9-12. Before becoming upper school director, Edel served as dean of students for five years.



Sean J. McGlew writes, "When I completed my undergraduate at UNE I was directly accepted into my doctorate in clinical psychology program at The Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, IL. My concentration was

traumatic stress and I completed my degree in 2015. Throughout my studies and clinical work I have found a passion for treating addiction in adolescent and youth populations. I have been lucky enough to have worked at two of the best residential addiction treatment centers in the United States; Hazelden Betty Ford and now Caron Treatment Centers. I am currently the Staff Psychologist for the adolescent and young adult female units at Caron in Pennsylvania. My education in UNE's Psychology department made me a competitive candidate when applying for my doctorate and prepared me for the rigors of a challenging doctorate program and career path. I am proud to say that I got my start at UNE."

Joshua Merson, P.A. was recently awarded a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Merson received the CAQ in Emergency Medicine.

Ryan M. Smith, D.O. '10, M.S. '14 was recently appointed to the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Emerging Leaders for a 1 year term. In addition, Dr. Smith was also appointed by Governor Paul LePage to the Maine State Board of Osteopathic Licensure.

2011

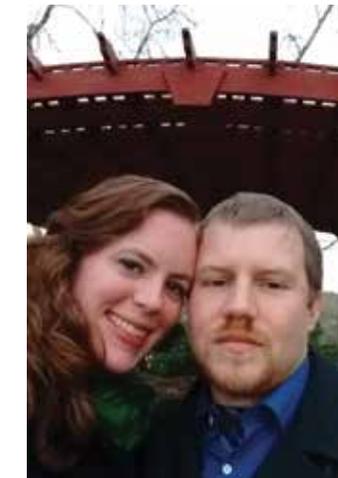
Alexandria M. Betz, D.O., writes, "**Erik W. O'Connell, D.O.** and I welcomed our baby girl this past July! We are currently in Iowa where I am completing my maternal-fetal medicine subspecialty training and he is a hospitalist in Cedar Rapids."



Lindsey A. Connolly writes, "I just wanted to drop a note in that **Ryan T. Gallagher '10** and I got married on June 23, 2017."

2012

Matthew B. Libby, D.O. with Outer Cape Health Services has been named one of four 2017-2018 primary care leadership fellows in the Linde Family Institute for Primary Care at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.



Sara M. Shea writes, "I received my MBA in Sports and Recreation Management from New England College in 2014, and now work for the NHIAA as the Education/Training Director for The Life of an Athlete program. I would also love to announce that I'm engaged to my best friend, Josh Bresslin, and cannot wait to marry him in 2018."

2013



Lauren M. Kowalczyk, M.S.W. writes, "**Ryan Pelton, M.S.W.** and I were married in 2014 and have since welcomed two daughters, Ryleigh, and Lucille. I am currently working as a Clinician at Community Health and Counseling Services in Skowhegan, ME and Ryan is currently working as a clinician at Tri-County Mental Health in Farmington, ME."

2014



Tiffany K. Terrio and **Brittany O. Dunay '15** participated in the 13th annual Four Square World Championships at Bridgton Academy. Tiffany won the Women's Division title — her

4th, and Brittany finished second after traveling from Washington DC to participate and has won the event in the past.

2015



Courtney Larson Cernohous, Pharm.D. writes, "I married Brandon Cernohous at a vineyard in Pepin, WI."



William L. Cowen, Ed.D. was recently inducted into the PPRA Hall of Fame, as well as won the PRSA Community Service Award for his work in animal rescue.



Barbara A. Fortier, M.S. '15 writes, "I had the amazing opportunity to visit UNE's Tangier campus!"



Robin Watts, M.S. writes, "I am so very happy to announce my engagement to my fiancé, Michael Bedell. I am currently the UNECOM Director of Clinical Simulation on our Biddeford Campus and Michael is an architect in Wells, ME. Michael and I will be getting married on August 18, 2018 in Freeport, ME."

2016



Rebecca A. Frowine, M.S. writes, "For the last three summers I have been in the field conducting the stellar sea lion census for NOAA, first on Marmot then Ugamak Islands in the Alaskan Aleutian Islands. Autumn and spring I have taught at the Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center in the Smoky Mountains of NE Georgia. In January 2017, I spent 10 days in Israel on a birthright trip."



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1937

Nancy Phillips Noyes Olds-Coady
Westbrook Junior College
July 28, 2017

1939

Wilma Additon Bradford
Westbrook Junior College
July 18, 2017

1940

Barbara Lewando Zulauf
Westbrook Junior College
June 27, 2017

1941

Jeanne Lowell Haffner
Westbrook Junior College
August 3, 2017

1942

Marjorie Cate Gilman
Westbrook Junior College
February 8, 2017

Una Lindsay Kazilionis
Westbrook Junior College
March 15, 2017

1943

Marcia Alden Clark Charest
Westbrook Junior College
June 11, 2017

Dorothy Louise Dubovy
Westbrook Junior College
March 11, 2017

Frances Lambertson Hunt
Westbrook Junior College
August 3, 2017

Louise Kerr Miles
Westbrook Junior College
June 11, 2017

1944

Elizabeth Bouls Wilson
Westbrook Junior College
November 17, 2016

1945

Joan Pryor Osgood
Westbrook Junior College
March 23, 2017

1946

Barbara Coates O'Dell
Westbrook Junior College
April 29, 2017

Hildagarde Goodrich Searle
Westbrook Junior College
December 31, 2016

1947

Norma MacAfee Baer
Westbrook Junior College
March 22, 2017

Janice Hopkins Carter
Westbrook Junior College
June 20, 2017

Beatrice Cram Webster
Westbrook Junior College
January 11, 2016

1948

Lois Jacobson Barr
Westbrook Junior College
February 3, 2017

Marion Ertel Bradford
Westbrook Junior College
July 18, 2017

Mary Frances Muir Dockum
Westbrook Junior College
May 31, 2017

1949

Elizabeth Dow Barton
Westbrook Junior College
April 7, 2017

Josephine A. Robbins
Westbrook Junior College
June 2, 2017

1950

Margaret Lenti Cousins
Westbrook Junior College
April 6, 2017

Nancy Hill LaCasce
Westbrook Junior College
April 22, 2017

Marilyn Patten MacQueston
Westbrook Junior College
March 22, 2017

Barbara Wilson Smith
Westbrook Junior College
June 12, 2017

1951

Beverly Jebb Muntzing
Westbrook College
June 11, 2017

Elizabeth Rice Stone
Westbrook Junior College
July 25, 2015

Patricia Littlefield Wilson
Westbrook Junior College
June 27, 2017

1953

June Carter Marceau
Westbrook Junior College
March 16, 2017

Suzanne Sarra Newhall
Westbrook Junior College
June 24, 2017

1954

Carolyn Lewis Cooper
Westbrook Junior College
July 22, 2017

Frances Crosby Reside
Westbrook Junior College
August 1, 2017

1955

Mary Jane Thomas Dougherty
Westbrook Junior College
June 20, 2016

Sylvia Horsfall Gibson
Westbrook Junior College
March 26, 2016

IN MEMORIAM

1957

Ruth Friedman
Westbrook Junior College
April 6, 2017

Carolyn MacQuinn Johnston
Westbrook Junior College
January 19, 2017

Charlotte Lyons Lynch
Westbrook Junior College
April 30, 2017

1958

Margaret Phillips Larimore
Westbrook Junior College
March 17, 2017

1959

Carol Oldenbrook Twyon
Westbrook Junior College
February 14, 2017

1960

Judith Randall Whitney
Westbrook Junior College
June 8, 2017

1961

Judith Pfuntner Nowers
Westbrook Junior College
August 11, 2017

1962

Amity Peirce Allen
Westbrook Junior College
March 8, 2017

Robert Lord
St. Francis College
August 1, 2017

1966

Beverly Pierce Cox
Westbrook Junior College
July 26, 2017

1967

Ernest A. Dipietro
St. Francis College
April 24, 2017

Margaret Alcorn Drummey
Westbrook Junior College
February 3, 2017

Rebecca Scott Hanson
Westbrook Junior College
April 3, 2017

1968

Lindsay Stoecker Josephs
Westbrook College
June 13, 2017

1970

Ronald P. Pombriant
St. Francis College
August 15, 2015

1971

John Joseph Kokoska
St. Francis College
March 12, 2017

1973

Maureen Patricia Curley
St. Francis College
February 17, 2017

Stuart G. Sigmond
St. Francis College
May 6, 2017

1974

Martha A. Foster
Westbrook Junior College
August 21, 2017

1975

Katherine Bunker Pew
Westbrook Junior College
March 23, 2017

1976

Leo F. Greene III
St. Francis College
August 11, 2017

1977

Robert Emmet Reed
St. Francis College
March 28, 2017

1979

Bruce Arthur Barlow
College of Arts and Sciences
October 3, 2016

Betsey Shaw Hewes
Westbrook College
August 9, 2017

1980

Richard Milheron
Westbrook College
November 1, 2016

Colleen Pratt Reed
Westbrook College
March 31, 2017

1985

Stephen A. Fanning III DO
College of Osteopathic Medicine
August 4, 2017

1987

Mary Morrissey Rand
Westbrook Junior College
June 26, 2017

Terri L. Albert
Westbrook College
June 21, 2017

1996

Charmaine Pitou "Monk" Wheeler
College of Arts and Sciences
Westbrook College of
Health Professions
May 9, 2017

FRIENDS

Rachel Armstrong
Westbrook College
August 9, 2017

Raquel Boehmer
University of New England
July 16, 2017

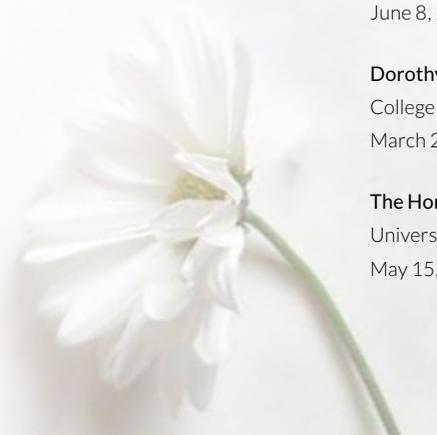
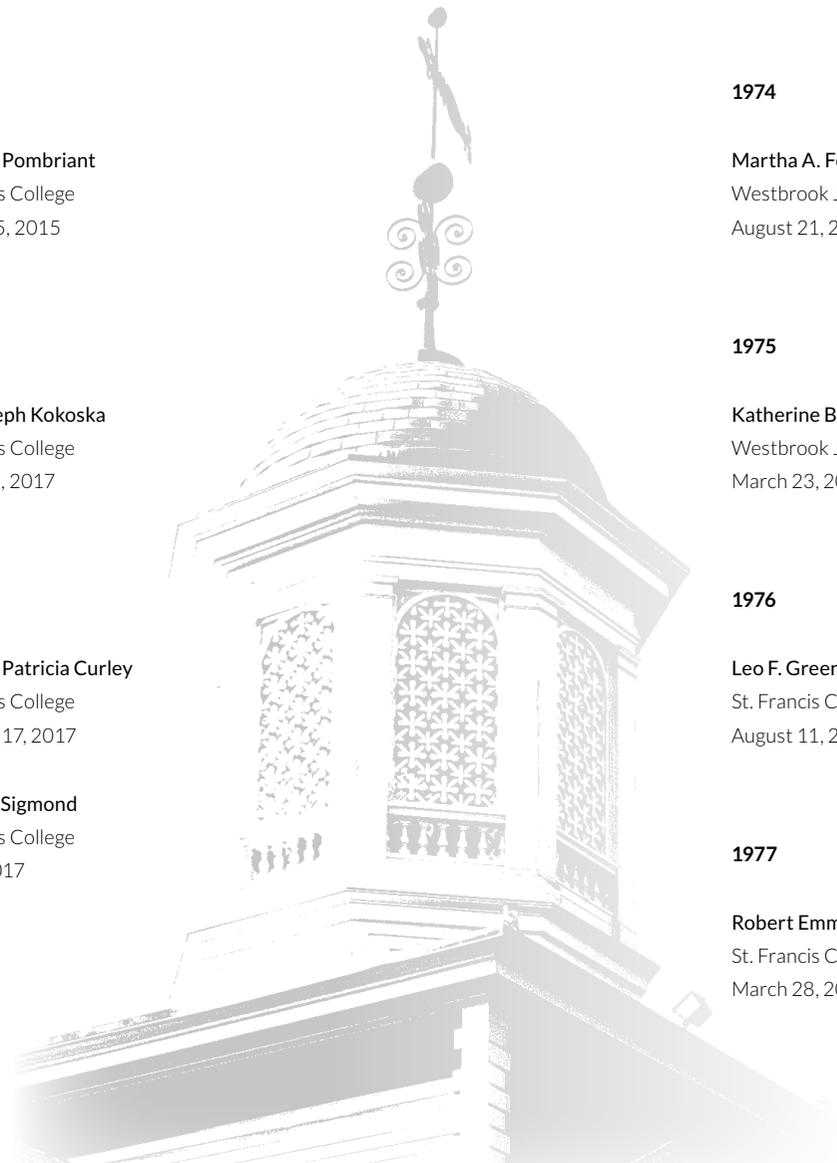
Joyce Elaine Colby
University of New England
August 6, 2017

Dr. Thelma "Kit" Juniewicz
College of Arts and Sciences
May 5, 2017

Betty Jurgenson
University of New England
June 8, 2017

Dorothy "Dottie" Kay
College of Pharmacy
March 20, 2017

The Honorable Neil R. Rolde, HON '07
University of New England
May 15, 2017



Remembering WILLIE

BY AMY HAILE



Wilma Additon Bradford '39 passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Willie, as she was called by those who knew her, was an energetic “do-er,” someone who brought light, excitement, and enthusiasm to every project and committee in which she was involved.

As a 1939 graduate of Westbrook Junior College, Willie was actively involved in the college and then the University of New England throughout her life. She served as trustee of Westbrook College from 1963 to 1986 and was named trustee emerita in 1988. She was recognized as the Westbrook College Alumna of the Year (now named the Heloise Withee '41 Alumni Service Award) in 1973 and was awarded the Westbrook College Tower Award of Alumni Achievement in 1977. In addition to being inducted into the Deborah Morton Society in 1981, Willie also served on the Society's steering committee twice and always made sure the Bangor, Maine region was well represented. Willie supported UNE as a longtime donor of several initiatives and volunteer in a variety of capacities.

In addition to her Westbrook trusteeship, Willie's educational leadership extended to sitting on the University of Maine President's Advisory

Council and to Husson University, where she received an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1985.

As part of her “do-er” philosophy, Willie was an active leader or supporter of countless organizations throughout her life, including the Girl Scouts, the Maine and American Lung Associations, Junlor League of Bangor, Chapter B-ME, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Maine Center for the Arts, International Women's Forum of Maine, and Quipus.

She played an active role in the creation of the Acadia Hospital in Bangor, where she served as a trustee, a role she also assumed for the Eastern Maine Medical Center for many years. In 1977, Willie became the first woman to be appointed to Maine's Department of Environmental Protection.

Willie remained an active and beloved member of the extended Westbrook College family well into her 90s, attending her 75th class reunion in 2014.

She will be missed.



L-R: Eleanor Manning Morrell WJC '49; Wilma Addington Bradford WJC '39; Marilyn LaLumiere WJC '62

Over 400 alumni, family, and friends came together for Alumni Weekend 2017 and enjoyed a beautiful fall weekend on the banks of the Saco River. Celebrations of 50 years of both nursing and of co-education at UNE as well as milestone Reunions, the Golden Knights reception, athletic games, and trolley rides were some of the highlights! In addition to the award winners in the photos, Arthur Girard was recognized as an honorary alumnus and Kenneth Cormier '59 was honored posthumously with the Alumni Achievement Award.





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Alumni Achievement Award recipient Senator Sue Deschambault '71, Honorary Alumna Paulette St. Ours HA '17, Eva Downs HA '09, and Martha Massie represent some of the first women students, faculty, and staff on campus.

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Background image: The Friends of UNE Men's Hockey received the Alumni Service Award.

Bottom images from left: Alumni tour the inside of the Danielle N. Ripich Commons; Tim Duffy '79 and Alumni Council President Gregg Paulhus '79 at the Donor Reception; Chris Hosford joins interim Dean Karen Pardue, interim Provost Mike Sheldon and current nursing students Susan Dolan '18, Allison Coburn '18 to celebrate 50 years of nursing education at UNE.

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Background image: Haylie Genoa '17, Alexis Mores '17, and Melissa Brassard '17 enjoy their first Alumni Weekend!

Bottom images from left: Women's lacrosse alumni take the field; Chris Ryan '07 and his family enjoy the 10th Reunion brunch; Professor Rick LaRue, Barbara Hazard HA '10, Linsey Pilon HA '13 and Tim St. John '07 with 2017 Young Alumni Award recipient Kayleigh McCauley '07.

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Professor Emeritus Norm Beaupre '67, P '81 celebrates his 50th Reunion by receiving a St. Francis College and University of New England Alumni Association certificate.



UNE WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES



JESSE B. HALL, WCHP '19

Jesse is studying applied exercise science at UNE's Westbrook College of Health Professions and hopes to pursue military physical therapy after graduation, following an internship at Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point. He was elected to serve a one-year term as the student trustee representative of the Biddeford Campus from June 2017 to May 2018. Before his appointment as student trustee, Jesse was vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government and a resident advisor at UNE. He is from North Waterboro, Maine.

CAROLINE MOORE, CDM '19

Caroline is studying dental medicine and is the student trustee representative of UNE's Portland Campus. She will serve as student trustee from June 2017 to May 2018; she previously served as the College of Dental Medicine (CDM) senator to the Graduate and Professional Student Association. Caroline is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Emory University for her undergraduate studies. She is a distance runner and lives with her husband in Portland.

KATHERINE HEER '90, D.M.D.

Katherine owns and operates KH Smiles, a dental practice in Farmington Maine. KH Smiles is one of 36 community-based externship sites for UNE CDM, hosting three 12-week rotations of dental students and giving them real-world experience before graduating. While at Westbrook College, she studied dental hygiene and was a recipient of the Deborah Morton Endowed Scholarship. After graduating from Westbrook, she pursued and completed her dental degree from Tufts University Dental School. In 2014, she made a generous gift to establish a named endowed scholarship to benefit the College of Dental Medicine and dental hygiene students. She lives with her family in Phillips, Maine.

CAPTIONS

Left: Jesse B. Hall

Opposite page from left: Caroline Moore; Katherine Heer



On September 19, 2017, members of the University of New England Deborah Morton Society gathered on the Portland Campus for the society's 56th annual convocation. Established in 1961 to honor and recognize outstanding women with strong ties to Maine who have demonstrated high distinction in their careers, public service, or volunteer leadership, the Society welcomed three new members at this year's event: Mary L. Bonauto, civil rights project director, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), Dr. Betsy M. Webb, superintendent of the Bangor School Department, and Kristen Miale, president of Good Shepherd Food Bank.

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Kristen Miale listens to President Herbert's remarks at the 56th Deborah Morton Society Convocation ceremony.

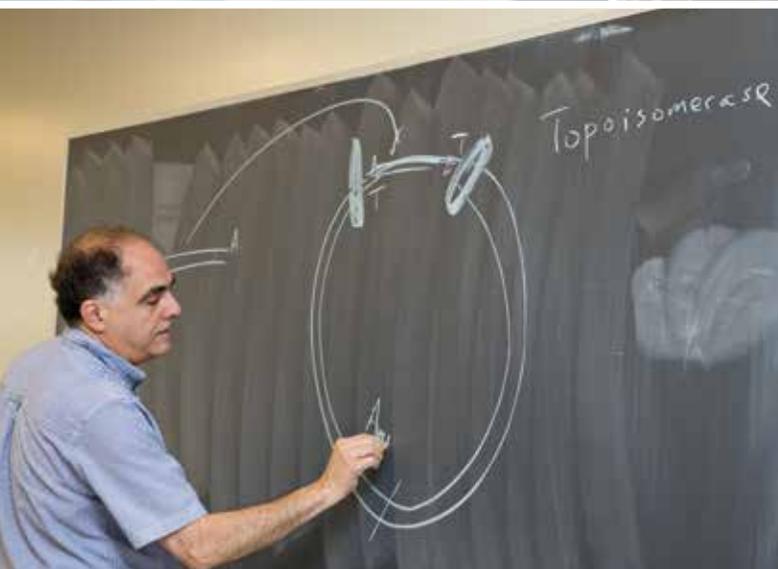
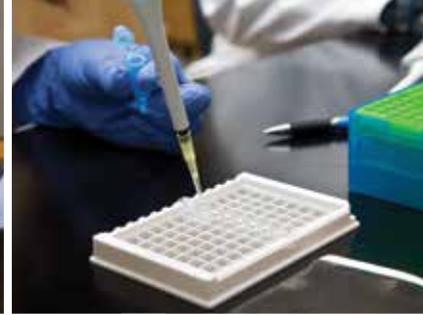
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Bagpiper Sue Mack leads the 56th Deborah Morton Society Convocation procession.

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The Deborah Morton Society supports and awards the Deborah Morton Endowed Scholarship. The 2017 Deborah Morton Endowed Scholarship recipients with President James Herbert. L-R: Grace Bak, President James Herbert, and Karly M. Robinson.

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The 2017 Deborah Morton Society Award recipients stand with President James Herbert near the steps of Alumni Hall. L-R: Mary L. Bonauto, Betsy M. Webb, Kristen Miale, and President James Herbert.









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